



James "Jim" C. Bartels

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Mr. James "Jim" C. Bartels, age 93, of Grand Haven passed away Friday, February 26, 2016. He was born February 11, 1923 in Muskegon Heights to Levi and Nettie (Workman) Bartels.

Jim was a veteran of the US Army and served in WW II. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post 28 and the Grand Haven Rotary. Jim was former owner and operator of Kinkema-Bartels Funeral Home until merging with VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home on January 1, 1978. He always felt so honored to serve his community and did so even after retirement in 1985. This year was Jim's 69th year as a licensed Funeral Director.

On June 18, 1948 he married Erma Johannes in Grand Haven and she survives him along with two sons: Bradley (Dawn) Bartels and Scott Bartels both of Grand Haven; one granddaughter, Kim (Jason) Rykse of Dover, OH; three great-grandchildren: Hailey, Maddox, and Abram Rykse. He is also survived by one sister, Leona Boerigter of Zeeland. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bernard and Donald Bartels.

Funeral services will be held 12:00 PM Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at St. John's Lutheran Church with Rev. Ronald Moritz officiating. Visitation will be 5-7 PM Monday, February 29, 2016 at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Grand Haven. Interment will take place in Lake Forest Cemetery. Memorial contributions in memory of Jim maybe given to St. John's Lutheran Church and School. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.vbkfuneralhome.com.



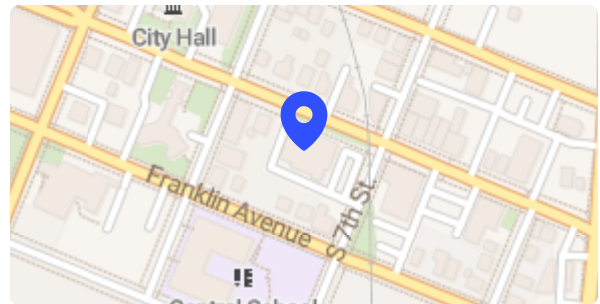
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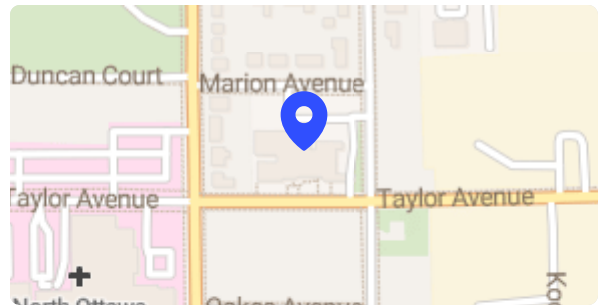
Visitation

- Monday**, February 29, 2016
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- VBK Grand Haven Chapel**
620 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven MI



Service

- Tuesday**, March 1, 2016
- 12:00 PM ET
- St. John's Lutheran Church**
527 Taylor, Grand Haven Mi



Cemetery Details

- Lake Forest Cemetery**
Grand Haven MI 49417





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JV

John Van Veelen posted:

I want to send my condolences to the family of Jim and Ema of the loss of Jim. I remember Jim and a very outgoing cousin and always had a smile on his face. Even though he was a bit older than myself, I will always remember his happy temperament. May the prayers and thoughts be with the family. John Van Veelen

March 1 at 4:09 PM

CT

Christine Bartels Taylor posted:

So sorry for your loss. I have so many wonderful memories of your dad. It makes me smile when I think about the stories that he used to tell of funny things that happened. He was a really good Uncle. Bless you all as you go through this time. Love to you all.

March 1 at 11:29 AM

PE

Paula Egyed lit a candle in honor of James.

Bartels Family I want to express my sincere sorrow at the passing of your husband and father. He was so very, very kind and a good friend to my mother, Mildred Rochon when she first began working at Clock Funeral Home in the late 1940's. She always held him in the highest regard. Know that you are in our prayers at this sad time. Paula Rochon Egyed



March 1 at 6:45 AM

SS

Shirley Shanty posted:

Erma and family, We are so sorry that we were unable to attend Jim's funeral today. You and your family are in our thoughts in this sad time of his passing. Our prayers go out to all of you. We remember him as a very kind and thoughtful person. Shirley VanVeelen Shanty Louise VanVeelen Cass (Cousins)

March 1 at 6:43 AM

PK

Paul Keast posted:

Brad and family, So sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. He was a great guy and put up with a lot from us when we were kids. You and your family are in my prayers at this tough time. Paul Keast

March 1 at 5:55 AM



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Kimberly Siple posted:

Scott and Bartels Family-I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We shared many a conversation over the years in the NOCHS Pathology Department when he would visit on business and at St. John's Lutheran Church. Jim touched many lives. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

March 1 at 4:16 AM



Jackie Laughlin posted:

Scott and Erma please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Jackie Laughlin

February 29 at 9:00 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Bartels family.



February 29 at 8:10 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Bartels family.



February 29 at 5:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Bartels family.



February 29 at 3:55 AM



Bruce Bishop posted:

Scott and Bartels Family Members; My sympathy on the passing of your father Jim. He lived a meaningful life and touched many in the Grand Haven area. Know that like me many of your high school classmates are holding you in their thoughts and prayers. May wonderful memories comfort you all during this time of transition and always. Bruce Bishop Endicott, NY

February 29 at 3:30 AM



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All Our Love, Jodi, Tammy, Trena And Sheila sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Bartels family.



February 28 at 5:22 PM



David Klaassen posted:

Erma, Brad & Scott: You have our deepest sympathy in the passing of one great man. We have known him for many years being that we were all in funeral service. Jim & Erma at Kinkema-Bartels and the Klaassen's at Kammeraad Funeral Homes. Eventually we became partners and it was a blessing to work with him. He considered our family as a part of his family.. Jim was a dedicated funeral director and helped many families over the years with dignity and compassion. He always encouraged our boys when they were going thru college and continued to keep in contact with our family thru out the years. Jim Bartels will always be remembered by the Klaassen Family. Thank you for being who you were to our family, and the many families you served. God Bless your entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sandy & Dave Klaassen

February 28 at 12:19 PM



Mary Jane Boettcher February 29 at 6:58 AM

Dear Brad, Scott, and dear Erma.. Both Jim and Erma will be remembered in my mind and heart. Their many kindnesses are a part of my life....just as my "third grandmother" Martha Scott remains in my heart. Your family along with Esther.. Erma..Chuck and all cousins continue to be a very special memory. Bradley and Scott.....you will remain in my thoughts and prayers. Love both of you always. Many blessings, Mary Jane Boettcher



Scott Klaassen lit a candle in honor of James.



I considered Jim a close friend of mine. My memories of him are very fond. He and Erma always treated me as another one of "their sons." I would often stop and visit with them while they were still living independently at one of their homes. During the 80's and 90's, our families worked closely together in the funeral business...Jim cared deeply for the families he served in our community over the decades. I carry with me today, some of the examples Jim taught me in the funeral business. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Erma, Brad, and Scott and families during this time of loss... Scott Klaassen

February 28 at 7:55 AM



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Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Bartels family.

February 28 at 7:11 AM



Jennifer Rykse-Young lit a candle in honor of James.

Lots of love to you and your family. Grandpa was such a great man. Love The Young's

February 28 at 3:34 AM



Laurel Workman posted:

Sending you all prayers and lots of love. Grandpa was such a wonderful man and will be SO missed. We love you all. ~ Workmans

February 28 at 3:29 AM



Laurel Workman lit a candle in honor of James.

February 28 at 3:27 AM



Cindy Devries posted:

dear barrels family i had the privilege to know mr barrels he was a great guy so sorry for your loss
cindy DeVries

February 27 at 7:26 PM



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Martha Rykse lit a candle in honor of James.



February 27 at 10:15 AM



Daryl Boerigter February 27 at 3:23 PM
thinking of all of the family.



Carl Hatch February 27 at 3:17 PM
Very nice man, Praying for Scott and family.



Mary Lubbers February 27 at 10:27 AM
Thinking of you and your family, Brad. May you find peace and strength with the memories of your Dad. Mary (Coveart) Lubbers.



Martha Rykse February 27 at 10:17 AM
Our love and sympathy to Kim, Jason, Hailey, Maddox, and Abram!



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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