



# James T. "Jim" Vedders

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**M**r. James T. "Jim" Vedders, age 55, passed away Monday, July 5, 2004 in Holland. Jim was born February 4, 1949 to Thomas and Dorothy (Schutter) Vedders in Muskegon. He was a Michigan State University Alumni, where he received a degree in Parks and Recreation Management. He lived in Muskegon for several years where he worked for the city, his last position being in Parks and Cemetery. He then moved to Fremont where he was the Director of Public Works for 17 years. For the last 7 and one half years he lived in Whitehall, where he was also the Director of Public Works, retiring in April of this year. Among his hobbies Jim enjoyed watching birds, biking, gardening, his family, the Red Wings, and was an MSU fan. In his career, Jim received many letters of recommendation, and was instrumental in the development and implementation of the White Lake Pathway, Marina Bathhouse Expansion, White Lake Water Authority Water System Interconnect with Montague, Water Tower Place Subdivision, Covell Park Improvements, and Abonmarche City Property Master Plan. Jim loved his family, was very dedicated to his job, and loved life. On June 6, 1969 he married the former Carol A. Anderson. SURVIVORS include his wife Carol of Whitehall; 3 sons; Jeffery (Cynthia) Vedders of Holland, Gregory (Monica) Vedders of Grand Rapids, and their sons Nathaniel and Zachary, Bradley (Meghan) Vedders of Grand Rapids, and their daughter Hayley; 2 sisters, Marilyn (Robert) Glover of Shelby, Karen VanDuinen of New Era. He was preceded in death by his parents. SERVICES will be 2:00 PM Friday at Fifth Reformed Church, with Rev. James Stevens officiating. Burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery in Fremont. VISITATION at Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 737 Apple Ave., (231) 726-5210, will be from 2-4 & 7-9 PM Thursday. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.From the Gerber Aviation Group##imported-begin##Paul T. Hankins##imported-end##

July 12 at 6:05 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Carol, my prays are with you and your family, I worked with Jim since he came to Whitehall and found him to be one of the most caring people I have ever met.##imported-begin##Tom Kroll##imported-end##

July 9 at 5:21 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Carol,I'm so very sorry to hear of Jim's death. After reading it in the Holland Sentinel, I wanted to let you know I'm thinking of you and your family.Sue##imported-begin##Susan Singleton Kirk##imported-end##

July 8 at 12:05 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Truly one of the nicest guys I've ever known. All of us here extend our deepest sympathy to the family.##imported-begin##Phil Deur, Fremont Police Dept.##imported-end##

July 8 at 11:31 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Carol, We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Jim's work for the City of Fremont will be appreciated for years to come.##imported-begin##Rob Mani, Councilman, City of Fremont, MI##imported-end##

July 8 at 7:21 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you all.##imported-begin##Dwight, Joyce, Travis & Taber LaFleur##imported-end##

July 8 at 6:52 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Jerry and Cindy,I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Just to let you know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May you experience God's peace and comfort today and in the days ahead.Take care,Debbie VK##imported-begin##Debbie Van Kampen##imported-end##

July 8 at 6:15 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

To my loved ones: I wish that I could be with all of you during this time. I loved...no I love your father so much. He was a wonderful father and Carol he loved you SOO much. He loved his kids and grandkids with everything that he was and I KNOW that he will take care of baby Zachary today. He will always be my guardian angel. With love, thoughts and prayers. XOXO##imported-begin##Monica Vedders##imported-end##

July 8 at 6:07 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Carol and Boys,I still can not express my feelings in Jim's passing.I will see you at visitation Thursday afternoon and then again on Friday. God continue to give you the strength you need at this time.Carolyn is with our daughter in Dayton, Ohio. Our daughter is preparing to give us our sixth grandchild and needs her mother to help with their two year old. She sends her prayers and shares in our sorrow.Jim will always be a part of my life.A very good part.Your friends, Jerry and Carolyn Homminga##imported-begin##Jerry and Carolyn Homminga##imported-end##

July 7 at 6:27 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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