



James T. Chase

December 17, 1929 - February 24, 2017

James Thayer Chase aged 87 of Scottville, passed away peacefully at his home February 24, 2017. Jim was born December 17, 1929 in Mt Pleasant, Michigan to Edward and Gertrude Chase. He graduated from Ludington High School in 1947 and served in the US Air Force during the Korean War. He married Marie E Erickson of Ludington on June 9, 1956, and they have celebrated 60 years by each other's side. They had two children, Susan Fitch and husband Keith of Parker, CO, and David Chase, who preceded Jim in death. Jim is also survived by 3 grandchildren, Laura Fitch Wyse and husband Jon of Engelwood, CO, Matthew Fitch and wife Amanda of Grand Rapids, and Amy Fitch VanZyl and husband Joshua also of Grand Rapids, 4 great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Wyse, Alexander Wyse, Andrew Fitch and Benjamin Fitch, and many nieces and nephews. He was the youngest of 8 children, all of whom preceded him in death: brothers Irah, Alden, Orson, Alvin, Richard, Robert and sister Lucy.

Jim farmed near Custer for many years and served on the boards of the Michigan Milk Producers Association-PM Local, the Dairy Herd Improvement Association and Michigan Animal Breeders Association. He utilized progressive farming techniques and in 1966 the Chases were named Outstanding Young Dairy Couple of the Year for the local region and runners up at the state level.

Jim was employed by the State of Michigan as a Work Camp Supervisor in

the Dept of Corrections, Camp System, working at Camp Sauble and Camp Pugsley.

Jim and Marie served with Continental Baptist Missions as missionary church builders, traveling around the US constructing buildings for very small congregations, and later making steeples, trim and church furniture in their woodshop in Scottville. Jim retired from full time building activity in 1999 but continued working in his shop helping many churches and ministries. Jim enjoyed camping, fishing, debating politics and working in his yard. He loved his family and his country, taking pride in both, and had been involved in the Ludington Area Tea Party. Jim was an active member and deacon of Gospel Light Baptist Church of Ludington, and had previously served in teaching and leadership positions at Custer Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church of Ludington, Kingsley Baptist Church, and Baldwin Baptist Church. His greatest passion was serving his Savior, Jesus Christ.

Funeral services will be held for Jim at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 28th at Gospel Light Baptist Church with Pastor Brad Chandonnet officiating. Burial will take place at Brookside Cemetery in Scottville. Friends may meet with his family for a time of visitation on Monday from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM at Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services – Stephens Funeral Home in Scottville, and on Tuesday from 1:00 PM until time of services at the church.

Those who wish to remember Jim with a memorial donation are asked to consider the “Piano Fund” at Gospel Light Baptist Church, 105 N. Dennis Road, Ludington, MI 49431.

Please visit Jim’s memory page at www.wymanfuneralservice.com to leave a tribute for his family or to light a candle in his memory.

Cemetery Details

Brookside Cemetery

950 W. State Street
Scottville, MI 49454

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home
305 E. State St.
Scottville, MI 49454
(231) 757-3333
wyman-stephens@sbcglobal.net
<https://www.wymanfuneralservice.com>

Visitation

FEB 27. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home
305 E. State St.
Scottville, MI 49454
(231) 757-3333
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Visitation

FEB 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Gospel Light Baptist Church
105 North Dennis Road
Ludington, MI 49431

Service

FEB 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Ludington, MI 49431

Tribute Wall



“ *Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James T. Chase*



Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - February 26, 2017 at 10:22 AM

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“ *Mrs Chase and Susan. Heartfelt sympathies to you and all your family. We know how it feels. Susan said Jim was not doing so well when she came and talked with me the night of my dad's service. We both had wonderful dad's. Kind souls that loved God and their families .
God bless your family .
Annette (Nettie) Howe.*

Annette Howe - February 28, 2017 at 08:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James T. Chase.*



February 27, 2017 at 12:08 PM



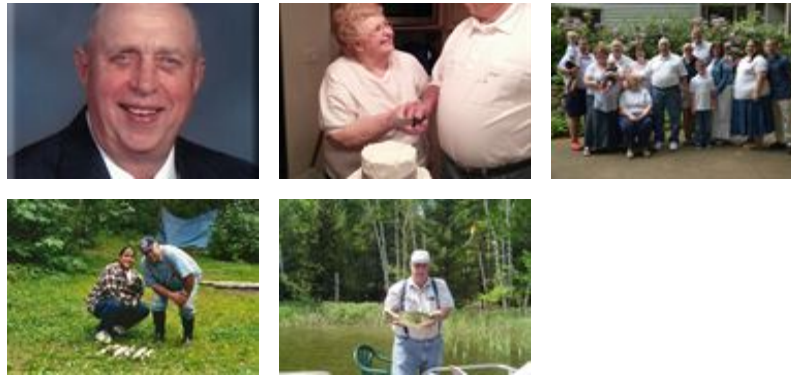
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James T. Chase.



February 27, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - February 26, 2017 at 10:05 AM



Knew Jim from his yrs. at Camp Sauble, such a nice man. God bless.

john long - February 26, 2017 at 03:17 PM



To Marie and her precious family, Jim will surely be missed, I have never had anyone who helped me learn more about Jesus by their life stories then Jim. I loved sitting behind him so I could hear his stories in Sunday school, I have a very hard time understanding what I read so by Jim telling things of his past during our class it helped me learn so much more about our Lord. I will forever be thankful for that. I am so thankful for Marie, she is a very precious lady whom we can all look up to. I have a heart that knows her pain and will be as helpful as I can to get her thru the days ahead with love and prayers for her daily. May you all lean on our precious Lord and He will give you comfort.

Rose Wheeler - February 26, 2017 at 07:42 PM

RD

My first memory of Jim was when he and I directed traffic at the West Shore Community College when Wendy Day was a featured speaker regarding water rights issues. That was the first of many tea party adventures we shared. I always appreciated Jim's thoughtful and insightful questions. He was an asset to our meetings and our group. May he rest in peace.

Rosemarie DeLoof

Rosemarie DeLoof - February 26, 2017 at 08:55 PM

RC

I was so saddened when Marie told me of Jim's passing. We were boyhood pals and next door neighbors in Mt. Pleasant. We had many adventures together while growing up. I have great memories of Jim and the Chase family from those early years. RIP my friend. Roger Chaffee

Roger Chaffee - February 27, 2017 at 10:53 AM