



## James "Jimmy" A. Leonard

July 2, 1972 - December 26, 2021

James Alfred "Jimmy" Leonard aged 49 of Fountain passed away on Sunday, December 26, 2021. Jimmy, also known as "Lumpy" was born on July 2, 1972 in Manistee, the son of Kenneth L. and Patsy P. (Higginbotham) Leonard, graduated from Mason County Eastern High School with the class of 1990 and began working for McCormick Sawmills in Fountain as a certified lumber grader. On January 30, 2004 he married Kelly Jo Curry in Ludington and they have celebrated 17 years together.

Jimmy loved serving his community. He served with the Fountain Fire Department "officially" starting in 1990 until his medical retirement in 2007. Prior to 1990, he and his brother Kenneth helped out around the fire station in any way they could and were considered "unofficial" members. Jimmy served the department as Assistant Fire Chief for over 10 years. He served the Village of Fountain as Chairman of the Horse Pull Association, and could be seen every year placing the flags at Memorial Day and putting up the decorations during the Christmas season. Jimmy enjoyed camping with his friends and family every summer, woodworking and working on small engines in his garage, grilling and smoking for the neighborhood, hunting, and always had time to visit with friends who stopped by.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents Kenneth & Patsy Leonard, and his mother-in-law Claudia Rae Curry.

He will be greatly missed by his wife Kelly Jo; son Michael John Curry; his brother Kenneth D. Leonard; his father-in-law John Curry of Free Soil; his sister-in-law Kimberly (Robert) Jozwiak of Branch; his brother-in-law Jon (Lori) Curry of Free Soil; his uncles Rich Leonard of Scottville, Roger (Lilly) Higginbotham and Gene Flathers of Washington; many cousins located in Michigan, New Jersey, and Washington; several nieces and nephews and numerous great friends around the Fountain area.

A Celebration of Jimmy's life will be held this summer with date to be announced later. Those who wish to remember Jimmy with a donation are asked to please consider his family to assist with expenses.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“Gone way to soon.... so hard to believe your gone.

You were a good man lumpy and a great friend to so many of us. We will always cherish our memories of you, and there are plenty!!

Hugs and prayers to the family. Rest easy my friend...you will be greatly missed..



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**Jody McGee** - January 07, 2022 at 06:34 PM

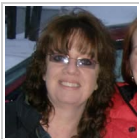
KJ

“So many good times . Loved the times we camped out at Matsons camp ground. So many laughs and good times . Jimmy had such a big heart and would help anyone who was in need . He was a good brother in law and friend. Jimmy you will be missed by us all . We love you , rest easy

Kim, Bob , Tyler , Erica

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**Kimberly Jozwiak** - January 05, 2022 at 09:02 PM



“We have so many memories of our brother in law so I will add as many as this will allow. There was the time the four of us went shopping at Costco and bought a huge bag of Momba candies and we proceeded to throw them at each other. Or the times we would call each other and ask "Hey kin folk did you win the lottery?" How about the time Andrew erica and tyler were calling him aunt Sally. Or the time he was goose and jon was maverick and they called each other wing man. So so many memories. Jimmy we will miss you. Fly high wingman! With all our love, Jon & Lorie Curry

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**Lorie Curry** - January 05, 2022 at 12:51 PM

RH

*Living in Washington state we were not with Jim nearly as much as we would have liked. We love him and know he loved his community and was loved in return. Being so young makes the loss even more difficult. We all love and will miss you Jim*

**Rodger and Lillie Higginbotham** - January 05, 2022 at 03:59 PM

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**Bethany Wyman** - January 04, 2022 at 10:57 PM

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*From J.W. McCormick. Posted on behalf of Kelly.*

**Bethany Wyman** - January 04, 2022 at 10:58 PM

TL

“ *So sorry for your loss of Jimmy. Our family knew the Leonards when the boys went to school with Jimmy and Duane. We became friends with the entire family and Loved Pat, Kenny and the boys. My sons grew up with them and as we, have many fond memories with the boys and their family. May you find solace with these memories and God's grace. Ted Lutz*

**Ted Lutz** - January 01, 2022 at 06:58 PM