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James E. Byers, D.O.
(August 23, 1945 - January 1, 2015)



Of Lansing

Jim was born August 23, 1945, and passed away at home on January 1, 2015 at the age of 69. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Marion Byers of Lansing.



Jim will be profoundly missed by so many, including his children, Patricia (Shawn) Denton, Robert (Julie) Byers, Laura (Keith) Wikle, Melissa (Giancarlo) Pillot, Jessica (Matthew) Flowers, Matthew Byers, and Brandon Huisman; 9 beautiful grandchildren that he had so much pride and love for; and his best friend and wife of 17 years, Sharon L. Byers, and step-children, Judy, Jeff and Peter Guillaume. Jim was also a much-loved brother to seven siblings; Ann Waichunas, Reverend John Byers, Dr. Margaret Byers, Catherine (Pat) Seegraves, Mary (Dr. Mark) Johnston, Sharon M. Byers and Marian (Kevin) Byers Hanus, and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jim graduated from the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1978, and practiced Emergency Medicine in Grand Rapids for most of his career. His final years in medicine were spent working as a physician for Gateway Community Services in East Lansing, where he loved to serve the students that could not afford healthcare.

Life couldn't fit Jim into it, and Jim couldn't fit enough life in. There wasn't time for him to see and learn and do everything, and boy did he try. But everything he did see and do and learn, he did beautifully, and exceptionally, and joyfully, and with love. Every musical instrument, sailboat, piece of electronics, kite & telescope, camera lens, artist's brush, or book of wisdom that came into his being, was relished with fervor. And it wasn't in the learning of these treasures that he reveled, it was in the sharing, and teaching of his gifts where he really found so much joy and accomplishment.

Jim knew so many people we will never know. If Jim did meet you, we know that you were in some way lifted up to a higher place – that place he has now left us for. We loved you – we love you!

Visitation will take place on Sunday, January 4, 2015 from 2-4 p.m. at Palmer Bush & Jensen Funeral Home, Lansing Chapel, 520 E. Mt. Hope Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48910. A Mass will be celebrated Saturday, January 10 at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 3815 S. Cedar Street, Lansing Michigan 48910. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Gateway Community Services, 2875 Northwind Drive, Suite 105, East Lansing, Michigan 48823.

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