



James 'Big Jim" Donald Wygrala

June 6, 1942 - April 6, 2014

James Donald "Big Jim" Wygrala, 71, of 1756 Laning Creek Road, Towanda, PA, Wysox Township, passed away Sunday morning, April 6, 2014 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA surrounded by his loving family. Jim was born at home at Skinner's Eddy, Braintrim Township, PA on June 6, 1942 the son of Emil W. and Marie Martha Szukalski Wygrala. He attended the Wyalusing Schools and later served in the U.S. Army during the Viet Nam War. On January 31, 1969, Jim married the former Jean Snell at the First United Methodist Church in Towanda. Jim was employed by Masonite Corporation in Wysox for 37 years until his retirement in 2003. During his retirement years, Jim and Jean enjoyed extensive traveling with their motorcycle taking trips to the Western and New England States and visiting friends. Jim loved spending time with his family, being outdoors on the mountain, riding motorcycle, four-wheeling, cutting and selling firewood and woodworking. Jim made many friends over the years and will be remembered for his love of life and congenial personality.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Jean Wygrala, children, Shannon Chilson and husband Randy of Sayre, Shawna Klinger and husband Rex of Towanda, Jamie Hughes of Towanda, grandchildren, Ashley and Evan Hughes, sister, Katy Vanderpool of Laceyville, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Elsie and Michael Fraboni of Arizona as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law,

Charles Vanderpool.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday April 9, 2014 at 5 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. Towanda American Legion Post No. 42 will accord military honors at the funeral home.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family suggests that contributions be directed to the Bradford County Humane Society, PO Box 179,

Ulster, Pa 18850 in Jim's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed and shared by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
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Service

APR 9. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James 'Big Jim" Donald Wygrala*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *James 'Big Jim" Donald Wygrala*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *James 'Big Jim" Donald Wygrala*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *James 'Big Jim" Donald Wygrala*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *James 'Big Jim" Donald Wygrala*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Our loss is surely heavens gain.*

Donna Esposito - April 09, 2014 at 10:50 AM

PW

“ I can't say in words how it makes me feel when I read about another Friend I knew at work passes away to the hands of God. My thoughts and prayers are with Big Jim and family. I'll always remember him stopping by the house with his motorcycle to talk with me. He'll be missed by many, God bless him and everyone that has been touched by his kind words and heart

*A Friend from work
Philip Wright*

Philip Wright - April 09, 2014 at 07:57 AM

MP

“ Shawna and family, so sorry for your loss, May God comfort you and give you peace at this time of grief. God bless you, love the Palfreyman family

melanie palfreyman - April 08, 2014 at 03:21 PM

MS

“ Shannon, Randy and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Its so hard to lose a loved one but he will forever be in your heart.
Mona

Mona Shaw - April 08, 2014 at 10:20 AM

HW

“ Jean, Shawna and families.

Sincere sympathy to you all for your loss. Cherish the memories and love you shared.

Helen Lee Wilcox

Helen Lee Wilcox - April 08, 2014 at 09:24 AM

LC

“ Jean,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your girls.
Love you!
Lynne

Lynne Chauvet - April 08, 2014 at 02:15 AM

SF

“ We will always remember Jim swimming with "Gucci" in the pool
and his comment about the dog. Our sincere condolences and love
to Jean, the girls and the entire family for their great loss.

Sandy & Dave Fraboni - April 07, 2014 at 12:08 PM