



James Lee Fox

February 18, 1953 - December 23, 2013

James Lee Fox of Eagle passed away unexpectedly as the result of an accident on December 23, 2013. He was born February 18, 1953 in Ionia, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his mother Constance (Wilcox) May, step father Windy May and his father Roy Fox, grandparents Howard & Irma Wilcox, Olive & Henry Fox. He leaves behind his loving wife of 36 years Catherine Ann; step mother Joy Fox, sisters Karen (Lynn) Cudney, Janet (Rex) Recounty, Laurie Shields, brother Howard (Shawn) Fox, step brother Don (Anna) May and multiple step siblings, brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. Jim loved spending time with family and friends, being outdoors, camping and fishing. He loved his old Chevys and quarter mile racing at the local drag strip. Jim loved his job, caring for our State Capitol building, where he worked for 28 years. His coworkers were his second family. Jim's quiet wisdom will be missed by all who knew him. The family prefers no flowers, donations can be made to: Greenview Foundation, 8178 Jackson Road, Suite 1A, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103 (sponsors liver research at University of Michigan Medical Center), American Liver Foundation, Great Lakes Division, 67 East Madison Street, Suite 1614, Chicago, Illinois 60603 or American Heart Association, 2140 University Park Drive, Suite 201, Okemos, Michigan 48864. A prayer service will be held Friday, December 27, 2013, 1:00pm at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends immediately following the conclusion of the prayer service from 1:30pm until 5:00pm.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

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Tribute Wall

TW

“ I had the pleasure of working with James at the Capital on a few occasions and he was always very kind and helpful. I know you will be dearly missed by the Capital family, friends, and immediate family.

*T.Warren
Peckham*

Tim Warren - December 30, 2013 at 12:35 PM

DL

“ I had the pleasure of working with Jim for a few years and enjoyed his kind personality and kind heart. James will be deeply missed by many! RIP James Fox!

*Darlene Linderman
Peckham*

Darlene Linderman - December 30, 2013 at 12:29 PM

CL

“ I remember Jim and always knew I could count on his smile and dedication. Both were jointly testifying to his love for life and his work. We worked side by side quietly, and eventually we passed in the Capitol many times as our roles changed. I knew Jim made everyone -- from the visiting kids, families and teachers to the staff who worked everyday in conjunction with the Captiol, and also the general pubic -- understand the respect that our State government, the legislature and the Capitol deserved, for its history and staff. Jim was so worthy of our State. Thank you, Jim, for your service. May peace be with you and your family, your colleagues, and maybe someday, the continuing residents of the Capitol itself, perhaps learning to work for all of our Michigan citizens in the long term.

Carol Linteau

Assistant Secretary of the Michigan Senate 1999 - 2000

... and a career before and after. Now gratefully and happily retired.

Carol Linteau - December 28, 2013 at 04:56 PM

CO

“ Sending a very heartfelt hug to you Cathy. Jim was my favorite Capitol friend. He always had a kind word and listened with a warm heart. He grounded that crew in ways I don't think many people realized and his word was golden. His spirit will remain making us all better in serving others. What a treasure he is to celebrate! - Cheryl Ortwein, former Manager of the Capitol Tour Guides

Cheryll Ortwein - December 27, 2013 at 12:37 PM

MB

“ Sending our Thoughts and prayers to Jim's family. So sorry for your loss. Jim was a great neighbor who will truly be missed. He would often come up to the fence to say hello as we would walk our dogs around the yard and never failed to wave as he was passing by. We sure will miss seeing him drive his old car around the neighborhood and chatting with him. Cathy, we are just next door if you need anything. Your neighbors, Michelle & Tony Ruzgis



Michelle Bedell - December 27, 2013 at 12:29 PM

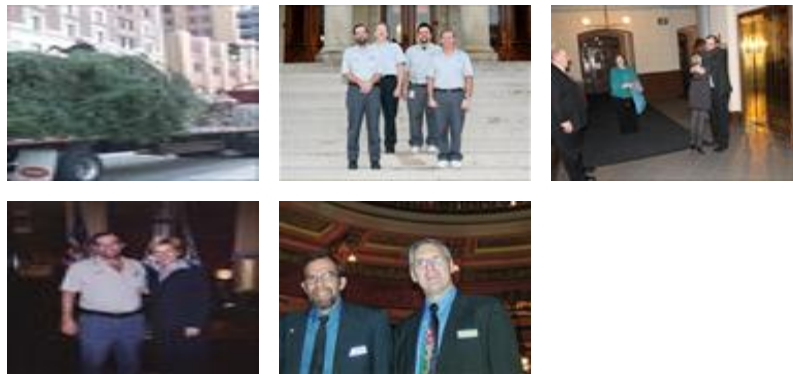
DK

“ The Michigan House of Representatives, House Television staff wish to extend their sincere condolences to Jim's family. His easy going style, firm hand shake and genuine smile were always welcome, not just because his presence meant session was running long, but because of his sincerity. Jim will be sorely missed.

David Koskinen - December 27, 2013 at 08:38 AM

TT

“ 14 files added to the album Jim with his Capitol Family.



Trena Trowhill - December 27, 2013 at 08:12 AM

RP

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Rick Putney - December 26, 2013 at 01:07 PM

DJ

“ *The Michigan House Of Representatives Sergeant- At- Arms/Police Agency extends our condolences to the Fox Family. Jim has been missed since his retirement from the State Capitol. He is now with God and this is wonderful, may God comfort and heal our sorrows in his absence.*

*David D. Dickson Jr.
Chief Sergeant-At-Arms*

David D. Dickson Jr. - December 26, 2013 at 11:22 AM

EH

“ *The Michigan State Police Capitol Security Unit would like to extend our condolences to the Fox family. Jim was a good friend to all of us and will be sorely missed.*

Edwin Henriquez - December 26, 2013 at 08:34 AM

TE

“ *Cathy , I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I always enjoyed seeing Jim and talking with him. He was a good man. Wish there was some way I could ease your pain Cathy. Just know I am thinking of you my friend.*

Terry - December 26, 2013 at 06:09 AM