



## Melvin "Mickey" James

December 3, 1941 - January 4, 2016

Melvin W. "Mickey" James, 74, of Manteno, passed away Monday (Jan. 4, 2016) at his home, after a long illness.

He was born Dec. 3, 1941, in Winamac, Ind., the son of Robert G. and Edith Lippelt James. Mickey married the former Karen Barna on Jan. 16, 1976, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kankakee.

Mickey retired from Azzarelli Construction, and also had worked at Triangle Asphalt and Gallagher Asphalt. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, The Kankakee Valley Boat Club and Three Rivers Boat Club in Wilmington. He enjoyed traveling, was an avid boater and camper and he enjoyed four-wheeling. He was a huge Michael Bolton fan, and he loved the Chicago Bulls. Mickey loved to party and meet new people. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his wife, daughter and grandchildren. He was full of laughter and joy.

Surviving are his wife, of Manteno; one daughter, Nikki Davis, of Bourbonnais; and two grandchildren, Chloe and Carson Davis; three sisters, Carol and Frank Rogers, of Lansing, Nancy and Bill Johnson, of St. John, Ind., and Robin and Robert Shepherd, of North Manchester, Ind.; many nieces and nephews; and one brother, Juan Acosta, in Kankakee.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private family services will be held.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

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# Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear of Mickey's passing. I always enjoyed our visits. Thinking of you, Karen.

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**Joyce Volkmann** - January 18, 2016 at 12:06 PM



“ Karen and family,  
I was really saddened to hear about Micky. So many pleasant memories came to mind! You and your family went through a lot together. We lost track of each other when I retired from St. Mary's. Treasure the good times shared. Sincerely, Mary O'Brien



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**Mary O'Brien** - January 09, 2016 at 03:46 PM



“ I met Mickey when I worked at Buzz hair salon. He was always a fun and sweet customer. We loved hearing his stories and he was such a genuine person. There should be more people like him. He will be truly missed in this world. Prayers and thoughts go out to his wife and family.

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**Cindy Kennedy** - January 07, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ We were sad to hear of your loss. Our hearts go out to you and your family in your time of sorrow. Hold tight to the good memories.

*With deepest sympathy to you all,*

*Donna & Jerry Pombert*

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**Donna Pombert** - January 07, 2016 at 02:10 PM

JU

“ Karen ,Nikki and family my deepest sympathy on the loss of Mickey. Sorry to hear he had not been well. I have many memories of caring for him at St. Mary's. We had some good laughs. I think he had a different cane every time I saw him. Please take care and remember all the good times you had together. Peace be with you, SINCERELY. Julie Uribe



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**Julie Uribe** - January 06, 2016 at 09:25 PM

RE

“ I knew Mickey from the Kankakee Valley Boat Club, he was a class act, devoted to his family.

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**Ray English** - January 06, 2016 at 09:02 PM

MG

“ I was sorry to read about the passing of your husband. you have been in my thoughts and prayers since we were in the ICU unit. I will continue to pray for both of you.  
Mary Grise

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**Mary Grise** - January 06, 2016 at 07:38 PM

MP

“ Only knew Mickey for short time. Sorry to here of his passing. Was a great friend . Martin &Dorothy Powell Bonfield III

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**Martin Powell** - January 06, 2016 at 07:35 PM

LM

“ I have such wonderful memories of Mick. I am so grateful to have known him and spend so much time with all of you. He is truly missed. Mick was one of a kind. Love to all of you during this time.

-Liz Merkle-Crist

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**Liz Merkle-Crist** - January 06, 2016 at 02:18 PM

BP

“ Nikki,  
So sorry for your family's loss.  
Billy Patel



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**Billy Patel** - January 06, 2016 at 01:22 PM

MF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Karen, Nikki, and your children and families. There are many memories of Mick to share. He was my light in my fight with rsd. But the one of the best was sitting in Bishop Mac's stadium all together watching my son Bill play football and Nikki cheering him on. To the best neighbors on the street always there when you needed them! Love you Mick! Karen you are amazing love you!  
Love Michelle



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**Michelle Fager-Worby** - January 06, 2016 at 01:11 PM

PA

“ Paula lit a candle in memory of Melvin  
"Mickey" James



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**Paula** - January 06, 2016 at 10:59 AM

JH

“ James Family Saddened to read the passing of MICK....what a  
fighter he was!!! Cherish those stories & events in your lives that  
Dad...Mick touched!! He will be missed by many people!!! Deepest  
heartfelt sympathy!!! In His Name John O. Heil (Jude 3)

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**John Heil** - January 06, 2016 at 10:47 AM