



James R. Vandenburg

August 2, 1952 - August 20, 2018

James R. Vandenburg (Jim Van) was born on August 2, 1952 in Hudson to the late Ralph and Ann Vandenburg. He left this earth on August 20, 2018. He was raised in Stockport, and Kinderhook Lake in the summers. He now resided at Kinderhook Lake. In 1972 he graduated from Ichabod Crane High School. Jim was employed for over 30 years as a security officer at Columbia Memorial Hospital, and also most recently as an ambulance driver for Lebanon Valley Speedway.

Jim was very active in the fire service in Columbia County. He served as a former member of the Stockport Fire Company, Past Chief and president of the Niverville Fire Department. A life member, past 1st assistant chief and president of Stottville Fire Company #2. Jim also served as past president, treasurer, and life member of the Columbia County Fire Police Association, and past secretary of the Columbia County Chiefs' Association. One of Jim's proudest accomplishments was serving as chief of the Niverville Fire Department for 6 years and 8 years as the Assistant Chief. Also 1st Assistant Chief of the Stottville Fire Company.

Some of his other organizations that he devoted his time to included the Hudson River CB Club, Civil Air Patrol, Columbia County Snodrifters Club, Columbia County Snowmobile Association, Kinderhook Lake Corp, and the Hudson Fish and Game Club where he was a life member. He enjoyed snowmobiling, shooting, boating, going to stock car races, and of course firematics.

Jim is survived by his wife, Deborah (Smith) Vandenburg, his daughter, Jamie Graham, his son, Bryan (Emily) Vandenburg, his stepson David (Elizabeth) Cook Jr. His cherished grandsons; Noah and Owen Graham and his special step granddaughter Josie Phillips. Also survived by his brother Reggie (Adam) Vandenburg. In addition to many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am, Thursday, August 23, 2018 from Bates & Anderson – Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, 110 Green Street, Hudson. Interment will follow in Stuyvesant Falls Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 4:00 to 8:00 at the funeral home.

Donations in Jim's Memory may be made to the Stottville Fire Company, or to the Columbia and Greene Humane Society.

Cemetery Details

Stuyvesant Falls Cemetery

1620 Route 9
Hudson, NY 12534

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
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(518) 828-3371
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Tribute Wall

VS

“ *VERA SINISI lit a candle in memory of James R. Vandenburg*



VERA SINISI - September 10, 2018 at 01:36 PM

PK

“ *We remember when Jim would come to my father in law's gas station - Mon's Tire Shop and also when he worked at Columbia Memorial Hospital. Our sincere sympathy and prayers to family and friends.*



Pam and Bruce Kline

Pam Kline - August 22, 2018 at 09:18 PM

YS

“ *Many cherished chats with Mr. V at CMH. He was dearly missed when he retired and now thoughts and prayers go out to his family to help them through this time of loss of a great man! May he rest in peace!*



Yvonne Scribner - August 22, 2018 at 03:57 PM

DV

“ Dear Vandenburg Family, My thoughts, prayers and rosary are for all. Jim was a very kind gentleman whom I grew up with on Kinderhook Lake. We had many of good laughs and conversations about the lake and especially about boats. May Jim be in the Arms of the Angels and in peace.



Diane Vennard - August 22, 2018 at 11:36 AM

SE

“ Shelly Edgeworth lit a candle in memory of James R. Vandenburg



Shelly Edgeworth - August 22, 2018 at 10:35 AM

CG

“ A great memory I gave is riding through the toll plaza going to a call. Then going the wrong way on the highway. His words were is you see a tractor trailer coming at us bail out. One of my greatest memories with him. Great man and he will be greatly missed.

Charles E Graham - August 22, 2018 at 08:30 AM

KT

“ I am so sorry for your loss, it was my extreme pleasure to work with and care For Jim! My heart goes out to all of the family love you Jamie!



Kelly Transue - August 21, 2018 at 10:12 PM

MT

“ *Mark & Michelle Tanzillo lit a candle in memory of James R. Vandenburg*



Mark & Michelle Tanzillo - August 21, 2018 at 12:58 PM

JR

“ *Condolences to Jim's family. We will all certainly miss him!
Jim and Kate Rolf*

Jim Rolf - August 21, 2018 at 10:49 AM

DD

“ *Donna Demarest sent a virtual gift in memory of James R. Vandenburg*



Donna Demarest - August 21, 2018 at 10:30 AM

AB

“ *Jim was one of the greatest conversationalist I knew. His knowledge of history was amazing- not only of Columbia County but of the World Wars and of America. I will miss his hearty laughter. My prayers go out to Debbie and Reggie, and his children. He lived a full life and it should be celebrated.*

April Bergman - August 21, 2018 at 02:52 AM

LS

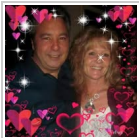
“ I am very heartbroken today learning about the passing of Jim. The Vandenburg's (Debbie, Jim's son & daughter and family) you all were truly blessed to have this wonderful man as your husband, dad, grandfather & father-in-law. David Cook and family, you all were blessed as well. Jim was admired by many and we were all blessed to call him our friend. I will miss his gift of gab. I will remember him the way I last saw him on July 6-9th of this year. Jim will be forever loved and missed. My deepest condolences to all.
Laurie Smith (Debbie's NC sis-in-law)

Lauren Smith - August 20, 2018 at 08:01 PM

DO

“ Debbie and family
So sorry for your loss. Jim was a great person. You are in my thoughts and prayers
Donna O'Neil

donnao oneil - August 20, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ Lisa Vitale lit a candle in memory of James R. Vandenburg



Lisa Vitale - August 20, 2018 at 06:51 PM

MH

“ *Mary Ann Horner lit a candle in memory of James R. Vandenburg*



Mary Ann Horner - August 20, 2018 at 04:38 PM

RE

“ *I don't know jim that well but I only him as my uncle by marriage*

Rebecca - August 20, 2018 at 04:29 PM