



## James Dean Kinney

September 12, 1946 - June 10, 2025

James Dean Kinney of LeRoy formerly of Cadillac passed away Tuesday morning, June 10, 2025 at his home. He was 78. Jim was born on September 12, 1946 in Cadillac to Harry & Helen (Burns) Kinney and they preceded him in death.

Jim graduated from Cadillac High School in 1964. He was a Veteran serving in the United States Air Force. He worked in the rubber industry for many years. He loved hunting, fishing, playing golf and helping others. He loved his out west hunting trips with many friends. Jim had been attending the First Baptist Church in Tustin.

Survivors include his girlfriend, Eileen Chapman of LeRoy; his son, Jimmy (Missy) Kinney and granddaughter, Alison all of Phoenix, AZ; his daughter, Shelley Ruppert, and granddaughter, Jourdan Ruppert and great-grandson, Rome Ruppert all of Grand Rapids; brothers: Larry (Patricia) Kinney of Gowen, MI and Jack Kinney of Cadillac; step-daughters: Kerri DeVries of Grand Rapids and Ashley DeVries of LeRoy; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents Jim was preceded in death by a niece, Margaret Ellen Kinney, a nephew, Clifford "Matt" Masten; siblings: Linda Heron, Sandra Masten Baker, cousin, Willis Kinney, Jr. and uncles Earl Kinney and Willis Kinney, Sr.

Memorial services will be held 1:00 PM, Friday, July 11, 2025 at the First Baptist Church (303 Church Street, Tustin, MI 49688) with Pastor Mike Leydet officiating with military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. Friends may meet the family from 12 Noon until services at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Veterans Serving Vets or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Tustin, Michigan  
303 Church St  
Tustin, MI 49688-5115  
(231) 829-3894

## Memorial Service

JUL 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
303 Church Street  
Tustin, MI 49688

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mom/Gram, Connie, Keith, Joy & families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Dean Kinney.



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**Mom/Gram, Connie, Keith, Joy & families** - July 09, 2025 at 01:36 PM

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“ Dear Jack & family:  
So sorry to hear of the loss of your brother.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.  
Hold close your dear memories, and know that your brother is now reunited with your parents and loved ones who have gone on before.  
Sincerely,  
The Milton Family

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**The Milton Family** - July 07, 2025 at 08:58 AM

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“ The Milton Family lit a candle in memory of James Dean Kinney



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**The Milton Family** - July 07, 2025 at 08:55 AM