



James Edwin Stark

April 3, 1938 - March 18, 2026

James E. Stark of Cadillac passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at his home. He was 87. Jim was born on April 3, 1938, in Hoxeyville, Michigan to George & Ruth E. (Brastrom) Stark.

He graduated from Hoxeyville High School and then went on to serve in the United States Marine Corp. After his service to our country he had been employed at Reith Riley, Holloway, Inc. of Wixom, and H & D Inc. of Petoskey and retired in 1993. He was a member of the Union Local #324, he volunteered for the Red Cross, Council on Aging, and Wexford County DSS. Jim also served as the Slagle Township Supervisor. He enjoyed woodworking, landscaping and hand built a stone potting shed/tool house for his gardening needs that was featured in the Cadillac News. He also loved his cats, feeding the birds and watching wildlife in his yard.

On June 30, 1961, in Manistee, Michigan he married Patsy L. Hankins and she preceded him in death on March 11, 1994. On November 15, 1998, he married Patricia (Fryer) Eisenhardt and she too preceded him in death on October 9, 2023.

Survivors include his children: Terence Stark of Harrietta, Kathryn Stark of Mesick, Kim Cosmann of Grand Haven, Rebecca Stark of Grawn and Jeffrey Stark of Mesick; 8 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; Patricia's 3 children:

Russell Eisenhardt, Laurie Eisenhardt (Richard Doyle) and Patricia Lewandoski; and her 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; and his siblings: Barbara Hankins of Buffalo, Texas, David Stark of Cadillac and Ruth Ann Stark of Troutdale, OR; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and his two wives Jim was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Stark in 2010.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Thursday, March 26, 2026, at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac with Pastor Bruce Rose officiating and full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until services. His final resting place will be Banker Cemetery in Hoxeyville. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Banker Cemetery

Hoxeyville (Cadillac), MI 49601

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 10:00 AM.

Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services

Funeral Service

MAR 26. 11:00 AM.

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“ *A truly good, wise and funny man. I always enjoyed his company. I remember a lot of laughs and long talks with him and Patsy. He will be sorely missed. My sincere condolences to the whole family.*

Tom Mannor - March 24 at 12:15 PM

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Thank you Tom

Terrance Stark - March 24 at 03:16 PM

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Thoughts and prayers to all during this difficult time~ Jason and Karie Hankins & Family

Karie - March 25 at 07:50 PM