

James E. 'Jim' Meredith Sr., 76

James E. "Jim" Meredith Sr., 76, of East Jordan, died on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21, at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. The Rev. James L. Jordan and the Rev. Thurlon Meredith will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan at a later date.

Jim was born in East Jordan on April 12, 1932, the son of Russell E. and Thelma G. (Abbey) Meredith. He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1950.

On Jan. 16, 1951, in East Jordan, he married Gloria Rogers.

He was always known to be a dedicated public servant. Jim held the office of East Jordan mayor for four terms and served on the city council, was a charter member and the first president of the East Jordan Snowmobilers Club and was instrumental in organizing the East Jordan Little League program. Jim served on the East Jordan Ambulance Service, worked with the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and was president of the East Jordan Housing Commission. Jim was a very active member of the F & AM Masonic Lodge in East Jordan and also the Lodge No. 282 Lodge in Charlevoix and transported children to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Chicago.

Jim enjoyed traveling and snowmobiling, but above all he valued time spent with his wife, children, grandchildren



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and great-grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his wife, Gloria Meredith, of East Jordan; two daughters, Sherry (Doug) Sineway of East Jordan and Colleen (Charles) Sineway of Waukegan, Ill.;

one son, Jim (Julie) Meredith Jr., of East Jordan; grandchildren, Jennifer (Corey) Fortune, Lisa Cartwright, Amy Meredith, Luke Meredith, Douglas Sineway Jr., Suzanne (Derrick) Bailey, Robert (Tracy) Sineway; great-grandchildren, Jordan and Jackson Cartwright, Hayden and Briley Bailey, Joseph, Jake, Olivia and Maddy Sineway, Hannah Fortune and Zachary Sineway; one brother, the Rev. Thurlon Meredith, of Grand Rapids; and several nieces and nephews to whom he was very close.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Thelma Meredith; his grandparents, James and Nettie Meredith; and his uncle, Milton Meredith.

The family will receive friends 4-7 p.m. today, Thursday, March 19, followed by a Masonic service at 7 p.m., and from 1-4 p.m. Friday, March 20, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.