



## James Lewis LeBlanc

March 6, 1938 - April 8, 2015

James Lewis LeBlanc, 77, of South Boardman, passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at his home. Mr. LeBlanc was born on March 6, 1938 in Highland Park to the late Phillip and Edna (Booth) LeBlanc. From an early age Jim developed an appreciation for knowledge; especially history, music, and how to serve others. He enjoyed singing and in his youth he sang in the Boys Choir and continued on to sing at the Westminster Church in Detroit for over 20 years. He specifically enjoyed classical music. Jim loved to read, collecting many books through the years, and studying history on wars, the English, and eventually his own family genealogy. This was furthered through travel, which both Mary and Jim enjoyed together. His favorite places were his trips through Spain and England. Jim was known for his strong social conscience and always wanted to help others in need. He worked over 36 years for the State of Michigan in the Department of Social Services. He was also active in the Lions Club and Preservation Wayne, a group based in Detroit to preserve and promote the rich history of the city. Throughout all of these ventures and dedication to serving others; Jim will be best remembered by his family as kind, gentle and funny. He was a wonderful father and always put his family first. Jim is survived by his wife Mary (VanVels) LeBlanc; his three daughters Kristin (Deb Beechy) LeBlanc, Alicia (David) Rowney, and Pecol Green; grandchildren Rhys Green, Madeline and Thomas Rowney; and his brother John (Virginia) LeBlanc. Jim was preceded in death by his parents Phillip and Edna LeBlanc. Memorial contributions may be made in Jim's honor to

Preservation Detroit, 4735 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201, you may go to [www.preservationdetroit.org](http://www.preservationdetroit.org) to donate or contributions may also be made to Westminster Church of Detroit Chancel Choir, 17567 Hubbell Ave, Detroit, MI 48235 . A memorial gathering will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Luncheon

APR **12**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home  
152 S Cedar St  
P.O. Box 1457  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ I miss you grandpa 10 years later and I still miss you I love you so much life really sucks without u here but I'm gonna make it for you!!!



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**Rhys** - June 13, 2025 at 11:36 PM

PK

“ A void was made in my heart the day Jim passed. Will miss you greatly, your smile, the many chats, and the times we spend in the care going from here to there.. Most of all the big smile and the cherry Hi Pat, when I would enter the house. Gone but not forgotten.

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**Patricia Kimbrough** - April 12, 2015 at 11:23 AM

CE

“ Jim and I met at Highland Park Junior College in 1957 and we have been friends ever since. We were members of Phi Alpha Lambda fraternity and had many adventures..most of them at the Dakota Inn. We shared a love of old Detroit and other old stuff. Jim was interesting and interested in many things. I'll miss you Louie.  
Chuck Eastman

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**chuck eastmam** - April 12, 2015 at 08:32 AM

JD

“ *Jim and Deb Donaldson purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of James Lewis LeBlanc.*



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**Jim and Deb Donaldson** - April 11, 2015 at 11:43 AM

MA

“ *Our prayers and love are with you all this weekend, and we hope there's much grace and peace, even in this hard time.*

*Mary Austin, and all of your friends at Westminster Church of Detroit*

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**Mary Austin** - April 11, 2015 at 07:12 AM

AB

“ *I always knew him as Louie. We had some great times together. I think of those times...frequently. I am sad to learn of his death.*

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**archiue bailey** - April 10, 2015 at 10:22 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Lewis LeBlanc.*



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April 10, 2015 at 11:23 AM