



## Laurel "Jimmy" Root

January 30, 1936 - June 12, 2015

Laurel "Jimmy" Elwin Root, 79, of Kalkaska, passed away June 12, 2015 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born in Kalkaska to the late Laurel and Erma (Hubbel) Root on January 30, 1936, the same year that the National Trout Festival was founded. Laurel was born and raised in Kalkaska and started his own business in 1974, J & T Contracting. He was a radio control man in the Army, and is remembered by family and friends as being generous to a fault and always marching to the beat of his own drum. Family was a very important part of Laurel's life. He is survived by his wife Patricia, daughters; Tish (Moses) Tuller, Fay (James) Killingsworth, Rosalind Stevens (Jason Grice), and Angel Stevens (Dave Thornburg), 12 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren; Nathan Spencer and James Long and their families. Laurel was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters, 7 brothers and his first wife Mary. Visitation will be on Monday June 15, 2015 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the Kalkaska Funeral Home. The funeral will take place on Tuesday June 16, 2015 at 1:00pm in the chapel of the Kalkaska Funeral Home, with Dan Johnson officiating. Friends may gather at noon for a final visitation. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

272 West St.  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Final Visitation

JUN **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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JUN 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Kalkaska Funeral Home** - June 15, 2015 at 09:56 AM

MM

“ We all love you Jimmy root rip you will miss



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**Marissa Morgan** - June 14, 2015 at 01:31 PM

DP

“ So sad for your loss. Jim was a great man. Dick always said that Jim was one of the smartest guy'y he ever knew. When we first were married our furnace broke in the dead of winter and the middle of the night. Dick called Jim, and sure enough he came right out. He was dedicated, reliable and helped would help you out no matter what time of day or night. If he knew payment was going to be hard on you, he would always work something out to help. Sometimes after his job was finish, he could tell you stories that were just fascinating and interesting. Jim will be missed by so many in this community! So glad that we had the privilege of knowing Jim!

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**dick and kathy paternoster** - June 14, 2015 at 09:57 AM

AJ

“ Al Jordan lit a candle in memory of Laurel "Jimmy" Root



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**Al Jordan** - June 14, 2015 at 09:47 AM

SM

“ Pat & family,  
Sorry to hear of Jim's passing, may he have eternal peace~ No more pain for him, & God's love to comfort you. He was a good person, it was a pleasure knowing him.



*Sandi & Aaron*

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**Sandi M** - June 12, 2015 at 06:58 PM

KG

*Sorry to hear of Jim's passing, your family is in our thoughts and prayers, The family of Dick Golden (Robin, Kim, Lisa and Howard)*

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**kim golden** - June 14, 2015 at 09:32 PM