



## James M. "Jim" Brave

December 31, 1960 - August 2, 2016

James M. "Jim" Brave, age 55 of Highland, IL, died Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at his residence.

He was born December 31, 1960, in Highland, IL, the son of Rolland and JoAnn (nee Zobrist) Brave.

On October 04, 1985, he married Lisa J. Hug at Highland, Illinois.

He was a former member of Highland Optimist Club.

James was born in Highland, IL. He graduated from Highland High School in 1979. He attended SIU-E. He worked for Pamida Discount Center, Artex and Target. He started painting with his father-in-law at Keith Hug Painting in late 80's. He became an independent painter as Jim Brave Painting in mid 1990's, doing residential and commercial interior and exterior painting. He enjoyed fishing, camping and coaching his sons in baseball, basketball and football. He was an outstanding football player in High School, and (his team won Conference Championship 2 years). He enjoyed cooking and B.B.Q. and was a very good cook. He collected hats and miniature NASCAR. He was an awesome Dad who did everything for his sons.

Survivors include :

Wife - Lisa J. Brave, nee Hug, Highland, IL

Son - Travis J. Brave, Oak Grove, MO

Son - Logan J. Brave, Highland, IL

Father - Rolland H. "Rollie" (Companion Pat Norton) Brave, Sr., O Fallon, IL

Mother - JoAnn L. (Step Father Ralph E. Reynolds) Brave Reynolds, nee Zobrist, Highland, IL

Father-in-law & Mother-in-law - Keith D. (Jo Ann M. nee Schmitt) Hug, Highland, IL

Brother - Michael A. Brave, Saint Louis, MO

Brother - Rolland H. (Bonnie) Brave, Jr., O Fallon, IL

Brother - Steve A. (Kim) Brave, Marion, IL

Sister - Carol B. (Michael) Balding, Edwardsville, IL

Sister-in-law - Linda M. (J.C.) Beam, Taylor Ridge, IL

Sister-in-law - Laurie A. Hug, Osage Beach, MO

Brother-in-law - John M. Hug, Highland, IL

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, August 04, 2016, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Friday, August 05, 2016, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 05, 2016, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL., with Rev. Christopher W. Hill, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made To the Family.



# Previous Events

## Evening Visitation

AUG 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland  
1501 9th Street  
P.O. Box 187  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-2133  
info@spengel-boulanger.com

## Morning Visitation

AUG 5. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ  
2520 Poplar Street  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-7459

## Funeral Service

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ  
2520 Poplar Street  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-7459

# Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of James M. "Jim" Brave*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - August 04, 2016 at 11:12 AM

LE

*RIP, Cheesey !!*

Lee Eley - August 04, 2016 at 04:38 PM

JO

“ *Jim painted my house when I moved to town just over a year ago. Each night we would talk my ear off about football and stories about growing up in the area. He was kind enough to even help me move a big couch downstairs as I didn't know anyone else in town at the time. Most people would not go out of their way to help a stranger in that manner. Sorry to hear he has departed us.*

Joe - September 02, 2016 at 06:28 PM

GB

“ *Lisa & family, so sad, what a shock to us, we just heard of Jims passing, just can't believe it, so sad. Such a great person he was, always enjoyed being around Jim at Cool Creek. May God bless all of you at this most difficult time.*  
*Greg & Susie Blume*

Greg & Susie Blume - August 09, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Karen Afshar** - August 06, 2016 at 12:45 PM

AA

“ So sorry for your loss. Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



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**Allen and Karen Afshar** - August 06, 2016 at 12:31 PM

JR

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Jim's family and friends. I am so sorry for your loss.  
God Bless, Jan Rector

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**Janet Rector** - August 05, 2016 at 05:19 PM

JK

“ Jim was an amazing quality man that I enjoyed laughing & sharing many stories with...he painted the interior of my photo studio in Highland...he will be missed but I trust he is with Jesus in HEAVEN..."ABSENT from the body PRESENT with our LORD"..we never know when it is our time to pass but we must continue to trust & believe what GOD has planned for all of us.....Praying for supernatural FAITH,COMFORT & PEACE for Lisa & the Brave family....Love you all

*Jim Kennett*

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**Jim Kennett** - August 05, 2016 at 03:59 PM

CB

“ So sorry to Jim's family for there loss. Didn't know Jim well but knew his mother better. Do remember him when he was with his sons when they were in sports. I would be there to watch Evan S. playing. My thought and prayers are with you at this time sorrow God Bless

Cheryl Byrnes - August 04, 2016 at 06:34 PM

MB

“ Mary Beth Broughton lit a candle in memory of James M. "Jim" Brave



Mary Beth Broughton - August 04, 2016 at 03:47 PM

MB

Am very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers with love. Jim will always be in your heart and will be your guardian angel always.

Mary Beth Broughton - August 04, 2016 at 03:48 PM

LO

“ We are sadden to learn of your loss, our hearts go out to you Lisa, sons, family and loved ones of Jim.

Gary & Lois Olliges

Lois - August 04, 2016 at 02:43 PM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home** - August 04, 2016 at 11:09 AM

LB

*Love you Jim! Still can't believe you are gone. A day doesn't go by that I don't think about you and miss you!*

**Lisa Brave** - August 21, 2016 at 10:34 PM

LA

*We all miss you Jim, my brother my friend!*

**laurie** - September 10, 2016 at 03:11 PM

RE

*We all miss you very much uncle Jim. You were such an amazing uncle and person. We will never forget you. You always made me laugh when I came to see you guys. I miss you very much !*

**Reilly** - October 12, 2018 at 09:41 AM

PA

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We remember our son's (Logan and Aaron) playing baseball and football together, he was always involved. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Leon and Patty Uhe*

**Patty** - August 04, 2016 at 07:22 AM

IA

“ To Jim's family: I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was a very nice man who painted the exterior of my house a few years ago. He went above and beyond to make the job perfect. Truly a professional!! While he worked at our house he talked a lot about how much his wife and sons meant to him. He was very proud of his family. Lisa, he even had you come to help me to decide on the color. Thank you. Logan, I remember teaching you math in 8th grade. You are a tribute to your dad.

Sincerely,  
Irene Armbruster

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**Irene Armbruster** - August 03, 2016 at 10:37 PM

JM

“ We are so sorry to hear about Jim. He painted our house and we loved having here. He did a great job. We loved hearing his stories. One day I had a crock pot going and he talked about how good it smelled. What a wonderful guy, good painter....the community will miss him. Jeanne and Arnie Meyer.

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**Jeanne and Arnie Meyer** - August 03, 2016 at 10:00 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James M. "Jim" Brave.



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August 03, 2016 at 09:43 PM

MA

“ To the Brave family: It is with a heavy heart that I learn of Jim's passing. We are relatives through our fathers and grandparents, however, I really remember Jim from so many years ago in high school. Laugh if you might but Jim to me will always be a thin wirey guy, a good athlete and always wearing a smile, sometimes for a reason that you might find out about later. I hear stories about what a great father and person he was and I don't doubt that he continued to be pleasant and well loved. I am truly sorry for your loss. Mary Bellm Allen

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**Mary Allen** - August 03, 2016 at 08:18 PM

 Lisa  
Danison-  
Bohnensti

“ Lisa, Travis, and Logan,

*Our hearts are broken for you. No words of condolence can take your pain away, but please know you are in our hearts and prayers. We have such fond memories of our times together.*

*Lisa and Tim Bohnenstiehl  
Andrew, Alex, and Adam Harris*

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**Lisa Danison-Bohnenstiehl** - August 03, 2016 at 07:53 PM

AB

“ Didn't get to know you Jim but I know your mom and dad. They are very nice people and I am sure you were a chip off of the old blocks. Sorry for you and your families loss. Al Bloemker

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**Allan Bloemker** - August 03, 2016 at 07:50 PM