



James Leonard Asplund

February 16, 1942 - April 11, 2021

James Leonard Asplund, 79, passed away April 11, 2021. He was born February 16, 1942 in Elmhurst, Illinois to the late Arnold and Lorretta (Buck) Asplund.

James served our country in the US Army and was stationed in Vietnam. He spent his career as a heavy equipment operator for the Marinette County Highway Department. He and his wife moved to Venice, FL in 1997 from Coleman, Wisconsin and then moved to Bradenton, FL in 2016. He loved Jesus and loved to tell folks about his Lord and Savior. His favorite pastime was to ride around on his scooter in Del Tierra, the community in which he lived. He loved greeting people and welcoming all the new neighbors. He loved Jesus more than anything, but his family and his neighbors were a close second. He loved music and singing hymns, playing the banjo and harmonica. He always had a song on his lips and joy in his heart.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 54 years, Sharon; son, Scott Asplund and his wife Michelle; daughter, Kristy Williams and her husband Gary; sister, LaRita Parker; brother, Richard Asplund; grandchildren, Rachel and Hannah Asplund, Christian, Jameson, Bennett and Thatcher Williams. He will be missed terribly, but his family is confident he is in the presence of his Savior. As his grandson said, "there is one less person to hug now".

Interment with military honors will be Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 9:30 am at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, Florida 34241. Memories and condolences may be left online at www.MFHcares.com.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Military Honors

APR 15. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss. My husband (Michael Counihan (Asplund) his nephew) and I only met him once when we were visiting Michael's grandmother Loretta back in 1978. At the time he was building his house and living in it. LOL. We were very impressed. Would love to be able to talk to relatives to find out more about this man. Are any family members on 23 & me?

Mary Counihan - January 07, 2022 at 10:58 PM



“ Uncle Jim will be missed. He was an ornery man and I loved to watch him and dad get into their "wrestlin matches" when we came up to visit family in WI. I'm sorry that I just found out about his passing. Love to the family and prayers for healing for the hole he's left behind.
- Rich Jr.

Richard D Asplund Jr - May 30, 2021 at 04:02 AM



“ I dont remember ever seeing Jim with a smile on his face. One could just look at Jim and know how much he loved God and his family. We will miss you, Jim.

Nancy Loomis - April 16, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Sharon and family, can only imagine what you are going through with the loss of Jim, but the happiness is that he is with God and one day soon you will all be together again. Please take care of yourself and let the family help in any way they can. Will continue to pray for you. Love, Betty Gross.

Betty Gross - April 15, 2021 at 01:15 PM



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April 15, 2021 at 01:47 AM



“ *So much fun talking to Jim over the years. Laughing with each other over silly stories. So, easy to talk to and a good listener, kind - hearted and positive. I loved him and I'll miss him. Our prayers are with all of you during this sad time.*
Linda and Barb

Linda Asplund - April 14, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ *Dad, you loved me well. You loved Jesus and taught me His Word. You are so missed....*

kristy - April 13, 2021 at 11:35 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Leonard Asplund.*



So sorry for your loss. - April 13, 2021 at 08:50 PM



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