



James Burton Pletcher

September 9, 1936 - March 17, 2026

James Burton Pletcher, born to Guy and Eva Pletcher on September 9, 1935, in Deuel County, Toronto, South Dakota, passed away at the age of 89 on March 17, 2026, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Myers, Florida.

Jim devoted his life to his work and carried the steady, grounded spirit of his farming upbringing throughout everything he did. For 50 years, he shared his life with his beloved partner, Lola, whose companionship was his greatest joy. He loved traveling and embraced every chance to see new places, always returning with stories and a renewed sense of wonder. A man of deep faith, Jim attended church every weekend and passed his love of God and faith on to his four children, and this legacy continues in each of their lives.

Jim's memory is held dear by his brother, Vincent Pletcher, and his wife, Marcia. Jim now joins his late brother, Eugene Pletcher, in peace.

Jim is also lovingly remembered by his children and their families: Lorelie Howell and her husband, Clinton; Steve Pletcher and his wife, Pam; Lynnette Crawford and her husband, Stan; and Sheryl Mack. Jim was a proud grandfather to Clint III and his wife, Lenise; Derek; April; Sheresa; Hayley; Laci; Brennon; Kent Crawford and his wife, Kayla; Cassie Ravert and her husband, Adam; Tess; and Ethan. He leaves behind his cherished great-grandchildren: Callie Liptac and her husband, Elijah; Chloe; Jackson; Corbin;

Katie; Ronan, Riya, Kyran, Deklan, Easton, Ryland, and Brooklyn.

He will be remembered for his steady presence, his dedication to family, and the many lives he has touched over the years. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

A viewing will be held on March 24 at Gendron Funeral Home in Lehigh Acres from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Services will be held on March 25 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Fort Myers at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Francis Xavier Church in Jim's memory.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - Lehigh Acres, FL

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mass

MAR **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis Xavier Church

2057 Cleveland Ave

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Tribute Wall

MD

“ I have many wonderful memories of family reunions with Jim and Lola and my cousins. I remember his smile and how he liked to joke. Hugs and prayers to you all.

Love,
Monica Dougherty

Monica Dougherty - March 25 at 12:37 PM

LT

“ Lola, may you and your family be blessed with God’s grace, comfort and peace as Jim has received his peace and rewards for a life well lived and now rests in the arms of Jesus.

Jim was always so thoughtful and kind to me and my boys, Tim, Todd And Ted Gasper. Vincent and Marcia, I share these words with you and your family also. God be with you all.

Linda Thiele - March 24 at 04:33 PM

HM

“ It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to such a dear friend. Jim was so much more than a master of his craft; he was a cornerstone of support for us for many years.

Whether it was a project that needed his expert touch or just a friendly word, he was always there when it mattered most. His kindness, reliability, and talent will be deeply missed by our whole family. Rest in peace, dear friend



Helga & Michael - March 23 at 02:15 PM

RH

“ As I remember Jim, I cannot help but think of the many years we spent our younger years together attending High School in Toronto, South Dakota. Over the last few years Jim and I talked by phone and the conversation always went back to those High School days and classmates. Jim's brother, Eugene was also my friend. Vincent is also my friend and I offer my condolences to him and Marcia as well as Jim's wife Lola. Robert Hanna

Robert Hanna - March 22 at 09:50 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James Burton Pletcher.



March 19 at 05:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Burton Pletcher.

March 19 at 05:14 PM

MF

“ Maryann Shytle and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Burton Pletcher.



Maryann Shytle and family - March 19 at 03:00 PM

MF

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Maryann Shytle and family - March 19 at 03:00 PM

YF

“ *Your Viles & Beckman family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of James Burton Pletcher.*



Your Viles & Beckman family - March 19 at 12:38 PM

TG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Lola and the family. I will miss his phone calls out of the blue in the middle of the day. And visits in South Dakota. And will never forget the visit to our home in the 70s. Tim Gasper and the Bernard Gasper family ,Linda ,Tim, Todd and Ted*

Tim Gasper - March 19 at 12:19 AM

LW

“ *Condolences to Lola and the entire family. For the past 14 years Jim was like a grandfather to me. He always gave me and my husband advice and any help he could. I will miss our talks and seeing him in the backyard. I will miss him dearly. Rest in peace Jim. Laurie and family*

Laurian Wallace - March 17 at 04:43 PM