



James "Pinto" Pintarelli

June 30, 1957 - September 19, 2024

James Paul "Pinto" Pintarelli, 67, of Shawano, WI, passed away on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee, WI.

James was born June 30, 1957 in Crystal Falls, MI, son of the late John C. and Mary E. (Brey) Pintarelli. He graduated from Forest Park High School in 1975 and went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Arts from Northern Michigan University in 1979. Pinto taught in Little Chute and Antigo prior to taking a teaching position with the Menominee Indian School District in 1985. He began his career as an Industrial Arts Teacher at the Menominee Indian Jr/Sr High School and retired on June 30, 2013 as the Technical Education Teacher, specializing in automotive technology, wood shop, and metals. Pinto continued to substitute teach throughout his retirement. He married Julie Conley on June 1, 1996 in Las Vegas, NV.

For 28 years Pinto was a guiding light for students and staff in the district. His teaching went far beyond technical skills and he had a unique ability to make every student feel seen and valued. His humor filled the hallways, bringing joy to those around him, while his compassion created a welcoming environment where students could grow personally and academically. Pinto's light-hearted demeanor and sense of humor were well-known and beloved by all who knew him. He had a remarkable way of using laughter to bridge gaps, lift spirits, and make even the most challenging days brighter. His compassion touched the

lives of countless students, encouraging them to believe in their potential. The lessons he taught in the woodshop and the lessons he taught about kindness, generosity, and the importance of finding joy in everyday moments, will always be remembered.

Outside of school, Pinto loved going to auctions and rummage sales. He was a flea market vendor and a member of the Customs & Classics Car Club in Shawano. He enjoyed watching football and was an avid Detroit Lions Fans.

He is survived by his wife, Julie; two sons, Jon Gardebrecht of Suring, WI and Jamey (Heather) Garbe of Nixa, MO; a daughter, Stacey Gardebrecht of Minneapolis, MN; two brothers, John Pintarelli and Chester (Pam) Pintarelli, both of Crystal Falls; a sister, Mary Louise Pintarelli of Crystal Falls; a grandson, Tristian (Amanda) Cook; two great grandchildren, Josephine & Kinsley; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Vicki (Paul) Reybrock, Rebecca Spaulding, Kathy Zielinski, Tony Zielinski and Marilyn Pintarelli; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Pinto was also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Jerry Pintarelli and a sister-in-law, Chris Zielinski.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 to 11:30am on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. The Funeral Mass will follow at 12:00 noon at Guardian Angels Catholic Church. Fr. Daniel Dapaah will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Interment will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial scholarship will be established in James' memory.

Condolences to the family of James Pintarelli may be expressed online at ww

w.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28**. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc.
104 N. Third Street
P.O.Box 147
Crystal Falls, MI 49920
1-906-875-6381
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.nashfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Mass

SEP **28**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church
412 Crystal Ave.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

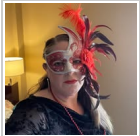
Tribute Wall

AZ

“ *Pinto, without you, I wouldn't of got to know about cars if it wasn't for you. Thanks for being a positive role model to me and fellow classmates of 2006 at MISD. It was an honor and a privilege to have a awesome teacher like you in my high school career as a student. My condolences to Mrs. Pinto and family, he was a character this guy and I enjoyed learning from him but most of all, he had good come backs at us students if we were goofing off in class.*

-Andrew Zhuckkahosee

Andrew Zhuckkahosee - March 13, 2025 at 08:10 PM



“ *Such a wonderful person and friend to all. So sorry to hear about his passing, prayers.*



Laura Lee - September 30, 2024 at 02:18 PM

YF

“ *Your Flying High Family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of James "Pinto" Pintarelli.*



Your Flying High Family - September 26, 2024 at 01:45 PM

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“ Your Flying High Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Pinto" Pintarelli.

Your Flying High Family - September 26, 2024 at 01:45 PM

NW

“ Sending our prayers to Julie and the family. Jim will surely be missed. He was a great guy and we shared a love for the Lions football team. Sincerely Nancy and Russ Wise

Nancy/Russ Wise - September 25, 2024 at 08:07 AM

TF

“ The Mindock family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James "Pinto" Pintarelli.



The Mindock family - September 24, 2024 at 05:19 PM

TO

“ Pinto will be missed by many. I will cherish all of my memories with you Pint!

Twila Olson - September 23, 2024 at 04:24 PM

MA

I am so very sorry for your loss. James will always be remembered for his sweet nature and his kindness.

Maryanne - September 23, 2024 at 07:12 PM

MS

“ MISD Family & Staff purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of James "Pinto" Pintarelli.



MISD Family & Staff - September 23, 2024 at 03:49 PM

PS

“ A wonderful fellow educator to work with. Tirelessly worked with both students and staff with humor and care!!! Surely will be missed.

Paul Schwaller - September 23, 2024 at 03:08 PM