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## SERVICES PENDING

**MCKINLEY** — Mr. Harold "Jim" McKinley III, aged 64 of Newaygo.  
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## Obituaries

**MC KINLEY, III  
MR. HAROLD "JIM"  
Newaygo**

Mr. Harold "Jim" McKinley III, age 64, died Sunday afternoon at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Florida. Jim is survived by his wife, Marge; his children, Joy McKinley of Newaygo, Jim IV & Deb McKinley of Austin, Texas, Dan & Deb Davis of Grand Haven, Daryl & Sharon Davis of Ravenna, Sandra Jablonski of Philadelphia, David Jablonski of Philadelphia, David Jablonski of Chelsea, Phillip Jablonski of Queens Creek, Arizona, Jacquelyn & William Swart of Romeoville, Illinois; special friends, David & Teresa Fields of Ada; 10 grandchildren; his parents, Red & Ardy McKinley of Newaygo; his brothers, John & Susann McKinley of Fruitport, A. J. & Sandy McKinley of Grant and Bill & Mary McKinley of Canadian Lakes. Funeral Mass will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, May 5, 2007 from the St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Newaygo with Father Ron Schneider as Celebrant. Visitation will be held 2-4 & 7-9 PM Friday at the McKinley Funeral Homes-Newaygo Chapel with a Christian Scripture Service at 7:00 PM. Interment will be in the Parkview Cemetery in Grant. For Memorials please consider the Lake Shore Lung Society and/or the Newaygo First Responders. Please sign the online guest book at [www.mckinleyfuneral.com](http://www.mckinleyfuneral.com).

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## Deaths

**HAROLD JAMES MCKINLEY III**, 64, of Newaygo died Sunday at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla. He was the husband of Marjorie Arlene (Shull) McKinley and was a funeral director and owner of McKinley Funeral Homes Inc. Arrangements by McKinley, Newaygo.

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## Unbroken line back to 1895, funeral director McKinley dies

By Teresa Taylor Williams  
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A fourth-generation Newaygo County funeral director whose great-grandfather founded the McKinley Funeral Home in 1895 has died.

Harold James "Jim" McKinley, 64, of Newaygo, died Sunday in Tampa, Fla.

He spent 40 years as director, owner and manager of McKinley Funeral Homes Inc., carrying on the family tradition that has endured for 112 years.

Three years ago, McKinley retired from McKinley Funeral Homes Inc., which has locations



**McKinley:**  
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in Grant and Newaygo and is currently owned and operated by his brother, A.J. McKinley II.

Jim and A.J. were the fourth generation to continue the family McKinley Funeral Home business.

It began in 1893 with great-grandfather Alexander John McKinley. He and his twin brother, John Alexander, came to Grant from Canada to work in lumbering. Alexander John McKinley opened a hardware store in 1893, then in 1895, opened a funeral home inside with a sign above the door, "A.J. McKinley, Undertaker."

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His son, Harold J. McKinley Sr., embalmed and shipped soldiers from Camp Custer during the flu epidemic during World War I.

"When granddad retired in 1965, my brother Jim came into the business," said A.J. McKinley II. A.J.'s son, Charlie, is the fifth-generation to join the business in 1994 and manages the Newaygo chapel.

The funeral home's Grant location is on the same site as the original hardware store.

An avid golfer, Jim McKinley and his brothers A.J., Bill and John, all of the Muskegon area, often played together

as a team. In only a couple weeks, the team planned to defend their championship title in the Michigan Funeral Directors Golf Tournament, according to A.J. McKinley.

Jim was team captain seemingly on and off the golf course. He was the organizer of the family, and would give the shirt off his back for someone else, A.J. McKinley said.

"He always looked after mom and dad, and he loved kids," he said. "We really complemented each other and played well together. We're going to miss that," he said.

Jim McKinley was active

in the Lions Club, Lakeshore Lung Society, the Chamber of Commerce, and he was a member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church. He is survived by his parents, Harold "Red" Jr. and Ardy; his three brothers; his wife, Marjorie; and their nine children.

Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the McKinley Funeral Home, 226 State, Newaygo. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, 599 W. Brooks, Newaygo. Burial will be in Parkview Cemetery in Grant.