



James Raymond Chesnick

April 28, 1938 - March 7, 2020

Jim was born 4/28/1938, in Detroit, Michigan. Jim was the youngest child of German born father, John Chestnick and German mother Leona Schwarm. During his early childhood, Jim lived in Detroit with his brothers John, Richard, and Tom and his sister Katie. Later in his youth his family moved to a St Clair Shores home with lake access. Jim and his brother Tom enjoyed fishing. Every day they would go fishing in the morning, even before school at times. In the winter they would also go ice fishing. They both loved the sport and became avid anglers later in life.

Jim attend Lake View High School and graduated in 1957. After graduation, Jim worked as a file clerk for Chrysler.

Jim met the love of his life, Margaret, after picking up his good friend Paul Level. Jim spotted Margaret, this very attractive brunette, on the front porch of her sister Gloria's home. Jim asked Paul about Margaret, Paul set up the introduction and it was love at first sight. Jim and Margaret were married January 17, 1959 at St. Joan of Arc Church in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. In 1960, Jim was drafted into the U.S. Army. He attended military basic training in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri and was later sent to Germany. While in Germany, Margaret was able to join him for a short vacation. They toured Berchtesgaden, Germany as well as Austria and Switzerland. This vacation created many fond memories they would talk of for years to come. Jim returned home in 1962.

Jim attended Art Schools in Detroit and in St Clair Shores to pursue his

interest in art. He applied for employment at General Motors and was hired into the graphics design department. While at GM, Jim had one patent and several suggestion awards.

Jim and Margaret became the proud parents of Lisa Ann in 1964 and Eric James in 1967. He always enjoyed projects around the house and golfing, but the joy of his life was always his family. Jim worked for GM for 32 years, retiring in 1997. During retirement he enjoyed the Sunday golf league, traveling with Margaret and spending time with his grandchildren Lauren, Taylor, Samantha and Benjamin.

Jim is survived by his wife Margaret and two children Lisa (Andre) and Eric and his four grandchildren Lauren (Cameron), Taylor, Samantha and Benjamin.

Previous Events

Instate

MAR 13. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
22412 Overlake Drive
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

Memorial Mass

MAR 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Military Honors

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Raymond Chesnick*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *James Raymond Chesnick*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Uncle Jim was at home with everyone around him. He made us laugh with his wit and was quick to help us reach our dreams. A very special person that lived an exemplary life. His joyful contributions to moments in our lives have become etched forever into our hearts. Thank you Uncle for your unforgettable love.*

Larry - March 13, 2020 at 11:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Raymond Chesnick.*



March 11, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of James Raymond Chesnick.*



March 10, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of James Raymond Chesnick.*



March 10, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ *Robert Bogovican purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Raymond Chesnick.*



Robert Bogovican - March 10, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of James Raymond Chesnick.*



March 10, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Raymond Chesnick.*



March 10, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Raymond Chesnick.*




March 09, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ *Uncle Jim always welcomed me with open arms and an infectious smile. He always had a "trick" like breaking an egg on top your head. Being treated as a part of the family is what I will carry in my heart forever. May he Rest In Peace.*



Stacey Rene - March 09, 2020 at 07:29 PM

 Eric
Chesnick

“ Hello everybody, thank you for posting. I will say a little bit about my dad here. Just wanted to say how he was such a great husband to his wife and father to his kids. If you asked for anything he would go over and above to make it happen. I believe I work for General Motors now because of my father. He taught me the values of being a great employee in the understanding of loving what you do for a living. On our free time we would enjoy golf and fishing. When we were done with that we would come home and barbecue with the family. He always taught me that family was the most important thing of life.

Eric Chesnick - March 09, 2020 at 07:26 PM

DK

He was a great cook also! Many memories of our Labour Day weekend bocci tournaments and the fish baking on the bbq. He had many talents and will be missed. Rest now Uncle Jim, you earned it.

Denise Kivacs - March 09, 2020 at 08:48 PM

MC

I will share what what great wisdom he had when I call to tell him his brother had just passed, "everyone has to die sooner or later". Such was James

Mark Chesnick - February 06, 2024 at 02:02 PM