



James R. Gatny

February 10, 1952 - February 10, 2017

Beloved husband of Janette for 42 years.

Loving father of Leigh (Cliff) Czerwinski, Michael (Lindsey), and Evan (Shelly).

Cherished grandfather of Sophie, Benjamin, Jude, Isabel, Eloise, Maxwell, Owen, Kate, and Andrew.

Dearest brother of the late Mickey, Cynthia, Mary, Mark, Gary and Catherine

Dear cousin of Dave (Mary Ellen).

Jim was a selflessly loving Husband, Father, and Papa. Dedicated first and foremost to his wife and children, he was an example of how to do it right as a family man.

As a hard-working and persistent individual, he grew during his successful 31-year career with Chrysler and made many friends along the way.

Jim worked hard but also loved to have a good time. An ardent fisherman, he was always eager to be on the water with friends and family, and he was truly a student of the craft. In addition to fishing, he loved music and was a guitar enthusiast. By sharing this passion with his children, he also instilled in them a

love for making music.

Focused on others, Jim was always generous with his time and talents. Whether he was volunteering for Hospice, helping a family member with a task, or simply making his grandchildren laugh, his kind heart made the lives of those around him better, and he will be sorely missed by his loved ones.

Donations can be made to:

Mary's Mantle

P.O. Box 115

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Rosary

FEB 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James R. Gatny*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *James R. Gatny*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM

“ In Memory of Jim

I would like to share with some of my thoughts and memories of my cousin, Jim.

As I searched back in my memory, I realized that I had always known Jim. That is because as young children we grew up together. I was an only child, but I lived next door to my Grand Parents, along with my cousins Mike and Sharon. I would play with Mike every day just as if he were my brother. On Sundays, it was very common for all the family members to come over my Grandparents house. The guys would play cards, the women would talk about the guys and us kids. However, what made it really special for Mike and I, was when cousin Jim would come over. It was like having another brother. We would play all kinds of games outside between my Parents and Grandparents house. Hide and seek, tag, and red light – green light, just to name a few. Jim was always so much fun to be around.

I remember some Sunday afternoons, when we would go to Jim’s Parent’s house in Warren. I remember riding bikes around the subdivision. Jim knew the best routes to take. We would go through trials by the school and stop by the local corner store. There we get a pop and some candy.

When we were teenagers, Jim and I shared a love for music and guitars. Although we played in different basement bands, we would jam once in a while during family gatherings. I remember a time as a teen when Jim invited me and another guy in my basement band to come out to St. Anne’s and jam in the school’s gymnasium. That was really awesome. A whole empty gym to play in. Looking back now, I realize that these jam sessions were just the start of a life time of jams. Through the years, we would occasionally jam in Jim’s basement. The ultimate though was when Jim and I (and of course with the help of Evans Band) played at Mary Ellen’s and my 60th birthday parties. I will truly miss these times.

As adults, we shared many special moments. Some were even

documented on video. What comes to mind is a hot summer day in July. In fact, it was the 4th of July. Jim and Janette would have a birthday party for Evan on every 4th of July. At this particular party, Evan must have gotten a, "Slip and Slide". Well I am not sure exactly how it happened. I do know it was very hot and I was enjoying a number of beers, in any case, Jim and I decided that we would join the kids on the Slip and Slide. Working hard to create the most spectacular slide, we used every muscle and joint in our bodies. The whole event captured on video and later set to the Movie Theme Song from Top Gun. The footage is somewhere. The other thing I remember from that day was how incredibly sore both Jim and I were the next day. But the pain was really worth it. There are many other memories. Mary Ellen and I being the surprise dinner guests one evening, chipping practice golf balls from the family room to the living room, putting fire crackers down the mole hole in the back yard, Christmas tree cutting, and of course fishing.

Jim would always ask me if I would like to go fishing. Many times, it was hard to fit in and I would have to pass. But when I did go, it was always fun and relaxing. This last summer, I did have more time, and Jim and I went fishing whenever we could. I will always be grateful for the time we had.

Finally, I just want to say that, Life doesn't always seem fair. And I know God has a bigger plan, but this one's hard for me to understand right now. From birth, Jim was my cousin, but as the years have gone by Jim has become like a brother to me. I love you brother and I will miss you.

David Gatny - February 20, 2017 at 06:34 PM

JO

“ I have been traveling for the last 2 weeks and just heard the horrible news today. Janette - Nancy and I want to express our deepest sympathies and our prayers to you and your family. I have many fond memories and we always enjoyed the times we had together. Jim was a great man.
Jim and Nancy Ohlinger

Jim Ohlinger - February 18, 2017 at 11:38 AM

GT

“ Sorry to hear about your Loss Janet. Every now and again I would run into Jim at Chrysler. My Sincere Condolences. Greg Tomaszewski.

Greg Tomaszewski - February 14, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James R. Gatny.



February 13, 2017 at 09:14 PM

FP

“ From, Your friends at PCA-Plymouth purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of James R. Gatny.



From, Your friends at PCA-Plymouth - February 13, 2017 at 11:45 AM

DH

“ *David P Hennessy purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James R. Gatny.*



David P Hennessy - February 13, 2017 at 11:22 AM

DT

“ *I really enjoyed working with Jim. Our best wishes to Jim's family. David Train and his friends at CKGP*

Dave Train - February 13, 2017 at 11:05 AM

GA

“ *Gordon & Leah Arnold purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James R. Gatny.*



Gordon & Leah Arnold - February 13, 2017 at 10:45 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James R. Gatny.*



February 12, 2017 at 09:21 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James R. Gatny.*



February 11, 2017 at 08:22 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James R. Gatny.*



February 11, 2017 at 06:48 PM



“ *Love, Bruce & Laura Ushiro purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James R. Gatny.*



Love, Bruce & Laura Ushiro - February 11, 2017 at 05:22 PM