



James L. Green

December 30, 1925 - January 17, 2017

Age 91.

Beloved husband of Mary Ellen for 68 years.

Loving father of Kevin (Tina), Jere (Judy), Jon (Nancy), Brian (Marie), and Patrick (Pillar).

Dear grandfather of Jack, Clark, Melissa, Katie, James, Jennifer, Jarret, Kelly, Megan, Patrick Jr., Bailey, Emily, Natalie, Rebecca, and Miguel.

Cherished great grandfather of Dimitrije and Rose Lynn.

Predeceased by his son Kelly.

Mr. Green served in WWII in the Army Air Force. He was stationed at Tinian in the Mariana Islands with the 505BG. He served time as a Japanese Prisoner of War. James worked for and retired from the Fitzgerald Public School District.

In his off time he enjoyed summers at his home in Houghton Lake with his wife.

Family was of the utmost importance to James and after his retirement, his focus was loyally on his family.

Military honors will follow the funeral service.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 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

Tribute Wall



“ *James L. Green*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *James L. Green*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM

“ I met Jim when he and Mary Ellen started coming to the Ann Arbor VA Medical Center's POW Support Group monthly meetings approx. 20 years ago. He looked forward to our meetings where he was with fellow POW's from WWII, Korea and Viet Nam. It was the nations largest POW Support Group. So many stories were shared over the years and all of the ones there could relate to each others experiences as POW's. Many times there were tears, laughter and some times silents because of the memories of their near death experiences and things that men sometimes have to do during combat. These men learned over the years that sharing their experiences with others outside our group helped them with their PTSD and other problems. It took some time but they went to schools, colleges, churches, clubs and civic and city events speaking. Jim was a leader in getting others to do this as they shared their stories.

Jim was shot down in his B-29 and captured by the Japanese and suffered greatly under the time he was there. He almost never told the whole story due to the subject matter. He invited me many times to go with him to speak and always introdouced me as his honored guest but I was always the one honored to know such a man as he and be with him hearing him tell his story. He was a proud marine and loved his USA.

I am going to miss him calling me asking me to read some Bible scripture with him and telling me what he has been reading. He always said it makes him feel good after we share scripture. His favorite that we read was Psalm 23. and Jim loved the part.. "Even though I walk though the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me" He knew when that time came he would not be alone.

Jim loved his family and was so proud of each and every one plus he was always bragging about his children, grandchildren and their spouces. He shared with me his love for his precious wife Mary Ellen. Jim said, "I have been blessed with the most wonderful family

I could have ever dreamed of having". All of us that have had the joy of meeting and knowing them have to agree totally. May each of you feel the peace of God as you go through these difficult days. I am looking forward to seeing Jim again one day as God has promised in His Word.

E. Wayne Byrum - January 22, 2017 at 12:21 AM

GK

“*For many years, Mr. Green would share his experiences in WWII with the students and staff at Warren Mott High School. He would recount the events by explaining his photos and passing around memorabilia. Following this, he spent time explaining how he lived his life after the war. He was exceptionally proud of his family and all of their accomplishments. At the end of his presentation, he always spent his time emphasizing to the students the importance of education.*

Mr. Green was deeply dedicated to our school, community, and our country and on behalf of the Warren Mott Community, we are grateful for everything that he has done for us. Mr. Green was a legend, and the memory of him will live on with every individual that had the honor of meeting him or hearing him speak.

*My deepest condolences to Mrs. Green and your family,
Greg Kment*

Greg Kment - January 21, 2017 at 12:01 PM

CW

“ My condolences to Mrs. Green and her entire family for their loss. I grew up in the same neighborhood where the Greens lived. Mr. Green was a kind soul with a positive outlook. One time when I had the privilege of talking to him I called him "Mr. Green", he kind of chuckled and said "Mr. Green?, please call me Jim." He was down to earth and always so personable. I know this loss has left a huge hole in your hearts and it so saddens me. Praying for your family. Love and blessings to you all.

Colleen Walsh

colleen walsh - January 21, 2017 at 09:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James L. Green.



January 20, 2017 at 08:52 PM

TS

“ *The Warren City Council and Staff purchased the Written in the Stars* for the family of James L. Green.



The Warren City Council and Staff - January 20, 2017 at 03:50 PM

KK

“ Just received the news and it brought back a flood of memories-- all make me smile.

I remember being a student camp counselor for 6th graders in Brighton and "Mr." Green was so nice to everyone. I remember being in the mess hall and he was smiling and talking about how cold toast tasted so good. Years later he became "Jim" when my husband Les coached and the Greens and Les and I attended sports and socials functions together along with so many Fitzgerald people, some gone but not forgotten. He had a wonderful smile and sense of humor. Those were good times.

Kitty Kubalak

Kitty McCracken Kubalak - January 20, 2017 at 03:38 PM

GD

“ Grace DeSantis lit a candle in memory of James L. Green



Grace DeSantis - January 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM

VO

“ Victoria Okuniewski lit a candle in memory of James L. Green



Victoria Okuniewski - January 20, 2017 at 10:09 AM

VO

*Mrs. Green,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We will always have wonderful memories of our families sharing special occasions together through the years. Our favorite memory was when we meet you and Mr. Green, Kevin and Tina in Washington D.C. and spent the day together. What a wonderful day we had sharing the day with you. Although we are not with you at this time, you are in our hearts.
All our love, Michael and Victoria*

Victoria Okuniewski - January 20, 2017 at 10:36 AM

VO

*Kevin and Tina
Jennifer, Danny, Rosie and Sammy
James and Jarrett
Papa Green will always be in our hearts. He will be missed. We love you and miss you. We cannot be with you at this time, just know you are in our thoughts and prayers.
All our love. Michael and Victoria*

Victoria Okuniewski - January 20, 2017 at 10:46 AM

VO

*The Green Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Green will be missed, but never forgotten. His strength and courage touched everyone.
All our love and prayers, Michael and Victoria Okuniewski*

Victoria Okuniewski - January 20, 2017 at 10:58 AM

DF

“*Mary Ellen, our condolences to you and your family. My association with Jim at Fitzgerald was always positive and encouraging. In dealing with students he was fair and concerned--he affected the lives of many young people. He also gave a great deal in service to our country and was a positive example for all of us.
Dick Fedelem, Sarasota, FL*

Dick Fedelem - January 20, 2017 at 07:39 AM

IM

“ *Mr. Green was just like a "Grandpa" to me. He was always very nice to me and greeted me with smiles. I would bring him soup sometimes and he would always give me ice cream. He was a very good and kind man to me. I will always appreciate what he did for me and I will miss him. My heart is very sad now.*

Your neighbor and "Pretty Girl" always,

Indira

Indira Martinez - January 20, 2017 at 05:44 AM

PW

“ *part of your Blue Family; Todd & Toni Werner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James L. Green.*



part of your Blue Family; Todd & Toni Werner - January 19, 2017 at 05:38 PM

LB

“ *What a wonderful man and mentor. Jim did so much to make my years at Chatter ton more enjoyable.*

Linda Brill - January 19, 2017 at 03:39 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of James L. Green.*



January 19, 2017 at 02:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James L. Green.*



January 19, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James L. Green.*



January 19, 2017 at 12:24 PM



“ *Many of us are better people from having worked with Jim at Fitzgerald. There is a song by Tim McGraw, "Humble and Kind", listen to it, for the song tells all you need to know about Jim. He treated everyone in a most thoughtful and positive manner. Blessings to his family,*

John Anderson

John Anderson - January 19, 2017 at 11:43 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James L. Green.*



January 19, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ *Brian and Marie and Family; We send our love and deepest sympathy. Your Dad was a wonderful man. We are grateful for his military service. He was a great Father and you are all proof of that. Cherish all the great memories. Hugs to you all. Jim and Kathy Bocade*

Kathy Bocade - January 18, 2017 at 08:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James L. Green.*



January 18, 2017 at 03:43 PM