



## James Hales

August 3, 1923 - June 5, 2017

James Hales was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 3, 1923 and peacefully entered into eternal life on June 5, 2017. His parents are Paul and Hattie Halysyn.

James graduated from Cass Tech High School in 1941. Due to physical issues and being in a defense sensitive job James was unable to serve in the military, nevertheless providing valuable war effort service as part of the “Arsenal of Democracy” in support of the armed forces. Throughout the majority of his career James was a draftsman in the automotive industry.

James loved traveling to Disney World in Florida and just about everything Disney related. He was especially fond of the Disney character “Goofey”, so much so that he was affectionately referred to by his grandchildren as “Goofey Grandpa”. He collected numerous Mickey Mouse and Disney related items, especially Christmas ornaments. His Christmas tree remained decorated and lit all year. James was also an avid collector of stamps, matchbook covers as well as model trains.

Throughout his life James actively attended church at Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church (Hamtramck) and St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church (Detroit). He also loved Venerable Father Solanus Casey and supported the various missions of the Capuchin Monastery.

James was predeceased by his loving wife Mary whose passing greatly affected him and who he missed dearly. He was also predeceased by his mother (Hattie) and father (Paul), brother and sister in law (John and Marie Hales), sister and brother in law (Helen and Dmytro Wynnycky).

James is survived by his daughter Lynn (James Paruch) and son Wayne (Laura) and grandchildren Dana (Josh Raska), Ashley (Brett Hollandsworth), Matt and Brandon Paruch and great grandson Jace (Raska).

He is also survived by his nephew and nieces Father John Wynnycky, Rudolph Kutey (Karen), Martin Kutey (Susan), Geraldine Kutey, Anita Dougherty (John) and Raymond Kutey.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Hales*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *James Hales*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



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



June 12, 2017 at 08:28 AM



“ *I worked with your mom way back in the late 40's at RC Mahon. She was also my matron of honor. Those were great days back then! Your mom and dad are one in a million. Your dad was real great guy! I'm so sorry for your loss. I will keep your families in my prayers. God bless you all.*  
*Barbara (Quinn) Wentzel*

**Barbara (Quinn) Wentzel** - June 11, 2017 at 10:12 AM

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“ *Lyn and Wayne, I am so sorry for the lost of your Dad. Uncle Jim was a great person. I remember as a child coming to the house for Christmas & other Holidays. How he and you Mom loved having the family there. Love Gerri*

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**GerriR ickert** - June 07, 2017 at 05:56 AM