



James Kolar

October 4, 1937 - October 7, 2021

If you are experiencing signs or symptoms of covid, or have been exposed, we are asking that you please pay your respects from home. If you plan on attending any of our services, respectfully, masks are encouraged.

Kolar, James was lifted to heaven on October 7, 2021. Devoted husband of the late Jean (nee Krozek) for 52 years.

Cherished father of Cindy, Michael (Barbara) and Daniel (Johanna).

Proud grandfather of Kevin, Carolyn, Eric and Douglas.

James was born on October 4, 1937 in Detroit, Michigan. He was the Second child of the late Lewis and Susan Kolar (nee Kautz).

Dear brother of Ann, Joseph (Angie) and brother-in-law of Dorothy.

Predeceased by his brother Albert.

After retiring from the auto industry, he spent his time watching his grandchildren playing sports, and spending time in Cadillac with his family.

James also enjoyed attending toy/train and collectible shows. He was a car enthusiast and enjoyed participating in car shows. He also liked playing cards and spending time with his friend Mary. James will be greatly missed.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Cemetery

621 West Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **12**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Louise Catholic Church
2500 12 Mile Road
Warren, MI 48092

Tribute Wall



“ *James Kolar*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *James Kolar*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. I am a neighbor who lives across the street and a few houses down. Jim was a good guy and I stopped and talked to him when I was in my car and he was outside. He was always cheerful. I will miss him. Sincerely, Toni Kryszak*

Toni Kryszak - October 11, 2021 at 03:51 PM



“ *Holding our cousins and their families in close in prayer on the loss of their father & grandpa Jim. We wish we could be there in person to celebrate his memory, but we join our prayers and voices with theirs in commending his soul to heaven. May Uncle Jim know Christ's heavenly embrace and timeless peace, free from earthly chains of affliction and pain. Saints, angels, and dear loved ones who have preceded him eternal life, come now with joy to greet your son/brother/spouse Jim and welcome him home to paradise.*

(And in true polka spirit, we on earth will continue to pray that the words to "In Heaven there is no beer" are ultimately proven false.)

*With love and care,
-Peter & Mariana Kolar, El Paso, TX*

Peter Kolar - October 11, 2021 at 01:53 PM

PF

“ Peter & Mariana Kolar and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James Kolar.



Peter & Mariana Kolar and family - October 11, 2021 at 01:24 PM

JK

“ How do you say goodbye to the best Grandpa. You see the tears in your children’s eyes who shared a lifetime of memories that they will never forget. You see the love they have of sports and nascar, polkas and toy shows, air shows, countless festivals and sleepovers, snowmobile and dirt bike rides, and you remember that you do not say goodbye, you hold them in your heart for always. Thanks for being an awesome grandpa to these kids. They will forever mold their lives around the experiences you gave them, how to live to life to the fullest, and carry yourselves through every new challenge they face. You will go everywhere with them, you will never be forgotten. Kevin gave grandpa his nickname, “grandpa grandpa”, mostly because when he saw him he was so excited he would say his name twice with a smile. I’ll never forget Grandma sharing with me the time Kevin spent the night and stumbled out of his bedroom they had set up for him in his blues clues pajamas and scrambled up their bed to give grandpa snuggles to wake up. Two days ago Kevin called me from work in tears, he was working the Detroit City Football Club and arrived to find out it was polka day. Kevin was filled with joy and shared with us the music in the background saying “wow, I feel Grandpa is here with me.” I know in my heart, he will be with them always. Until we meet again....”



Johanna Kolar - October 11, 2021 at 09:55 AM



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



October 10, 2021 at 08:39 PM

JS

“ Dearest Jim,
From the moment Mary and I met you in church 4 years ago during confession, and you said "fancy meeting you here, and I said, "I was thinking the same thing, I knew at that moment it was a God wink. That he placed Mary and I at that church at that time and we would share such beautiful and fond memories. Your beautiful blue eyes, and your smile could brighten the darkest of days. So thankful and grateful for all the love and happiness you gave our Mary. You filled her heart with joy and it gave us great peace to know that even though you both lost your spouses, that the Lord knew you still had love to share and you found that in each other. Our Sunday coffee & donuts after church talking about the Good Ole days, your wife, kids, the farm politics, the service, our Sunday evening dinners, Our holidays, and you going to the boys school and being honored for your service to our country for Veterans Day & attending their sports games. They always called you Grampa Jim because you had a special place in their heart. Watching and talking sports and me asking "Hey Jimmy would you like a cold one and you saying only if you'll join me..Always greeting me with a kiss and "How ya doing Sweetie and a handshake for Dave..I love that you and Mary lived life to the fullest, going dancing, a concert, church, a senior luncheon car shows, a festival, playing cards, you lived life well..and everywhere you went and everyone you met, it was like you knew them and were friends forever. Truly a gentleman and a delight. From the Stevens, Grobbel & Haas Family it was an honor and a blessing to have you be a part of our life, we say not good bye for on some bright tomorrow we shall meet again, and as we look to the heaven and see it shining brighter tonight, we know that it is you smiling down upon us... Peace & forever Love



Jill Stevens - October 10, 2021 at 08:19 PM



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



October 10, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ *Larry H. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Kolar.*



Larry H. - October 10, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *We were nextdoor neighbors for 25 years and best of friends of the Kolars for 42 years and watched our families grow over that time. Jim will be missed by all that knew him. We enjoyed the many times spent together at music venues over the years.*



*Rest in peace our friend,
Joyce & Gary Owen and Family*

Joyce & Gary Owen - October 10, 2021 at 02:53 PM



*Our hearts are saddened. We so enjoyed his company at our TNT band events. Deepest sympathy to his dear family and friends.
Tony and Teresa DiMaria*

Teresa DiMaria - October 10, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ Gary&Joyce, Pam, Kelly, and Carolyn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Kolar.



Gary&Joyce, Pam, Kelly, and Carolyn - October 10, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ Love, Roxy, Gordon ,Helen, Zuzka, Bob, Loraine, and Sandy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Kolar.



Love, Roxy, Gordon ,Helen, Zuzka, Bob, Loraine, and Sandy - October 10, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of James Kolar.



October 10, 2021 at 09:36 AM

JO

“ My Uncle Jim, witty wizard of wisecracks and wisdom, with a warm mischievous smile and a sparkle in his eye, he knew how to take life with a little humour, full of zest for the little things like sharing fun, family time, fine polished four wheeled cars, and fifty year old whiskey. My very first post on Facebook in 2011 was about spending time with him. And I looked forward to his Christmas Cards each year because he always gifted me with a few words above his signature.

I looked up that post and it brings to mind a beautiful memory. One I will always keep as I remember dancing a polka with Uncle Jim in his living room.

"I just spent a wonderful time with my parents and Uncle Jim, Aunt Jean and cousin Cindy having a delicious dinner and listening (and dancing) to polkas. It ended with a shot of 50 year old whiskey (saved from their wedding) toasting the anniversary of my Aunt and Uncle. I love my family relatives and Polish heritage"

How does one describe 50 year old whiskey?

*Powerful, Experienced, Confident, Smooth, Worthy, Memorable.
.....Just like Uncle Jim.*

Love you Uncle Jim, Your unique brand of observing the quirkiness of this world and your laugh will be missed immensely.

Joanne - October 09, 2021 at 10:03 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Kolar.



October 09, 2021 at 09:21 PM