



James King

September 12, 1951 - September 24, 2020

James R. King, age 69, passed away on September 24, 2020 after a hard fought battle with Melanoma. He was born on September 12, 1951 in Highland Park, MI to Ralph and Jean King. He grew up playing sports - baseball, football, swimming, and track and field. He also pursued flying; but that was once, off the garage roof, with wooden wings. After that, he stuck with organized sports.

On January 6, 1973, Jim and Pat were married in Warren. The couple were longtime residents of Pleasant Ridge where they raised three boys, multiple dogs, cats, guinea pigs, birds, a few frogs, and a sea of fish amidst the jungle of houseplants Jim carefully cultivated.

For 41 years, Jim worked as a cable splicer and stubborn old goat for AT&T, before retiring in 2010. He took great pride in his work, his skill, and getting on management's last nerve.

Jim had a lifelong love of learning. He was a self-taught computer programmer, photographer, beer brewer, and historian of the American Civil War, Vietnam War, and both World Wars.

In retirement, Jim took up woodworking and spending long lazy afternoons reading on the front porch and talking with the neighbors. When the snow started to fall, and it was too cold to sit on the front porch, Jim went about shoveling all the neighbors' sidewalks just to show them he still had it.

Beloved husband of Patricia. Loving father of Steve (Paul), Matt (Marissa) and Brad. Proud grandfather of Joanna and Scarlett. Dear brother of Barb King. The family will receive friends Thursday, 2-7 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Melanoma Research Foundation, 1420 K Street NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20005 or Michigan Animal Rescue League, 1624 N. Perry St., Pontiac 48340 are appreciated. Share your memories at <http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com> .

Events

OCT **Memorial Gathering** 02:00PM - 07:00PM

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Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI, US, 48067

Comments



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Jim's passing .
He worked for me for several years at the Crooks Rd. Garage. He was a Great Telephone Man, always did a Great job.
He was well liked and respected by all his peers, as well as his Supervisors.
Rest in Peace Jim!

Dale Patenaude - December 08, 2021 at 09:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James King.



March 16, 2021 at 07:08 PM



“ I'm sorry for these memories coming so late, but I just heard of Jim's passing.
Jim and I worked together in Royal Oak from 1971 until 1973 and were friends until time and distance stepped in. We created so many memories together and those memories are some of the great ones of my life:

- o At the age of 20 he and I spent 7 days in Arizona traveling from Phoenix to Flagstaff
- o He and I used what in 1972 was considered “social media” to meet his life-time soulmate.
- o Played rec basketball, and softball together
- o He stood up at my wedding
- o We were Michigan Bell installers for three years terrorizing management and unsuspecting customers

I could go on. But to saying he was a friend was an understatement. He was one of my two best friends for my life.

Love you “Sky”
Gary D

Gary Delamielleure - February 25, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ We were blessed to have Jim and Pat King and their three sons as directly-across-the-street neighbors for almost forty years. Jim was a wonderful husband, father, and neighbor. We talked often. We cleaned snow off of our sidewalks and driveways together. (He shoveled; I used a snow-thrower; he was in a lot better shape than I.) I never heard Jim raise his voice or use a curse word. He was a great guy and will be missed. Pat, you and Jim were fortunate to have all those years together. Love, Mike, Liz, and the Poterala kids.

Michael Poterala - October 01, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. He was a good friend of the Ellis family and our block’s fun growing up.

Mike Ellis - September 30, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ I had the pleasure to be one of Jims partners when he first came into splicing, we worked together for a couple of years. With the crew we were on Jim made it a blast. Lost touch over the last few years but have never forgot him. He will be remembered at construction get togethers for years to come.

Jim Helegda - September 29, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James King.



September 28, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ What an amazing and generous man. We were so blessed to live across the street from Jim and Pat. Our hearts and prays are with Pat and the entire family. We will greatly miss his smile and helpful nature. He was always willing to help from carrying in a heavy table or taking down a fence. No job was too big for Jim. An amazing neighbor and human we will miss him greatly.
Love Kerry and Lee Curvey

Kerry Curvey - September 28, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James King.



September 28, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ Dear Pat, Steve, Matt, Brad and family,
Our sincerest condolences on the passing of Jim. He will be missed by all.
Love Connie, Gary and family

Connie Holling - September 28, 2020 at 11:02 AM



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



September 28, 2020 at 08:01 AM



“ I was one of those lucky neighbors to benefit from Jim's snow shoveling, and for many years lawn mowing & other various favors. He was a kind and generous man, I feel fortunate to have known. God bless you, Pat & all of the family. Margaret Callahan



Margaret Callahan - September 27, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ One of the world's sweetest people.
Love, Jack

John Schaefer - September 27, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ Jim. Thank you for being my brother

barbara king - September 27, 2020 at 01:42 PM