



James F. Nielsen

December 13, 1955 - April 12, 2021

James F. Nielsen, 65, of St. Clair Shores, MI passed away peacefully on April 12, 2021. Jim was born in Detroit on December 13, 1955 to the late Franklin and Margaret Nielsen (nee Adams).

Jim had a great childhood growing up in East Detroit, attending St. Angela's and continuing his Catholic education and graduating from Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods. Being raised with a total of 5 siblings, the importance of family was automatic to Jim. Without question, Jim was happiest when he was with the people he loved. He was a family man.

A self-described sports fanatic, Jim had talent for rattling off just about any NFL statistics known to man. He loved the outdoors, especially bird hunting and he was becoming quite the Gunsmoke enthusiast. His love of the outdoors made it easy for Jim to adore his dogs. Sadie, his German Wirehair Pointer and Tess his English Setter, stole his heart. He loved his dogs. Jim was employed at Lakeshore Community Schools in St. Clair Shores as a custodian.

To say Jim was proud of his son, Matthew, is a huge understatement. He was Matt's biggest fan, and Jim was so proud of the man his son had become. He would always tell people how proud he was of Matt's service in the Marines, but most importantly how kind, genuine, and driven his son was in life. They were father and son, but Jim always referred to Matt as his "Pal," and that will never change.

Jim is the longtime loving companion of, Lisa Francis. Beloved father of Matthew. Cherished brother of Debbie (Bill) Peppo, Denise (Bill) Kuhr, Kevin (Theresa) Nielsen, Shari (Larry) Marlinga. Dearest Grandpa Jim of Joey and Natalie. Jim is also survived by many other family, friends, and colleagues.

A memorial service to honor Jim's life will be held at a later date. Donations in Jim's name are suggested to Ducks Unlimited. Visit <http://www.ducks.org> to make a donation honoring Jim. Your donation will help us continue to conserve and protect threatened waterfowl habitat throughout North America.

The family is being served by Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors- Utica. Please share a memory at <http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com>

Comments



“ I could sit and talk to Jim for hours. He was always so welcoming to me and made sure that I felt comfortable in his home. His generosity and kindness did not go unnoticed. He treated me as though I was a child of his own. He would have dropped anything to be there for me in a time of need. His passing has been nothing short of shocking. He is sorely missed and greatly loved by so many. May he Rest In Peace

emily - April 19 at 03:09 PM



“ I remember Matt's dad when we were with our son's at Ringling College of Art and Design. A very kind person and easy to talk to. May he rest in peace

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“ Jim, my friend and my brother. You indeed were family to me. We met at the gym, played football together, lifted together, water skied, hunted and fished together. You not only will be missed greatly but you are missed right now as I write this. Jim, you were a dead eye shot with a gun better than I ever was, I remember you shooting deer at Bean Hill at long range and hitting them perfect whether the deer was standing or on the move, both with the rifle and the black powder. I always say muzzleloader, but I said black powder because that is what you always called it. After we met at the gym we later decided to workout with the free weights and other equipment you and Kev bought, so we worked out in your mom's basement. Many times I didn't have a babysitter because Cindy was working, so I would bring Nic over to your mom's and she would watch Nic while we worked out. You were also the speedster between you me and Kevin (of course I was the slowest), and we would time ourselves in the 40 and you were by far the fastest. Working out, playing football, and deer hunting with you guys were some of my fondest memories I will cherish for all my days. It breaks my heart that the last time we talked before you got sick you were telling me about how much you liked your new job and finally you actually got vacation and holiday pay for the first time in your career, plus you were looking forward to retirement in a few years. I am sure we will meet again someday Jim, you were a good man and I loved you like a brother. Rest in peace and my condolences to Lisa, Matt, Kevin, Denise and Sherrie, God Bless.

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



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