



## James Darwood Gotch

June 8, 1928 - May 1, 2025

James D. Gotch, a resident of Novi and formerly Clarkston, passed away on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at the age of 96. A son of James and Erma Gotch, he was born on June 8, 1928 in Plymouth, Michigan. James proudly served his country as a First Lieutenant in the Korean Police Action. On April 2, 1970, James exchanged vows with Louise Cutshall at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit. He made his career as a chartered life underwriter and regional manager for Chubb Corporation. A man of faith, James was an elder and trustee with the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak.

A Memorial Service for James will be held on Saturday, June 7, at 2:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, 529 Hendrie Boulevard.

Donations in James' memory may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or choice of the donor.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak  
529 Hendrie Boulevard  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall

SU

“ I was so saddened to hear of Jim’s passing. He was such a dear friend to my parents, and I always appreciated the warmth and loyalty he brought into their lives. He truly embodied the quiet strength and faithfulness described in his obituary. He had such a spark - kind, gracious, and genuinely interested in others. I will always remember his warm smile and the gentle way he carried himself. Sending love and peace to Louise. ~ Susan Gardiner Farah

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**susan** - February 20 at 02:43 PM

JV

“ Jim was an active member of the men’s chorus at Fox Run. That’s how I got to know Jim as the always upbeat, smiling friend that he was. He’s missed here at Fox Run! Safe ~ Home ~ Jim

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**jim Vandenberg** - June 07, 2025 at 08:03 AM

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“ Jim was a gentleman's gentleman. I never heard him offer a harsh word to anyone and was always able to help anyone he could. He was one of the last remaining King's Men Male Choir members that we had for many years at FPCRO and I feel very blessed to have known him. I would like to think that his buddy Francis was waiting for him and they are singing together again. Love to Louise.

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**LizSpry** - May 28, 2025 at 04:00 PM

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“ Jim was a very active, caring member of the Clarkston Area Optimist Club for many years. His smile, wit, many interesting stories, bowties and laughter were always welcome and entertaining. Rest in peace Jim. We all love you.

- Bruce Mercado

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**Bruce Mercado** - May 21, 2025 at 09:46 AM