



## James W. Hartline

December 13, 1926 - April 20, 2020

James William Hartline, age 93, of Royal Oak, passed away on April 20, 2020.

James grew up on a farm in Strasburg, OH that grew corn for cattle feed and his father worked as a carpenter and built the house he grew up in. He enlisted in the Navy during WW II but was turned down because of a crooked arm. He then went to college at Kent State. While still in college, he was drafted into the army, and served as a clerk in Germany. By the time he had arrived in Europe the war had ended, and he was able to witness the Nuremberg Trials while not on duty.

After being discharged from the army, he went back to Kent State and earned a bachelor's degree in business/accounting. His first job was at the local bank in his home town of Strasburg. He went on to work at General Motors in Cleveland, OH where he met his wife, Beverly. They moved to Bay Village OH and started a family. In 1971 he transferred to Detroit, MI to work for the Chevrolet Division of GM. He worked there until his retirement in 1992.

In his free time, James particularly enjoyed keeping track of his investments. He also really enjoyed genealogy, which was his big hobby for the past 30 years or so. He was a huge sports fan as well, and watched the Tigers, Lions, and Red Wings regularly. He enjoyed playing cards. Bridge was a favorite when he was younger, and Hearts during his later years.

After moving from his home in Sterling Heights to Waltonwood of Royal Oak in 2018, he enjoyed the activities there and made some good friends. Above all else though, he adored his family and loved listening to his grandchildren's stories. James was deeply loved by his family and will be dearly missed.

James was the beloved husband of the late Beverly. Loving father of Barbara Doppel, John Hartline, and Susan Dorsey. Dear grandfather of Michael, Emma, Stephen and Joshua.

Memorial Contributions to the Franklin Strasburg School District are appreciated.

A memorial service will be held once social distancing restrictions are lifted. Please check back for updates.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Barb and Family-I am so sorry to read of the passing of your Father.

*Prayers for all of you. - Maureen Kennedy*

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**Maureen Kennedy** - April 26, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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“ I want to pass on to the family of Jim my memory of him as the brother of one of his best friends Jerry Husmann (Jim was in my brother's wedding). We lived on a farm just up the road from the Hartline farm. Jim and Jerry went to school together at Strasburg High. I remember them running around together back in the early forties. Both were in the Army after high school. Both finished college after the service. Jim at Kent (my alma mater) and Jerry at Miami. Jerry passed November 25, 2009 in Columbus. He would've been 93 on May 1st. Jim stopped by my house in Dover a number of years ago and we had a chance to talk. I am glad that you put his obit in the paper here in Dover. I know that some people (I am in my eighties) will remember him. And, always remember that Jim and my brother were part of the greatest generation. My prayers are with you all. Michael Thomas-Moore, 116 Calico Drive, Dover, Ohio 44622

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**Michael Thomas-Moore** - April 24, 2020 at 11:37 AM