



James Edward Hewelt

December 25, 1964 - December 17, 2025

James Edward Hewelt, age 60, of Royal Oak, passed away on December 18, 2025.

James was born in Detroit on December 25, 1964 to Ronald and Angela Hewelt. He grew up in Royal Oak and graduated from Dondero High School. He continued his education at Siena Heights University for a couple years, but returned to Royal Oak, the community he would call home for most of his life.

James built his life around hard work and perseverance. He owned and operated his own business, Hewelt Moving & Storage, and worked for various companies in the moving and storage industry both before and after owning his business. When James ran his business, he worked fully-24/7 and 365 days a year isn't much of an exaggeration-demonstrating a level of dedication that defined his character.

Beyond his professional life, James achieved extraordinary personal accomplishments as a weightlifter who competed at World Weightlifting Championships. He also trained at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado, a reflection of his discipline and commitment to the sport.

James was a man known for his strength and tireless work ethic, but also for his generous heart. He didn't hesitate to help others, often giving whatever he

had to those in need. He truly would give the shirt off his back, and his business customers frequently benefited from this generosity through the many discounts and favors he routinely offered.

James will be remembered as the loving father of Elizabeth Hewelt and Greyson Hewelt. He was the dear brother of Mark Hewelt, Amy Brownstein, and the late Ronald Hewelt and step-brother of Justin Hewelt and Jordan Hewelt. He is further survived by his niece and nephews, and his former spouse, Mary Alice Hewelt.

A memorial visitation and service for James will be held at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 W 14 Mile Rd, Birmingham, MI 48009 on Saturday, December 27. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until the time of service, 11 a.m. Private inurnment will occur at Oakview Cemetery at a future date.

If you would like to make a memorial contribution in memory of James, please consider a contribution directed in support of his children.

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
2225 E. 14 Mile Road
Birmingham, MI 48009

Memorial Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences to Elizabeth and Greyson. I know you will miss your father for many years to come.*

To Mark and Amy, I am so sorry for the loss of yet another brother. Jim's passing was unexpected and extremely sad news. The whole Hewelt family is in my heart and prayers. Sorry I cannot be there to share in Jim's celebration of life. Love cousin, Chris

Chris McDonald - December 27, 2025 at 03:12 PM

RA

“ *Ralph A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Edward Hewelt.*

Ralph A. - December 25, 2025 at 07:48 PM

CS

“ *Chris Steele planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Edward Hewelt.*

Chris Steele - December 23, 2025 at 11:54 AM

CS

“ *Chris Steele purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Edward Hewelt.*



Chris Steele - December 23, 2025 at 11:54 AM

SS

“ Jimmy, as we knew him growing up on Forest Avenue, spent lots of time at our house with our son, Nick. He was always polite and smiling. During his weight lifting years, my husband built a dune buggy. One day, they were discussing something about it, and to get a better view underneath, Jimmy just picked it up! Then we knew why he was usually smiling! Nobody messed with Jim!

Sue Sartor - December 22, 2025 at 08:40 PM

KF

“ Kevin Ferhadson and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Edward Hewelt.



Kevin Ferhadson and family - December 22, 2025 at 05:40 PM