



James Bruce Hutchinson

February 28, 1933 - March 15, 2024

James Bruce Hutchinson, age 91, longtime resident of Royal Oak, passed away on March 15, 2024.

Beloved husband of Dorothy for 70 years (married in September 1953). Loving father of Nancy (Robert) Solnik, Linda (Nevada) Coakley, Julie (John) Atkinson, and the late Sharon (the late David) Wojciechowski. Proud grandfather of the late Baby Justin, Nevada, Ryan, Erin, James, Megan, Carley, Mary, Shelby, and Lance; and great-grandfather of Eleanor, Gabriella, Hudson, Amelia, Jack, Jude, Charlotte, Ford, and Baby Clark. Dear brother of Joan Patterson, Dolly Benner, Cindy Wathan, Mary Ann Luthy, the late David (Peggy) Hutchinson, the late Judy (Robert) Akridge, the late Jane (Richard) Fox, the late Betty (Richard) Baker, and the late Pam (Gary) Keuffer. Further survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jim was born in Cincinnati and grew up in Norwood, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and then returned to Ohio to begin his career with General Motors. While working full time at GM, he earned his bachelor's degree at what was then Chase College in Cincinnati. In the early 1960's, Jim and his family moved to the Detroit area as Jim's career with GM progressed. Again, while working full time at GM (and now helping raise four kids), Jim earned his MBA from Michigan State University. He would ultimately go on to enjoy a 40-year career as a finance executive with the company.

In his free time, Jim loved woodworking, bowling, and landscaping around his yard. In his earlier years with GM, he would travel extensively, with Dorothy sometimes joining him. Las Vegas was probably his favorite destination, but once he retired, Jim enjoyed mostly less stressful day trips around the Detroit area. That way he could be back home each night in his own bed. Jim was also a big football and basketball fan. His favorite teams were Michigan State for basketball and MSU, Alabama, and the Detroit Lions for football. Above all else, though, Jim adored his family. He loved volunteering at his grandkids' schools and spending quality time with those he loved most. He will be dearly missed.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, March 21, from 11 a.m. until time of service, 12 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Interment will follow at 1 p.m. at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.

For those wishing to make a contribution in Jim's memory, please consider either St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org/donate) or Michigan Humane (www.michiganhumane.org).

Share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

MAR 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Oakview Cemetery
1032 N. Main Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

AF

“ Greg and Annie Francuch donated to the Michigan Humane Society in memory of James Hutchinson

Annie Francuch - March 20, 2024 at 01:44 PM

DA

“ My prayers go out to the entire Hutchinson family. Jim was a wonderful man whom I had met in the 80's. I worked at a small coney/restaurant in Royal Oak. (Mikes Coney Island) Jim & Dot frequented the restaurant, often times, couple times a week. With the place being very small, seating only 40 people, it was not unusual to form friendships with customers. Well, we did, Jim would often bring his grandsons. Eventually, Linda, Nancy, Sharon, & families would meet for Sunday breakfast. It became an every weekend family visit. Jim was such a kind soul. A warm & loving man, who loved his family, Jim was very proud of his crew. I no longer worked at Mikes, as of 1995. Though, spending such a long time knowing Jim & Dot, often I would run into them out & about at stores. That brought me to stopping by & visiting in recent years. Nice chats, & great memories. Quiet, though quick witted, Jim was a kind & gentle human being. A proud family man, with a great Love for all. Rest in Peace, Jim. So lucky to have known you. 🙏

Diana Ardito - March 20, 2024 at 08:54 AM

JC

“ Jim, Mike, Bill and Marilyn Coakley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Bruce Hutchinson.

Jim, Mike, Bill and Marilyn Coakley - March 19, 2024 at 12:57 PM

JC

“ Jim, Mike, Bill and Marilyn Coakley purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of James Bruce Hutchinson.



Jim, Mike, Bill and Marilyn Coakley - March 19, 2024 at 12:57 PM

TF

“ The Thorpe family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James Bruce Hutchinson.



The Thorpe family - March 19, 2024 at 09:26 AM

ML

“ Mary Ann and Ken Luthy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Bruce Hutchinson.

Mary Ann and Ken Luthy - March 18, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Bruce Hutchinson.



March 18, 2024 at 01:18 PM