



James King

February 13, 1934 - March 13, 2021

James Paul King, 87, of Indian River, MI., died Saturday, March 13, 2021 in his home after a lengthy illness. Mr. King was born February 13, 1934, in Ferndale, Michigan to the late George William Sr. and Alice (Easton) King. He married Barbara Lee Gruner at St. James Catholic Church in Ferndale on July 8, 1961. James graduated from The Shrine High School in 1952, earned his Bachelor of Science from Central Michigan University in 1955 before entering the Armed Services in 1956. After he was discharged, he taught and coached in Yale, MI. He retired as an administrator from the Utica Community School system in 1994 after thirty-nine years in education. James attended St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Utica until 2008. After moving to Indian River, MI., James attended Cross in the Woods Catholic Shrine, served as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 7365 and was also a 4th Degree member. James was an avid sports fan, loved golfing, turkey hunting, and spending time with family.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; sons, David (Julie) of Sterling Hgts., Brian (Diane) of Macomb, George (Kelly) of East China; daughters, Susan George of Armada and Nancy Druia (Daniel) of Yale; sister Marcia Smith of Kalamazoo; grandsons, Kevin, Tyler, Jacob, and Gage; grand-daughters, Danielle, Carly, Kayla, Jessica, Riley, and Katie; great grandson Emmett; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial Visitation Thursday 4-8 pm and Friday 1pm until the time of

Memorial Service 7 pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. Utica. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Mayo Clinic of Rochester, MN. Please share a memory at SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Catholic Cemetery

1209 Krafft Rd
Port Huron, MI 48060

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Memorial Visitation

MAR 19. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of James King*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - March 19, 2021 at 04:06 PM

LH

“ *LEONARD HOULE lit a candle in memory of James King*



LEONARD HOULE - May 23, 2021 at 05:50 PM

LH

“ *We have great memories of Jim and Barbara down here in their second home in Citrus Hills, FL. They were very active in Our Lady of Grace Church and the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. Jim also attended our K of C meetings on occasion, and Barbara would enjoy our K of C bingo on occasion. He will be missed, but remembered. Our condolences to Barbara and the family. Len and Betty Houle - Beverly Hills, FL*

LEONARD HOULE - May 23, 2021 at 05:48 PM

CM

“ *When I think of Uncle Jim, I see a man who valued faith, family and friends. He lived his life in such a way, that it was so apparent that those were his values. As he left this life, he was surrounded by the same.*

My memories go way back to Ferndale before he was married. Snapshots and moments of those wonderful family times with all those we love. He is there now of that I am sure! Enjoy that party Uncle Jim, until we meet again.

Love, Christine

Christine M Moser - March 18, 2021 at 07:14 PM

JH

“ *Barb, My condolences to you and your family on the passing of Jim. I have scattered memories of you and the preschool program at St. Lawrence and also you babysitting for Joel. I think Nancy was about the same age. You were one of the people in my life that was a cheerful giver. I also think Jim worked with some of my sons in Utica's young boys' basketball program as a coach and my boys, Tom and Mike, played with George. Good times, good memories. God Speed to all the Kings.*

Janice Haines

Janice Haines - March 18, 2021 at 11:49 AM

EE

“ Great Uncle Jim! What can I say, you were always a favorite Uncle (and there are A LOT of Uncles). I remember sitting on your lap at Aunt Janet's and marveling at your bald head and fuzzy fur on the sides of your head. You were very patient and not insulted just amused and smiley. I remember church. I remember the "yake". I remember sea doos. I remember card games. I remember margaritas. I remember teaching. I remember your smile. Thank you for all the memories. Rest in peace.

Emily aka "sweet" em - March 17, 2021 at 07:57 PM

AS

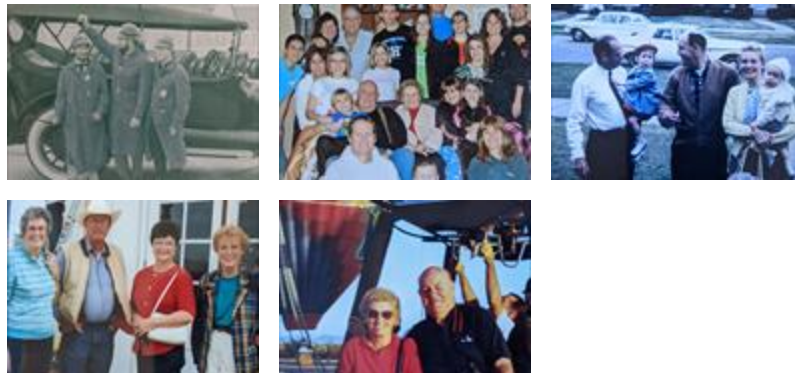
“ Alicia Singer lit a candle in memory of James King



Alicia Singer - March 17, 2021 at 02:45 PM

BK

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Brian King - March 16, 2021 at 10:52 PM

BL

“ *Betty Hellebuyck Lake lit a candle in memory of James King*



Betty Hellebuyck Lake - March 16, 2021 at 09:20 PM

BB

“ *Knights of Columbus - Resolution of Condolence:*

Council Number 7365, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Indian River, Michigan

In memory of Brother: James Paul King

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst our beloved Brother, who departed this life March 13, 2021; and

Whereas, by his death, our Council has sustained the loss of an exemplary Catholic gentleman and worthy Knight of Columbus; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that our departed Brother be remembered daily in a special Mass offered for the repose of the souls of all deceased Brother Knights at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order, in New Haven, Connecticut; be it further

Resolved, that while we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we mourn the loss of our Brother who has been taken from us, and be it further

Resolved, that this testimonial of condolence, duly signed and sealed, be offered to the family of our departed Brother Knight as an expression of our heartfelt sympathy.

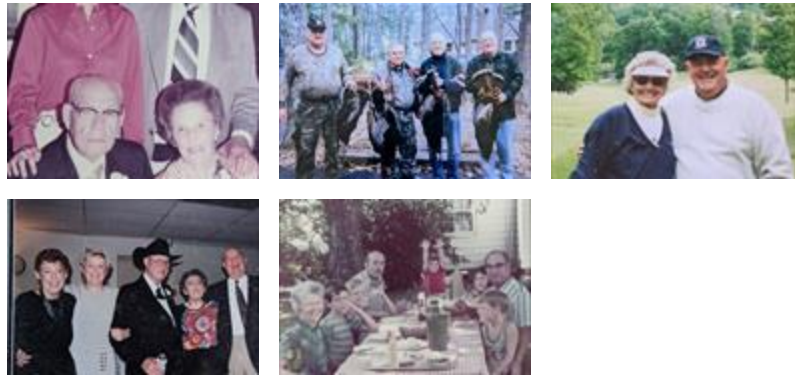
Respectfully,

*Gerald Burger
Grand Knight – Council 7365*

B. Burns - March 16, 2021 at 04:08 PM

BK

“ *Some of Dad's favorite photos.*



Brian King - March 16, 2021 at 03:02 PM

KD

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Kimberly DePew - March 16, 2021 at 02:34 PM

DN

“ *Susan, I am so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your dad left such a wonderful legacy in our community and school district. We could use more like him! He will be missed.*

Debra (Bornemeier) Northup - March 16, 2021 at 09:29 AM

CD

“ Jim was a very special person to me during my beginning years at Utica High School. Not only was he my mentor but always let me know that family comes first. He would always share stories about Barbara and his children. In addition to the classroom, he encouraged me to create tennis social mixers for the entire school district. What great memories. Rest In Peace Jim, now and forever.

Chris Dabrowski - March 15, 2021 at 10:52 PM

RR

“ Dear Nancy and family, my sincerest condolences in the passing of your father.



Rita Rentenback - March 15, 2021 at 09:57 PM

JN

“ Jim was a legend in UCS and we knew him both through church and the school system. He was a force for good in education, but a formidable negotiator when contracts were up. Barb and I taught preschool religion and had many pleasant memories of our food co-op adventures and many conversations. I taught with Nancy at Ike and always admired their whole family. Rest In Peace, Jim, now and forever. God's blessings to Barb and the whole family!
Much love, Jacqueline K. Noonan

Jacqueline K. Noonan - March 15, 2021 at 07:12 PM

JM

“ To the family,
My heart felt condolences go out to all of you. I was fortunate
enough to not only work with Jim, but to get to know his family as
well. He was a hard worker who always wanted what was best for
Utica schools.
He will be missed.

Joseph Miracola - March 15, 2021 at 03:26 PM

DB

“ Susan (& family), I very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing! Prayers
for all who loved him. May he Rest in Peace, Love from Diane

Diane Bond - March 15, 2021 at 03:16 PM

JA

Barb, the boys of UCS will be taking over the celestial Choir, singing "O
Danny Boy", & downing a green brew, like in the days at THE
SHAMROCK. Chelsie will do her best to keep them in-line. And may
God continue to hold them all in the palm of His hand.
Jo Ames

Jo Ames - March 15, 2021 at 09:38 PM

DS

Barb, Sue, Nancy and family, I dearest prayers are with you.
May God continue to watch over Jim and his beloved family.
God Bless.
The Seymours

D. Seymour - March 16, 2021 at 08:48 AM

GS

Rest in Peace.

Gail M. Schulte - March 16, 2021 at 12:50 PM

KD

*We admired and loved Uncle Jim. Never thought of him as our "step uncle". I will post a picture of Jim attending his brother George and Ilene's 25th anniversary mass.
All our love to you, Aunt Barb.
Dan and Kim DePew*

Kimberly DePew - March 16, 2021 at 02:35 PM

DB

*Barb and family, sorry for your loss ! My prayers and thoughts are with you. Jim was a good friend to me I remember his humor and smile.
Most sincerely, Dorothy*

Dorothy Busch - March 17, 2021 at 11:01 PM

CH

I thought of Uncle Jim often. He was my confirmation sponsor and I will miss him. When I got my driver's license he gave me a St. Christopher medal. It has been in every car car I owned.

Chuck Heberer - March 20, 2021 at 08:29 AM

BM

Our sympathy to the King Family. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Doug and Barbara McKay

Barbara McKay - March 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM