



James V. Olivier

August 10, 1950 - June 30, 2025

In Loving Memory of James Victor Olivier
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James Victor Olivier passed away peacefully and unexpectedly at his home on Monday, June 30, 2025, at the age of 74.

Born on August 10, 1950, in Detroit, Michigan, James was the eldest son of the late Sirio and Josephine (Sala) Olivier. He dedicated over 40 years of his life as a hardworking and proud grocery store employee, where he was known for his reliability, work ethic, and friendly spirit.

A lifelong and passionate bowler, James took to the lanes as a teenager and never looked back. Over the decades, he formed lasting friendships with teammates and earned the affectionate nickname "The Ratt." He found great joy not just in the game itself, but in the laughter, camaraderie, and community that came with it.

James also loved the simple pleasures in life - playing his favorite lottery games, sharing meals and stories at his favorite local diners, and spending time with the people he loved. He had a joyful soul and an unforgettable presence. His signature smile could light up any room, and his love of a good (or occasionally groan-worthy) dad joke was just part of his charm.

Above all, James cherished his family. He never missed a birthday, recital, play, or special moment in the lives of his children and grandchildren. Whether it was a quiet ride up north or a celebration at home, he showed his love through presence, laughter, and unwavering support.

James is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Janice (Ballard); his beloved sons James, Jeffery, and David (Jennifer Bednarczyk); and his treasured grandchildren Brianna, Zachary, and Katelyn. He is also survived by his loving siblings John (Claudia), Jayne, and Carol, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and dear friends who will miss him dearly.

James leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and loyalty. His warmth touched many, and his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

James will lie in state on Monday, July 7, 2025, from 10:00 am until time of Funeral Mass at 11:00 am at St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile Road. James will be laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan.

Donations in James' memory may be made to American Heart Association 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 americanheart.org, or to the American Lung Association 1475 E. 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071 www.alam.org.

Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Fabian Catholic Church
32200 W. 12 Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Burial

JUL 7. 12:30 PM (ET)

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
25800 W. 10 Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Tribute Wall

SK

“ Steve, Jenny, Kayli, Kara purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James V. Olivier.



Steve, Jenny, Kayli, Kara - July 06, 2025 at 10:39 PM

SK

“ Steve, Jenny, Kayli, Kara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James V. Olivier.

Steve, Jenny, Kayli, Kara - July 06, 2025 at 10:39 PM

LM

“ Love, Sherry and Gary Marconi purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James V. Olivier.



Love, Sherry and Gary Marconi - July 05, 2025 at 11:31 AM

LM

“ Love, Sherry and Gary Marconi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James V. Olivier.

Love, Sherry and Gary Marconi - July 05, 2025 at 11:31 AM

PB

“ Pam Barber purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of James V. Olivier.



Pam Barber - July 03, 2025 at 01:49 PM

PB

“ Pam Barber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James V. Olivier.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James V. Olivier.

July 02, 2025 at 02:26 PM

LR

“ Love diana and renee purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of James V. Olivier.



Love diana and renee - July 02, 2025 at 12:43 PM

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“ Love diana and renee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James V. Olivier.

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