



James Pappas

January 2, 1934 - August 16, 2021

James (Jim) Pappas, 87, of Troy, MI passed peacefully at his home on August 16, 2021. Son of the late John and Sophie (Maniates) Pappadopolous, Jim was born in Chicago, IL on January 2, 1934.

Jim was a graduate of Kelvyn Park High School, class of 1951 and later attended Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, CA, graduating in 1954. He also served as a Specialist Third Class in the Army during the Korean War. From a young age, Jim was passionate about the automobile and enjoyed a 45-year career designing cars for Lincoln, before moving to American Motors Corporation as Manager of Interior Design, and ultimately Chrysler.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Connie (Ford); his daughter and son-in-law, Cristina (Pete) Stackpoole; son, Matthew Pappas; grandson, Henry Stackpoole; sister-in-law, Gale (Dennis) Ford; nieces, Tracey and Andrea Ford; and cousins, Jim and Dean Stellas.

The family invites friends and loved ones to join them for an Open House in celebration of Jim's life on Sunday, August 29th from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Atelier Art Studio located at 407 E 4th St., Royal Oak, MI 48067.

In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that those who wish to further honor the memory of Jim Pappas may do so by making a contribution to:

Art Center College of Design
In Loving Memory of Jim Pappas
1700 Lida Street
Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 396-2200

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **29**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Atelier Art Studio
407 E. 4th Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

WC

“ Jim was a great conversation every day when I started Chrysler back in 1996 as a young designer. He always greeted me with a smile and sage advice. He made an impression on me then that I value to this day. Godspeed and prayers for you.

William Chergosky

William Chergosky - August 24, 2021 at 08:09 AM

CS

“ Cathy Stieber lit a candle in memory of James Pappas

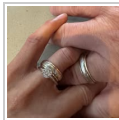


cathy stieber - August 19, 2021 at 10:16 PM

CS

Just wanted to say how sorry I am - (((((((hugs))))))))

cathy stieber - August 19, 2021 at 10:17 PM



Cristina, I am sorry to hear about your father. I wish you and your family peace.

Ted Jurkiewicz - August 21, 2021 at 01:32 PM

KT

My condolences to the family. I worked a little bit with Jim and always enjoyed the times and laughs. Plus, seeing him at the car shows. Very sad to hear of his passing. 🙏

Kevin Travis - August 23, 2021 at 10:20 AM

LC

I am sorry for your loss. He was a good person to work with for many years. From American Motors to Chrysler. His smile was always there no matter how the day went.

Larry Cowsert

Larry Cowsert - August 23, 2021 at 11:55 AM

EP

We were shocked to hear the news of Jim's passing. He was certainly a welcome addition to our studio at Chrysler. With both his design and superb organizational skills, he helped anchor our group for many years. Over time, my wife and I met the social side of Jim & Connie. We enjoyed many memorable outings, holidays and special events together.

The "Kadillac Kid" will be missed.

Ed Pinardi

Josette Riopelle

Ed Pinardi - August 24, 2021 at 10:28 AM



Brian and I were honoured and privileged to have known Jim. He was a sweet and funny man with a huge talent. We will keep Connie and his family in our prayers.

Brian and Wendy Moyer (PA Gremlins)

Wendy Hendricks Moyer - August 27, 2021 at 03:53 PM