



James H. Prough

February 13, 1932 - November 27, 2020

James Henry Prough, 88, of Shelby Township, November 27, 2020. James was a speech and language pathologist with Utica Community Schools for 30 years and served as a Utica councilman for 16 years. James was also Vice President of the Utica Education Association and a member of both the Utica Lions Club and Knights of Columbus. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War and belonged to the American Legion here at home. Beloved husband of Jean (née Weller). Loving father of Timothy (Janet), Dennis (Deanna), Lawrence (Anne), Richard, Kathleen and Robert (Denise). Proud grandfather of Samantha, Daniel, Beth, Danielle, Mary, Jake, and Josh; and great-grandfather of Caleb, Aaron, and Cloe. A memorial Mass will be held 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15th at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Road, Utica. Family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until time of Memorial Mass. Share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Instate Memorial Visitation at Church

JUN **15**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Road
Utica, MI 48317

Memorial Mass

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PJ

“ To my dear big brother Jim:
My heart-felt memory of our first face-to-face meeting with all the individuals of the Department of Special Education of the Utica Special Services Department was your great meaningful handshake, accompanied by actual “human-contact-with-relatives” on special family events (i.e., family reunions, Christmas, baptisms, promotions, sending brothers off to their armed services deployment, etc.). He assured me that I could call on him anytime I needed some help or approach in dealing with various personnel in the district. He also assured me that I was welcome in his house to spend time with his family to enjoy Jean’s home-cooked meals, rather than school cafeteria meals, restaurant meals, etc. I also received “private individual speech sessions” to correct my pronunciation of words, warn me on the use of slang words, diction, etc.

James Henry Prough was a great gift to all of us! May the good Lord bless and grant you eternal peace!!

Brother Placido U. Ausejo, Jr.

Placido U. Ausejo, Jr. - June 19, 2021 at 03:40 PM

AR

“ Our deepest condolences to Jean, Kathleen, and all of the Prough family. We have had the privilege of working with Kathleen here in Indiana for many years. We have no doubt that Jim was very proud of his daughter's accomplishments, as she has been a great coworker and valued apiary expert in Indiana. May peace and memories of good times be plentiful this week.

The staff of the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources, Div. of Entomology and Plant Pathology

Angela Rust - June 14, 2021 at 11:37 AM

HC

“ What a wonderful human being. Endlessly kind, lots of fun and a dedicated educator and public figure. His impact on the UCS community and the City of Utica are incalculable. Rest well, Jim. You'll be missed.

Hildy Corbett - June 09, 2021 at 06:21 PM

BC

“ Jim was one of the main people responsible for getting many of us from Utica Schools to go to Gulf Shores Alabama at Easter time. When hurricane Frederick devastated Gulf Shores in the late 70's, Jim was the leader of a group from Utica that collected food and supplies that were trucked to the area. When you arrived at Gulf Shores at Easter time, you were greeted with a sign that read UTICA CITY LIMITS. I'm sure that Jim being a Utica city councilman had something to do with this. Jim was good man and he will be remembered and missed by many.

Barry and Karen Cousino

Barry & Karen Cousino - December 09, 2020 at 11:46 AM

JK

“ Our deepest condolences to Jean and the whole family. One of a kind - that was Jim. I first met him for real when we were both elected to the Utica City Council in 1981 and that began a four decade wonderful ride for Jerry as well with a great man and his phenomenal wife and kids. We knew Jean as a teacher of our kids at Flickinger, but with membership in the Utica Lions, Utica Parks and Rec and hundreds of outings, events, and activities , including SpringBreaks for 33 years straight in Gulf Shores, AL, our life was enriched beyond measure by knowing Jim and Jean. He modeled his love of humanity every day and put it into practice in his speech pathology helping youngsters for UCS, his union/political activism, charitable work and devotion to his God! If you met Jim, you never forgot him. What a gift he was to all of us. God bless you! Peace to Jean, the kids and those who remain who loved you, Jim!

jknoonan - December 07, 2020 at 05:21 PM

JH

“ To Jean and the Kids even though they are not kids anymore, we extend our sincerest condolences. We went through stages of life with you all, visited with you in Shelby when the family was growing and then our paths diverged and we didn't see you again until we visited at your place on the lake. You have been in our thoughts as the time has gone by. we always enjoyed seeing you and talking with you. May the Lord grant you comfort and peace.
Jim and Nancy Haralson

James & Nancy Haralson - December 06, 2020 at 02:56 PM

KK

“ My friend of many, many years. First through our Lions Club, then your introduction to us of our beloved Gulf Shores! The years have flown by much faster than they should have but our friendship has endured so many years. Bryan remembers how you always shook his hand but you two squeezed hands until someone gave up. He was always amazed at how many times you won! We will miss you so very much. Our Lions Club or our wonderful Gulf Shores will not be the same for us! Love you Jim.

Lion Karen and Lion Bryan

karen and bryan Kemp - December 06, 2020 at 01:27 PM

JM

“ I was fortunate enough to know Jim both personally and professionally. He was the heart and soul of the UEA. And as a friend, there were none better. Thank you for sharing your expertise, friendship, and family, with all of us.

Joseph Miracola - December 06, 2020 at 08:53 AM

TM

“ Jim was a very special guy. He was very supportive of students, teachers, and his community. I remember going to Gulf Shores and seeing him coming down from the sky attached to a skydiver. Perfect landing! As usual he had his patented big smile on his face. If you met him once he really was your friend for life. 🙏

Tom McMillan - December 04, 2020 at 07:17 PM



I as there too! I'll never forget him!

Sylvia Zawierucha - June 10, 2021 at 09:16 AM