



James "Jim" Edward Scarpance

May 28, 1938 - April 18, 2024

James "Jim" Edward Scarpance, age 85, of Shelby Township, MI passed away Thursday, April 18, 2024, at his home, with his family by his side. Jim was born in Detroit to John and Rose Scarpance on May 28, 1938. He grew up with his parents and sister, Carole, born 1942. Jim graduated from Southeastern High School where he played basketball and baseball. After high school he enlisted in the army and served two years in Oklahoma and Germany as a radio operator. After being honorably discharged from the army, he attended Wayne State University where he met the love of his life, Jane, during their freshman year. In 1961 he transferred to Michigan Technological University. He and Jane were married September 7, 1962 and she joined him at Michigan Tech right after the wedding. April 1963, two months before Jim was to graduate in Geological Engineering, Jim was diagnosed with Hodgkins Disease. They immediately moved to Detroit for treatment where Jim was given 10 years to live. In September 1963 he finished his treatment, transferred back to Wayne State and earned a teaching certificate, bachelors and masters degrees and lastly a specialist degree from Michigan State University. Jim taught science for three years at Butcher Jr. High, then spent the rest of his career as a Science Consultant in the Warren Consolidated Schools until he retired in 2000. Jim was always thankful for the long life he lived, the family he and Jane raised and their four granddaughters and one great granddaughter. When their three kids were young, he enjoyed taking the family camping, hiking and fishing and coaching his sons' baseball teams. Jim and Jane continued to travel, attend Detroit sporting events, musicals and plays after the kids were grown. As a lover of nature, Jim spent hours each year tending to his garden and the wildlife it attracted. Jim is survived by his wife of 61 years Jane; son James (Renee); daughter Jennifer Carlson (Brian); granddaughters Jenna, Sydney, Elena, Marisa; great granddaughter Nevaeh. Preceded in death by son Jeffrey; sister Carole. Arrangements are entrusted to Wm. Sullivan & Sons Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd, Utica, MI 48317. The family will welcome visitors Wednesday, April 24, 2024, from 10am-2pm. Service at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society <http://www.lls.org>

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Jane and family, Sending hugs and prayers your way. So sorry to learn of Jim’s passing, he was such a kind and thoughtful man. Love, Carolyn Roberts (Nancy’s daughter-in-law) 🙏🌹🙏

Carolyn Roberts - April 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM

TW

“ Tom and Sandy Weimert purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of James "Jim" Edward Scarpace.



Tom and Sandy Weimert - April 24, 2024 at 09:27 AM

TW

“ Tom and Sandy Weimert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Edward Scarpace.

Tom and Sandy Weimert - April 24, 2024 at 09:27 AM

DR

“ Jane, James, Jennifer and grandchildren. Sad to hear of Jims passing. Our paths didn't cross often enough, since we lived so far apart, but when they did it was really a joy to set around and catch up on the lives of our cousins from Michigan! My thoughts are with you all and I pray for Gods comfort in the weeks and months ahead. Denny Roberts, Owensboro, KY.

Denny Roberts - April 23, 2024 at 06:58 PM

VF

“ Vincent &Roberta Fisher purchased the Love's Journey for the family of James "Jim" Edward Scarpace.



Vincent &Roberta Fisher - April 23, 2024 at 04:50 PM

VF

“ Vincent &Roberta Fisher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Edward Scarpace.

Vincent &Roberta Fisher - April 23, 2024 at 04:50 PM

DF

“ Don Carlson and the Geske Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of James "Jim" Edward Scarpace.



Don Carlson and the Geske Family - April 22, 2024 at 08:12 PM

LK

“ Learish Leduc Baer Albecht Karzfey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" Edward Scarpace.



Learish Leduc Baer Albecht Karzfey - April 20, 2024 at 03:43 PM

TC

“ Tim & Lisa Frantz & Bruce & Lisa Coleman purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Edward Scarpace.



Tim & Lisa Frantz & Bruce & Lisa Coleman - April 20, 2024 at 02:30 PM

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“ Tim & Lisa Frantz & Bruce & Lisa Coleman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Edward Scarpace.

Tim & Lisa Frantz & Bruce & Lisa Coleman - April 20, 2024 at 02:30 PM