



## James Donald Schell

September 18, 1939 - October 24, 2020

James Donald Schell, age 81, of Royal Oak, passed away on October 24, 2020.

Beloved husband of the late Dianne. Loving father of Jim (Chrys) Schell, Don Schell, Chris Schell, Paul (Pennie) Schell, Milissa Schell, and Katie Schell, and step-father of Eric Peterson. Proud grandfather of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Pat (Jim) Geroux. Also survived by his beloved pets, Kasper and Rachel.

James enjoyed a long, 30-year career with Chrysler. He was a hard worker, and he always made sure that he provided well for his family. In his spare time, James enjoyed fishing, camping, woodworking, and tinkering with cars, as well as around the home. During past years he also loved traveling with his wife, Dianne, especially to Clearwater, FL.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, October 27, from 10:30 a.m. until time of service, 1:00 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Please note that attendees in the visitation room, and for the service, will be limited at any single time. Interment will follow at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI.

Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association are appreciated.

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# Cemetery Details

## White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 27. 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home

## Funeral Service

OCT 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Burial

OCT 27. 2:45 PM (ET)

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery  
621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098



# Tribute Wall



“ *Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of James Donald Schell.* ”



October 27, 2020 at 07:52 AM



“ *The Fannon Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Donald Schell.* ”



**The Fannon Family** - October 26, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ *Connie Chiu sent a virtual gift in memory of James Donald Schell* ”



**Connie Chiu** - October 26, 2020 at 03:25 PM

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“ Fall, 1991 was the year we met Uncle James Donald Schell when we were brand new immigrants. We were at first skeptical and suspicious of all our American neighbors. However, Uncle Jim changed all that. No judgment just pure kindness. Our first very cold Michigan winter when I was very pregnant with my first child, he took it upon himself to keep my driveway always shoveled. He somehow knew my husband was overseas somewhere and I needed help. Never, once did he expected anything in return. Over the years, we grew very close and I even ended up being the God Mother of his little girl Katie Schell. We were almost in Heaven when we enjoyed each other's company before we had to move away. We treasure all the full “FIVE” years our families spent time together. Uncle Jim, you were our first American Family that we loved and trusted. So long!!! Till we meet again. You will be in our Chiu's heart forever!!! ❤️



Connie Chiu - October 26, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Donald Schell.



October 26, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ *Connie Chiu lit a candle in memory of James Donald Schell* ”



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**Connie Chiu** - October 26, 2020 at 02:36 PM