



James R. Skelcy

October 27, 1934 - January 8, 2019

James R. Skelcy, age 84, passed away on January 8, 2019. Beloved husband of Patricia (nee Mahar). Loving father of Donna Skelcy, Mark (Deanna) Skelcy, Brian (Tammy) Skelcy and the late James Skelcy. Dear father-in-law of Linda. Proud grandfather of Jacob (Lindsey Vanderhoff), Julia, Allison, Caitlyn, Shane, Taylor, Connor, Tony and Zach. James was a 3rd generation member of the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association and was active in local 514. He also loved playing golf. Visitation will take place at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke), Utica on Thursday (January 10th) from 2 pm-8 pm. Funeral Mass will take place at St. Anastasia Catholic Church 4571 John R. Road, Troy. He will lie in state at 9 am until the time of Mass at 9:30 am. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Family requests donations to American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Christian Memorial Cemetery

521 E. Hamlin Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Rosary

JAN 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
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Funeral Mass

JAN 11. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Anastasia Catholic Church
4571 John R. Road
Troy, MI 48085

Tribute Wall



“ When I was in high school Mr Skelcy frequently came in to the neighborhood drugstore, where I worked and his son Jim worked there also. He was always friendly and would chat. I remember him fondly. God bless him and the family <3 Margaret Preston

Margaret Preston - January 10, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James R. Skelcy.



January 10, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ Many people dread spending time with their in laws. Not me, I always looked forward to spending time with Jim and Pat (Mom and Dad). They were all about family. I have so many happy memories of holidays at their home. Endless tins of cookies, Merry makers (sugar cookies), fudge and pies not only to eat then but also to take home. Mom makes the best apple pie on earth and I know Dad helped her with all of the apples!
I remember being nervous to tell them about Shane coming 15 months after the twins, Dad was overjoyed and told us not to worry, everything will work out. And it did. He played an integral role in helping us raise Allison, Caitlyn and Shane and I will always be grateful for that.

Deanna Skelcy - January 09, 2019 at 05:39 PM

LS

I've been thinking about Dad Jim and all his funny, charming ways the past two days. When His son Jim and I were dating we traveled to Michigan so I could meet the family for the first time (talk about being nervous!) Dad Jim pulled me aside and me what my intentions towards his son were! LOL.. I had to assure him I wouldn't break his son's heart! So many great memories of Christmases (you're right about the apple pies) and summer vacations in Michigan. God Speed to a lovely man and blessings to all the Michigan Skelcy's!

Linda Kelhart Skelcy - January 10, 2019 at 10:59 AM

DD

I haven't got to know Uncle Jim a whole bunch but a few years ago I was able to use social media and visit him. It was a great opportunity and I was thankful to connect. He was a great man and I am sorry for your loss. Family is forever.

Denise Dastrup - January 10, 2019 at 09:43 PM

MS

"Do your best, don't just try your best", was what my father believed. Everyone liked Dad, he looked you in the eye when talking, firm handshake, and a great smile. I will miss him deeply. Thanks to everyone who stopped by, sent cards, or expressed their concern.

Mark Skelcy - January 13, 2019 at 09:55 PM