



Dr. James Zito

July 7, 1947 - May 27, 2023

Dr. James (Jim) George Zito, age 75, of Royal Oak, MI, (previously of Okemos, MI), passed away on May 27, 2023. Beloved husband of the late Paula Geraci Zito and stepfather of Kate Donlon. Dear brother of Mary Ann Zito and brother-in-law to Eileen (Dennis) Petersen, Ruth Geraci, Joe Geraci, and Jane Geraci. Preceded in death by his parents, George and Joan Zito.

Jim graduated from the University of Detroit Jesuit Prep in 1965, where he received All Catholic Honors in football. A multi-faceted athlete, he was also recognized for his skills in baseball. He received his Bachelor of Science (B.S.) from the University of Michigan in 1969. Furthermore, he received his Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1973 and then completed both his residency and fellowship at Wayne State University Medical School. He was board certified by the American Board of Surgery.

A dedicated, deeply caring vascular surgeon, Jim was highly respected for his expertise during his decades-long career at Ingham Regional Medical Center and McLaren Greater Lansing hospitals. In 2016, he received McLaren's Legacy Award for his long-term commitment to caring for patients at McLaren Greater Lansing.

Jim was a passionate MSU Spartan fan and held season tickets to football

and basketball games, as well as season tickets to the Wharton Center for Performing Arts in East Lansing. He also held a special bond with the family's golden retriever, who brought him much joy and companionship.

Memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, June 17, from 10 a.m. until time of service, 11 a.m., at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Capuchins or to the Michigan Humane Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Memorial Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Dr. James Zito.*



June 15, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. James Zito.

June 14, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. James Zito.*



June 10, 2023 at 06:33 AM



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