



James "Jim" R. Drake

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DRAKE, James "Jim" R., age 73, of Harveysburg, passed away Saturday, February 22, 2025, at Kettering Health Miamisburg.

Jim graduated from Clinton Massie High School, class of '72. He retired from the City of Centerville Public Works after 20 years of service. Faith was very important to him. He was a member of both St. Augustine Catholic Church in Waynesville and St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Wilmington.

Simple and quiet, Jim loved the great outdoors. He had a passion for fishing and hunting, and had a special affinity for hunting pheasant and quail with his brothers, son, and grandson. Jim even trained two German Shorthaired Pointers, Buddy and Laddy, to join him in the fields pointing and flushing upland birds. On occasion, he even contributed a pheasant or two to the family Thanksgiving dinner.

Every summer, he looked forward to tending a large garden full of tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and green onions. Later in life, he found great joy in riding a bicycle, and in 2020 received his first brand-new bike. He rode his bike all over Harveysburg, often riding five to six miles a day.

With a genuine spirit, what you saw is what you got with Jim. He was extremely family-oriented, adored his wife, and loved his kids and grandkids. He would do anything for them. When his kids were young, they had a tradition of going camping using tents or a pop-up camper. As his kids grew up and had their own children, Jim would read *The Night Before Christmas* to the grandchildren every Christmas Eve. Each holiday was a chance to spend time together as a family. Jim will be remembered for the pride and love he had for his family, and how important they were to him.



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He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Mary Ann Drake, and three brothers, Bob Drake, Dave (Sandy) Drake, and Tom Drake. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 49 years, Donna; one son, Matt (Lindsay) Drake; two daughters, Amanda Harrison and April Cross; five grandchildren, Connor, Jacob, Lauren, Christian, and Garrett; four brothers, Steve Drake, Dan (Cindy) Drake, Patrick (Bonnie) Drake, and Tim (Jennifer) Drake; three sisters, Julie (Kenny) Watkins, Rebecca (John) Lephart, and Annie Romohr; and two sisters-in-law, Brenda Drake and Debby Drake.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 am Thursday, February 27, 2025 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Waynesville. Father Tom Mannebach will be officiating. Burial will be at New Burlington Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 pm to 8 pm on Wednesday, February 26 at Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home in Waynesville. If desired, contributions may be made to Ohio Valley Hospice of Beavercreek. Condolences are at www.stubbsconner.com.






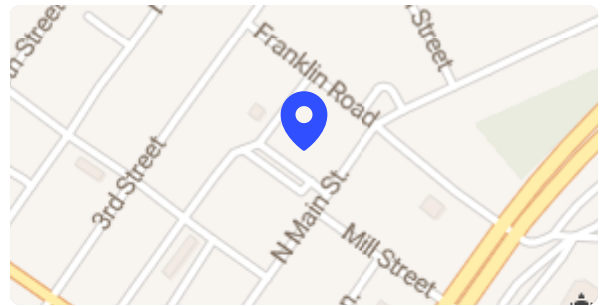
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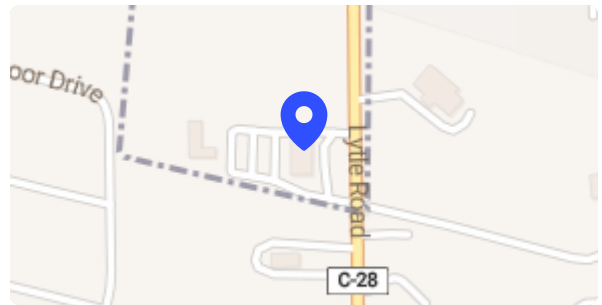
The Family Will Receive Friends

-  **Wednesday**, February 26, 2025
-  6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home**
185 N Main Street, Waynesville OH 45068



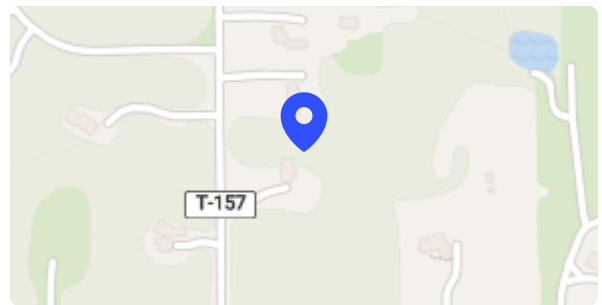
Mass of Christian Burial

-  **Thursday**, February 27, 2025
-  11:00 AM ET
-  **St. Augustine Catholic Church**
5715 Lytle Rd., Waynesville Oh



Cemetery Details

-  **New Burlington Cemetery**
Chester Twp OH





Tribute Wall

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Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home shared a **Video**.

February 27 at 5:10 AM



Waynesville Community Church lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".

Care Team Waynesville Community Church

March 18 at 11:59 AM



Amanda Feltner posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for the family.

February 26 at 12:17 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Drake family.

February 26 at 8:14 AM



Your Bbch Family sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Drake family.

February 25 at 6:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Drake family.

February 25 at 3:17 PM





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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James "Jim".

February 25 at 3:17 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Drake family.

February 25 at 4:16 AM



Kim Reisinger posted:

Donna; I am so sorry for your loss. I know how close you and Jim were. You and your family are in my prayers.

February 24 at 6:53 AM



Kim Reisinger lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".

February 24 at 6:52 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Drake family.

February 24 at 6:50 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James "Jim".

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HV

Howard Volz lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".



February 24 at 5:00 AM

AR

Annie Drake-Romohr posted:

Jim is my number 4 oldest brother. He had the biggest, softest heart and the best sense of humor. As I write this I can see him laughing. That is how I will remember him and will forever miss him. Rest in Peace Jim.

February 23 at 8:22 PM

AK

Aaron Kasson posted:

From 1984 to 1995, I grew up in Harveysburg and my best friend was Jim's son, Matt. Through him, I was blessed to get to know how good of a man Jim truly was. He set an amazing example for me growing up of what defines a good man, and those lessons have played a tremendous part in making me who I am today. My heart goes out to the entire family, his friends and loved ones during this difficult time. The world lost a great man, but heaven gained an incredible angel.

February 23 at 6:43 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James "Jim" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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