



# James H. "Jim" Rourke

NOV 28, 1948 - NOV 25, 2015



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James H. "Jim" Rourke, age 66, of Algonac, formerly of St. Clair, died November 25, 2015. He was born November 28, 1948 to Richard J. and Kathleen A. (Denomy) Rourke in St. Clair.

Jim graduated from St. Clair High School in 1966 and later graduated from St. Clair County Community College and the University of Michigan. He is a Vietnam veteran serving with the U.S. Navy from 1966 to 1970. Jim married Cynthia A. Sass on July 2, 1977.

Jim retired from Mueller Industries in 2013 after 37 years. He began with Mueller Brass in 1976 as a sales trainee and retired as President of Mueller Industries, Inc., Industrial Products Division. During his career he was involved with several civic and industry organizations including the United Way of St. Clair County, twice serving as Campaign Chair, Port Huron Hospital Board and Copper and Brass Fabricators Council, Inc. Jim was an avid U of M sports fan and enjoyed fishing on Lake St. Clair with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Cindy, son, Patrick, mother, Kathleen Rourke, sisters and brothers; JoAnn (Steve) Lewis, Jayne (Martin) Chouinard, Timothy Rourke, Elaine (Michael) Miller, Carolyn Rourke and Robert (Cathy) Rourke. Sisters in law and brothers in law; Karen (Dave) Klink, Sandra (Gary) Meyer, Douglas (Chris) Sass and Julie Sass. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard "Hap" Rourke and brother, Daniel. Funeral Mass will be Monday November 30th at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clair. Visiting hours are Saturday 3 to 8 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 8 p.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. and Monday 10 to 11 a.m. at church prior to mass. In lieu of flowers please make memorials to United Way of St. Clair County, McLaren Port Huron Hospital Foundation or Blue Water Hospice Home. To leave a message of comfort please visit [www.youngfuneralservices.com](http://www.youngfuneralservices.com)



# Events

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## Visitation

**Saturday**, November 28, 2015

3:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, Inc.**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI 48054

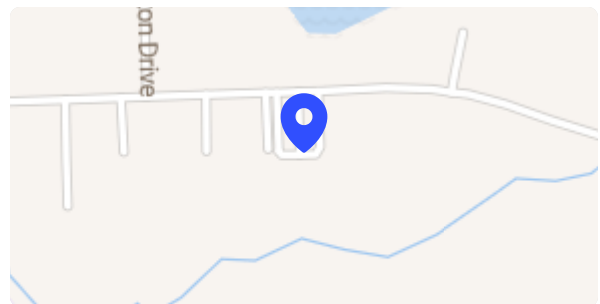


## Visitation

**Sunday**, November 29, 2015

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, Inc.**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI 48054

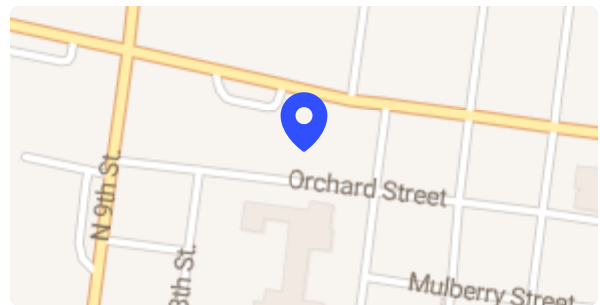


## Funeral Mass

**Monday**, November 30, 2015

11:00 AM ET

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
415 N Sixth, St.Clair MI



## Cemetery Details

Cremation



## Tribute Wall

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DD

**David Denomy** posted:

My fondest memory of Jim was in the basement of his parents home. My dad (Uncle Donald) and mom drove us from Massachusetts to visit during Thanksgiving, I was probably 7 or 8. He had just come back from hunting squirrel and was dressing it in the basement. I just remember him treating it like it was nothing, I had never seen anyone eat a squirrel before and I was probably traumatized seeing the little squirrel in pieces. That Thanksgiving will always play in my head, the house was full of people, good cheer, and wonderful memories.

December 9 at 1:08 PM

JD

**John O'donnell** posted:

We fondly remember our former member, Jim Rourke, and wish his family warmth with his memory. The members of the St Clair Golf Club

December 9 at 7:00 AM

JO

**Joe Oconnor** posted:

Cindy, our hearts are saddened by your loss. When you and Jim were in Chicago for our company's 75th anniversary Jim was talking to my wife Debbie about lovely small hotels in Venice. She took Jim's suggestion and booked a nice little hotel. Only Jim could come up with a room in Venice, Italy on the spur of the moment. He was truly amazing. "May God hold him in the palm of his hand" Our warmest regards Joe and Debbie OConnor

December 2 at 1:21 PM

NW

**Nykia Wharton** posted:

I was deeply saddened to hear about Jim. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Nykia Wharton

December 1 at 6:22 AM

JF

**John France** posted:

I so sorry hear of Jim passing. He was Really great guy and He will be really missed John and Wendy France

November 30 at 4:42 PM



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SR

**Sharon Reuba** posted:

Dear Cindy,I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing and wanted to send sincere condolences. I always enjoyed working with Jim while he served on the Hospital Board. I would have wished him a much longer retirement. Take care. Both of you will be remembered in my prayers.Sincerely,Sharon Reuba

November 30 at 4:37 PM

BN

**Barb Nordness** posted:

As Jim's cousin I remember how much fun we had when he would come over to babysit. Years later I would run into him at the St. Clair Inn where I worked during college breaks and he always greeted me with a warm smile and a funny story. Jim touched the lives of all who knew him and he will truly be missed.Barb (Denomy) Nordness

November 30 at 8:43 AM

CA

**Carrie** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the Rourke family. "Thanks for supporting us!" Love, the Wayne State Women's Basketball Team

November 30 at 4:30 AM

JZ

**John Zacharias** posted:

Sending our thoughts and prayers to our family during this time. Love you all. John, Susan, Spencer, and Katelyn Zacharias

November 29 at 6:07 PM

RL

**Renee Liabraaten** posted:

Dear Cindy--We are wrapping you and your family in our prayers as you go through these difficult days. We will be with you in spirit at the funeral service tomorrow as you give thanks for Jim's life and commend him to God's care. May you feel God's nearness and comfort. With sympathy and love--Renee and Jer LiaBraaten

November 29 at 4:21 PM



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KY

**Kathie Yakes** posted:

My deepest sympathies go out to you, Patrick and the rest of your family. Such a devastating loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Kathie Yakes

November 29 at 8:31 AM

RJ

**Ryan Jorgensen** posted:

Jim was a great guy who really cared about and loved others regardless of how they looked or where they came from. He also was always there for anyone who needed him. He was a man of true character and had a quirky sense of humor :). If there is one quote that I would like to share about Jim's life it would be: Don't be sad that it's over but happy that it happened. I know that Jim is smiling down on us and wants us to continue his legacy. We will all see you one day again Jim and you continue to live in our hearts and minds.

November 29 at 5:25 AM

FM

**Friends At Brass Craft Mfg.** sent a Serene Retreat to the Rourke family.



November 28 at 10:57 AM

DF

**Don France** posted:

Our deepest sympathy's go out to Jim's family and the entire Rourke-family. What a great guy a warm smile and a hearty laugh. Warmest regards to all. Don and Patti France

November 28 at 9:26 AM

DC

**Darla(Fleury) Carmichael** posted:

Condolences to the family I went to school with him and has brother. He will be missed another Ángel to watch over the family...

November 28 at 7:49 AM



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JB

**Jim And Karolyn Berry** posted:

Cindy and Patrick, and the whole family, our deepest sympathies and condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time! So sorry for you loss. -Jim and Karolyn Berry

November 28 at 6:03 AM

BF

**Bill France** posted:

Our sincerest sympathies to Cindy, Patrick, Jim's Mom; Katy and all the Rourkes. I have know Jim all my life and shared countless good times and memories; Jim you will be sorely missed.Sincerely;Bill and Faye France

November 28 at 4:37 AM

JS

**Jill Speagle** posted:

Cindy our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. RIP JimRay & Jill Speagle

November 28 at 2:20 AM

JN

**John Nuske** posted:

Love and condolences from cousin John Nuske. Jim and I had a lot of happy memories and fun times that our mothers probably wouldn't think were that funny.

November 28 at 12:35 AM

JY

**Jim De Young** posted:

One of the truly best people that I have ever known. Being responsible for the brass purchased for Parker Hannifin, I had a lot of dealings with Jim and always found him to be fair and honest at all times. I always enjoyed the time we spent together, whether it would at a lunch, dinner or playing golf. He always made me laugh and I will never forget him.Jim De Young

November 27 at 5:49 PM



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**Keith Ziegler** posted:

So sad to hear of Jim's passing ,Great guy and always treated me kindly. Sincere condolences to Cynthia and the Rourke family.

November 27 at 5:49 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Rourke family.



November 27 at 4:22 PM



**Kathy Nicholson** posted:

Katie, Cynthia, Patrick and all the Rourke gang, I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. What a good guy. Thinking of all you,LoveKathy France-Nicholson

November 27 at 4:14 PM



**Gary Piper** lit a candle in honor of James.



November 27 at 3:15 PM

**GP** **Gary Piper** November 27 at 3:21 PM

I am sorry to hear that Jim passed away. I worked for Jim in the Forging Warehouse at Mueller Brass. One thing I will always remember about Jim was even though he was my boss he always treated me like a co-worker. When ever we had Anniversary Dinners Jim always asked me to give the prayer of blessing on the food. On one occasion he even let me and my wife to sit and eat as his table. WHAT A BLESSING HE WAS!



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Rourke family.



November 27 at 3:09 PM



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**Geri Gibson** posted:

My deepest condolence to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Geri Gibson

November 27 at 2:45 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Rourke family.



November 27 at 2:23 PM



**Claudia Flemingloss** posted:

I spent 12 schools years sharing life with Jim...8 at St. Mary and 4 at St. Clair High School. Years later we had fun sharing graduation at U/M for his Patrick and our daughter in law, Jenny. A fine man has passed into God's hands. Claudia Bedard Flemingloss

November 27 at 12:21 PM



**Bob Stommel** posted:

My deepest sympathy to Cindy, Patrick and the whole Rourke family. So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I have great childhood memories of Jim and his family, especially our senior year of football and camping on Stag Island. RIP Jim. Bob Stommel

November 27 at 11:31 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Rourke family.



November 27 at 8:47 AM



**Vartush Platzer** posted:

Cindy, Patrick, Jayne and Family, Our deepest condolences to you and your entire family. Very heartbreaking for all of you. Jim is in heaven partying with Danny with a smile on his face. May he RIP. Vartush & Bob Platzer

November 27 at 5:44 AM



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JF

**Jim France** posted:

My deepest condolences to all of you. So many great memories of my "extra" family in St. Clair. My thoughts are with you. Jim France

November 27 at 5:20 AM

BR

**Becky Root** posted:

Katie and JoAnne and Cindy and Pat and all of the Rourkes, I so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I have many fond childhood memories of growing up with Jim and Joanne in St. Clair. Katie, I am so sorry for your loss, you have suffered too many. Becky France Root

November 27 at 4:54 AM

LP

**Lee And Maggie Pickelhaupt** posted:

Love and prayers to Cindy and Patrick. Jim was the best boat captain ever. He also cooked a mean duck dinner. Peace be with you Jim.

November 27 at 4:15 AM

JB

**Jackie Berg** lit a candle in honor of James.

Cindy my thoughts and prayer's are with you and your family. RIP Jim. Jackie

November 27 at 3:43 AM



DD

**Diane Dmytryshyn** posted:

Cindy and Pat, Our heartfelt and sincere sympathy. Your family is one of our best memories from Trinity. Our prayers for you and your loved ones. So saddened by your loss. God's comfort. The Dmytryshyn's (Skip, Diane, Todd & Kyle)

November 27 at 1:48 AM

CH

**Chris** lit a candle in honor of James.

November 26 at 4:14 AM





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CH

**Chris** posted:

We are so saddened by your loss, our prayers are with the family during this time of sorrow. Love to you all. Chris & Trish Miller

November 26 at 4:13 AM

DK

**Debi Kruis** posted:

Jayne and Family...My deepest sympathies in the loss of your brother. May God help to keep you strong and guide you through this difficult time. Debi Rose Kruis Elliot Lake, ON, Canada

November 25 at 12:42 PM

CR

**Cindy Rourke** December 19 at 9:31 AM

Jerry, My sister-in-law saw your post a few days ago. Thank you for the kind words about Jim. I have shared them with our son, Pat, as we only knew of his Navy experiences from what he told us. He was proud of his military service and had mentioned a possible reunion of the people he was in the Navy with. He expressed interest in going but became ill and that took precedence. He would have enjoyed getting back in touch with you all. Thanks again. Cindy R

JJ

**Jerry Jones** October 6 at 11:34 AM

I was talking to my wife about the guys I served with in the navy today. Oct 6 2020. I first thought of Jim. We had not talked since Aug 1971 until sometime in 2014. I received an email out of the blue and was so glad to hear from Jim! He was the fellow everyone loved in VA65. A natural leader everyone looked up to. I had done a documentary on our Navy air group and sent Jim a copy. I told my wife all about him and she suggested I look him up again. That's when I found out about his passing 5 years ago. He was a wonderful guy and I'll never forget him. No surprise at his success in life and the wonderful family and friends he had around him.



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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