



James G. Clary

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Jim Clary, 78, husband, father and dear friend to all who knew him, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2018 at his home in St. Clair, Michigan, after a brief battle with cancer.

Jim was born in 1939 in Burlington, Iowa, and lived there until moving to Detroit and then Richmond, Michigan, where he graduated from high school in 1957 from St. Augustine Catholic school. He returned to Michigan to begin his professional career after retiring from the US Air Force as a staff sergeant.

He is survived by his beloved wife Ann, their children Pam Malane (Mike), Todd (Jane), James, Robin Slayton; grandchildren Jameston, Taylor, Travis, August, Alex, and Emma; great-grandchildren, Avorianna, Alani, Liam, many nieces and nephews, and his sister Rosemary.

He is preceded in death by his son Donald (2014), his parents Donald and Francis Clary, his sister Martha, and brothers Benjamin and Jerome.

His artistic talent was rivaled only by his curiosity and keen ability to excavate hidden gems and forgotten information overlooked by the casual explorer. His attention to detail blended seamlessly with his painting and became a distinguishing feature in a lifetime of art work adorning walls in private homes, places of business, and freighters plying the Great Lakes to this day.

Viewings will be held at Young Funeral Home, 4061 St. Clair Highway, on Saturday, April 7th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, and Sunday, April 8th from 2:00 to 8:00 pm with a Rosary at 7:00 pm. Funeral service will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ray Township on Monday, April 9th at 10:00 am. Burial service will be held Rosehill Cemetery in East China Township.

We will always carry his love, his smile, his eternally positive attitude, and his unwavering faith in God in our hearts. To leave a message of comfort please visit www.youngcolonial.com



Events

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Visitation

Saturday, April 7, 2018

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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

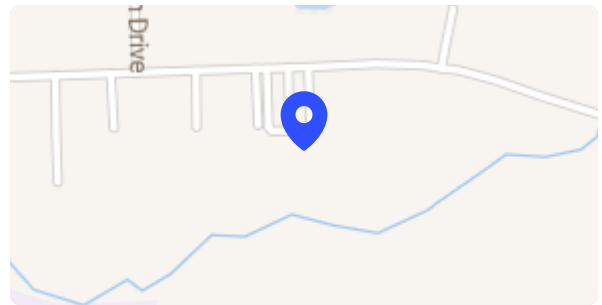


Visitation

Sunday, April 8, 2018

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI

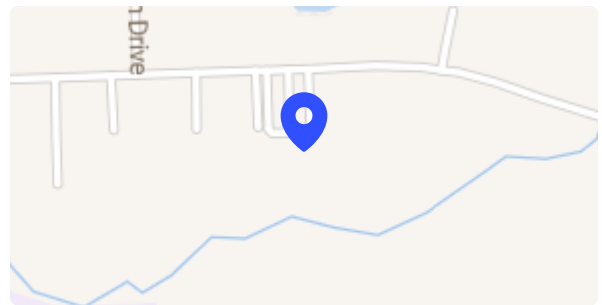


Rosary

Sunday, April 8, 2018

7:00 PM ET

Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home
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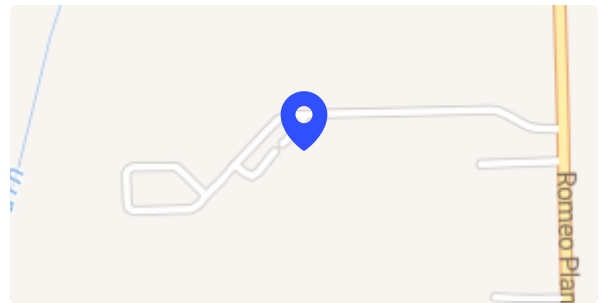


Funeral Mass

Monday, April 9, 2018

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

St. Josephs Catholic Church
57575 Romeo Plank, Ray Twp. MI





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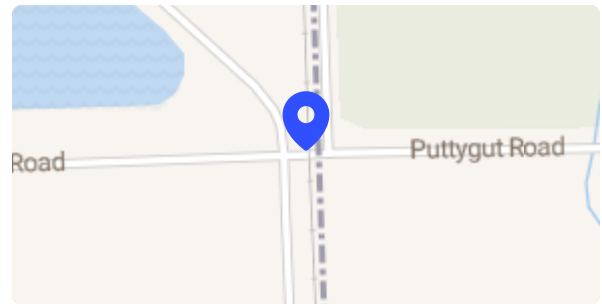
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Cemetery Details



Rosehill Cemetery

Puttygut Rd., East China Twp. MI 48054





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RB

Ronald Baluch posted:

Jim and I go way way back. I bought tons of his works and he allowed me to make his business cards, the distinctive dark blue ones with the embossed gold sailing ship and his dark blue folders he used for his print deliveries again with the huge gold embossed sailing ship on the front. We worked together so much and I still have a bunch of his prints on my walls and an original pen in ink he did specially for me. He was a great guy, a fun friend and he is greatly missed by all who knew him.

April 16 at 9:28 AM

RM

Ric Mixer posted:

Jim has skillfully illustrated scenes from maritime history that were never captured on film- from the 1913 storm vessels to eyewitness testimony of our largest wrecks on the Great Lakes. His research was shared with countless others through his books and paintings as well as the inspiration he gave to the young people on our expedition to the Carl Bradley in 1995. Words can't stop the pain the family must be enduring, but perhaps reinforcement of that legacy can help somehow. Condolences to Jim's family. Ric Mixer

April 8 at 4:39 PM

MC

Michael Coughlin posted:

Jim's family, We are truly sorry for your loss. Jim was a great guy who contributed much to the world. I will miss the lunches he and I had together so often. ~Michael and Elaine Coughlin

April 8 at 4:09 PM

KH

Kristi Hazard posted:

I am sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Jim's family and friends. I have the fondest memories of working with Jim during the MainStreet years. He was so enthusiastic and dedicated to improve downtown Port Huron. His contribution both time and talent made him a very special man. Fond times with Jim and his brother Jerry will keep their memories alive. Kristi Hazard, Lexington

April 8 at 1:24 PM



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Joseph & Mary Nofs posted:

James will be greatly missed. We will miss our conversations and friendship on our numerous visits to his gallery in St. Clair and the former Port Huron gallery. God bless him and his family. ~~Joe & Mary (Dolly) Nofs

April 8 at 9:28 AM



Renee L Rosenfeld posted:

My condolences to the Clary Family for your loss. Visiting my dad in Marine City each summer since the early 1970s, that annual trip wouldn't be complete without paying a visit to Jim's gallery, where we'd we all chat & be given a glimpse of his latest projects. Numerous Clary paintings & sketches of Great Lakes freighters grace the walls of my home & office today as a reminder of my childhood and a simpler time. Rest in peace, Jim. Renee Philadelphia, PA

April 7 at 7:43 AM



The Holy Name Society sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Clary family.



April 6 at 8:25 AM



Carol Brown lit a candle in honor of James.



April 5 at 11:55 AM



Chaplain David Gillis posted:

The members of The American Legion Charles J. Fulton Post 382 in St. Clair express their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of our fellow veteran. We are grateful for Jim's services to his country with the U.S. Air Force.

April 4 at 9:56 AM



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Anonymous sent a Fairest of All to the Clary family.



April 4 at 9:41 AM



Tom Hanrahan posted:

Without a doubt St. Clair has lost one of its finest with the passing of Jim Clary. We all know of Captain Jim's great art and writing skills but I feel his greatest gift was communicating his vast knowledge of ships and lakes to everyone he met. Jim loved people and loved St Clair. I spent many hours through the years listening to him talk to myself and others in his St Clair gallery. Jim spoke from his heart and gave his all to everything he did. I will surely miss you Captain Jim. God Bless. Tom Hanrahan.

April 4 at 1:38 AM



Don, Carol, Stacy, Steve Reed April 5 at 6:06 PM

Full sails forever Capt'n Jim



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Clary family.



April 3 at 10:01 AM



Steve And Gloria Whittlesey sent an Enduring Grace to the Clary family.



April 3 at 9:45 AM



Steve Skuras posted:

AnneJoann and I want to give you our deepest condolences. He was such a great man. We enjoyed our Sunday breakfasts in Richmond with you both. We'll miss him. Please know that he, along with you and your family are in our prayers. We will have a mass said for him. God bless you and give you strength.

April 3 at 7:21 AM



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LL

Lora Lerash posted:

Much sorrow-losing your Dad is a significant milestone-Still missing my dad-Love to you and yours

April 2 at 6:54 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Clary family.



April 2 at 12:48 PM

JD

Jim Durow posted:

Anne:Having known of Jim for a long time I had the privilege of building a friendship with him within the last year. Four weeks ago I was able to spend some time talking with Jim at his gallery . We talked about art and he shed some insight to me. We did an exchange of artwork at that time as well. I felt there was a reason I was able connect with him at this time. I must think about that. I believe art in a physical sense is great but passion is greater. It is a love of what we feel that we express in an art form. Jim's passion was great . It came through in his beautiful work. Like unspoken words. Aside from art Jim was a great guy , with a sense of humor and much dignity. So sorry for your loss . The memories of him, his work and his passion will live always within us. Jim Durow

April 2 at 5:36 AM

SM

Sally And Dick McIntyre posted:

Anne and family. We are so sorry for your loss! Jim was a great guy and we enjoyed having him for a neighbor! Sending prayers to your whole family! Sally and Dick McIntyre

April 2 at 4:53 AM

DG

Dick And Nancy Groff posted:

Vouchsafe: many can vouch for Jim, he lived his life in a special mysterious way. Not only a great artist, a better man. He will be missed by our community. He died at this holy time, as he probably wished. RIP dear friend, we will never forget you. Until we meet again. Dick and Nancy Groff.

April 2 at 3:52 AM



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PS

Paula Sloan lit a candle in honor of James.

April 1 at 11:18 PM



MR

Michael & Robin Roarty lit a candle in honor of James.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We loved Jim, he made such a difference in our lives. I'll miss the chats and sea stories. May our Lord raise you up on Eagles wings and hold you in the palm of his hand for all eternity.

April 1 at 7:56 PM



KF

K. Annette Fleury posted:

I've mentioned elsewhere that I only know Jim Clary through his art and his solid reputation. It's no small feat to maintain a solid reputation when you're known by the public. Hold that in your hearts.

April 1 at 7:50 PM

SB

Sandy & Dave Barnum lit a candle in honor of James.

April 1 at 5:33 PM



BC

B & B Clary posted:

Bryant and I are very sad to lose Uncle Jim. Bryant remembers him as being nice and kind and generous with sharing his knowledge. What he did was very special. He was very creative and Bry admired how thoroughly he researched his ships before painting them. I remember him as being fun and very social. He took the whole family on a ride one hot summer day on the Huron Lady. We made a lot of special memories that day. If it floated on the Saint Clair River--he painted it. We have all lost someone special. We are sorry for your loss. Bette and Bryany Clary

April 1 at 2:13 PM



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Lynne Yaws lit a candle in honor of James.

April 1 at 1:36 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Clary family.

April 1 at 1:06 PM



Susan Kitchen posted:

Jim was never without a kind word for my mother when she did craft shows. So sorry for this loss and so grateful for the talent he shared with the world.

April 1 at 9:59 AM



Michele Malane posted:

To the Clary family we send our sincere condolences. His art work will live on, as well as his spirit in your hearts. Thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.

April 1 at 6:14 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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