



James R. DeVolder

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James R. DeVolder, age 86, of St. Clair, passed away July 4, 2018. He was born August 29, 1931 in Detroit to the late Oscar and Anna DeVolder. He proudly served his country during the Korean War with the U.S. Army earning the rank of sergeant. On October 15, 1955 he married Joan Langmesser in Detroit.

He was a police officer with the City of Detroit for 25 years retiring in 1980 as a detective sergeant. He earned many citations and commendations, including the Detroit Medal of Valor for saving 5 people from a burning house.

He was an avid antique car collector and enjoyed his time spent with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed his trip to Belgium in 2001 to see his family there. He is survived by his wife of 63 years; Joan DeVolder, his sons; Steven (Johanne) DeVolder and Mark DeVolder. He is also survived by his grandchildren; Marisa, Joseph, and James, his brother; Oscar (Patricia) DeVolder, sisters; Dolores Jensen, Nancy (Gary) Herman, long time friend; Henry Tomczyk, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter in-law; Andrea DeVolder, sisters; Louise Measel and Martha Knokhart.

Cremation arrangements are with Young Funeral Home, China Twp. Private family services will be held at a later date. To leave the family a message of comfort please visit: www.youngfuneralservices.com



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Cemetery Details

 Cremation



Tribute Wall

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DP

Don Plungis posted:

Sorry to see a great guy like Jim pass on , always had a smile and a good story to share . Don Plungis

July 10 at 5:15 PM

JF

Jerry Farber posted:

Terribly sad to read of Jim's passing. He was, in automotive parlance, a "one off". A truly unique individual that will be missed by many. I always enjoyed time spent with Jim no matter when or where. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and family....God Speed Jim! Jerry Farber

July 9 at 11:08 AM

RP

Richard D Palm posted:

My deepest sympathies to your family. Jim and I were both in the Korean War and on the Detroit Police Department together. I knew Jim well as he came up to Communications a lot as part of his job. He was a great guy and good friend and will be missed. Don McDonald

July 8 at 9:27 AM

EP

Ernest Peltier posted:

Worked for Sgt DeVolder, what a great boss and class guy, he was liked by the entire shift. Prayers for him and his family.

July 8 at 8:31 AM

FT

Frank Tricomo posted:

So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Please let us know if there will be a memorial. Frank and Janet Tricomo

July 8 at 6:46 AM



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DV

Donald Vermeulen posted:

Joan, I remember the 1953 Mercury with the sunroof. You lived across the street on Flanders and rented a house next to your families house. Jim was the first policeman in my life and set a great example for me. You both came to my fathers funeral. I found out Jim owned an auto parts store in Rattle Run and visited him one time. He was restoring a 1953 Mercury in the back room. I hope it's still in the Family. He made the world a better place. May he rest in peace. Donald Vermeulen the little red headed boy in the neighbor hood.

July 8 at 5:43 AM

KK

Kristy L Kudzia posted:

Joan, Steve & Mark - So very sorry to hear that Jim passed away. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Kristy Kudzia (Hillyard)

July 8 at 4:53 AM

JK

Jon & Sue Kamendat posted:

Joan, Steve, Mark & your entire family. We are shocked to hear Jim passed away, we were looking for him yesterday at the St Clair Car Show. Jim was a great guy who will be missed by all of us who have known him. Remembering the good times will help you get through this difficult time. Thinking of you, sending our Condolences, Jon & Sue Kamendat

July 8 at 4:43 AM

CG

Chaplain David Gillis posted:

Members of The American Legion Charles J. Fulton Post 382 express their deep sympathy to the family and friends of our fellow veteran. We are grateful for his service with the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

July 7 at 11:30 PM



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BW

Barb Langmesser And Mary Weingartz lit a candle in honor of James.

Dear Joan, We are so sorry to hear of your husband's passing, You and your family are in our prayers.

July 6 at 4:25 AM



BW

Barb Langmesser And Mary Weingartz July 6 at 4:27 AM

Barb Langmesser and Mary Langmesser Weingartz

LM

Lynne Moldenhauer posted:

Mark, Joe, and Jim, I am so sad and shocked to learn of your Dad's/Grandpa's death. I know this is a deep loss for you and I am so sorry. If there is anything I can do just let me know. I pray for your comfort and peace in time. Lots of love, Aunt Lynne

July 5 at 4:35 PM

CM

Connie McCartney posted:

Mark, Joe, and Jim- I was so sorry to see this! Your Dad/Grandpa was a great guy, hardworking and very involved with you boys. You were lucky to have a Grandpa like him. Mark, I know you will miss him. You are all in my prayers, hugs to the 3 of you. Sympathy also to your Mom and brother. Love you.

July 5 at 2:37 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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