



CSM James R. Steinmetz

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CSM James R. Steinmetz Sr. USAR, a lifelong resident of Marine City, passed away on July 24, 2019. He was born in Marine City on June 2, 1921, a son of Harold and Elsie Steinmetz. Jim met his best friend and lifelong partner, Catherine E. Gould, when they were in first grade at Holy Cross Elementary School, and they were married in Holy Cross Catholic Church, Marine City, on August 8, 1942. Jim and “Kay” had been together 81 years when she passed away in 2009.

Jim attended Holy Cross Grade School and spent three years at Sacred Heart Seminary High School. He returned to Marine City and graduated from Holy Cross High School in 1940. Jim served in the U. S. Army and attained the rank of Command Sergeant Major, and retired only because he'd reached the Army's mandatory retirement age. He served at several different locations including the U.S. Pentagon, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and the U. S. Army Reserve Center in Marine City, MI. He received many commendations and medals during his career. While stationed in Marine City with the 236th Transportation Company, he took part in planning and overseeing several different local community projects, including the cleaning of 7 ½ miles of Belle River, creating trails in the Algonac State Park, expanding the Holy Cross Cemetery to its current size and moving the U.S. Post Office into its current building in Marine City.

Jim (with his brother Ed) owned and operated the Steinmetz Insurance Agency from 1956 to 1998, and was then employed with the Steinmetz Vandebossche Agency until 2011. He operated the State of Michigan Secretary of State office in Marine City from 1956 to 1977. He was devoted to Holy Cross Church and school, and served on the School Board, Cemetery Board, Dads' Club, Booster Club, and countless parish and school projects. He was a member of the Marine City Building Authority during the construction of the new Fire Hall, the Lewis Miller Memorial Library and the Biff LaBuhn Bridge. He was very active in the Marine City Knights of Columbus and served in many officer positions before being elected Grand Knight. He was the building manager for the Marine City K of C hall for many years. Jim also was one of the founders of the non-profit Holy Cross Educational Fund, Inc.



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Jim is survived by his children (and their spouses), James (Tracie) of Romeo, Dr. Michael (Susan) of Baltimore, MD, Richard of Plymouth, Dr. Joseph (Sandra) of Fayetteville, AR, Daniel (Kari) of Marine City and JoAnne (Tom) Gilliam of Midland; 17 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren; and sister-in-law Virginia Steinmetz. He was preceded in death by his wife Catherine, his parents, his siblings (and their spouses) Robert (Martha), H. George (Margaret), Edwin (Shirley), Kenneth, Charles, and Rosemary Hindson (Larry), sister-in law Connie Steinmetz and by his grandson, Ryan Steinmetz.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday July 29th at 11:00 am in Our Lady on the River Parish's Holy Cross Church, Marine City, with The Reverend Louis LaPeyre presiding. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Jim's family will welcome visitors in Young Funeral Home, East China Twp, on Sunday from 2 pm to 8 pm. and in the church on Monday at 10:00 am. The Rosary will be prayed in the funeral home at 7pm on Sunday. Military honors will be conducted under the auspices of the St Clair County Allied Veterans.

In lieu of flowers, it was Jim's request that memorial donations be made to the Holy Cross Educational Fund, Inc., PO Box 105, Marine City, MI 48039. To leave a message of comfort visit www.youngcolonial.com



Events

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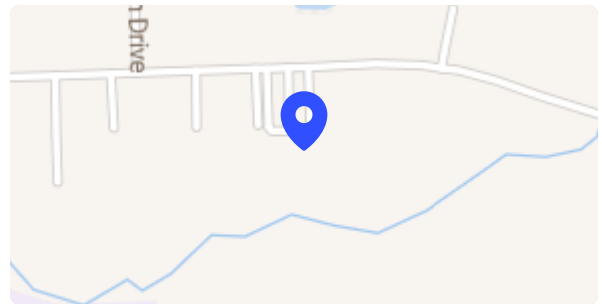
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Visitation

Sunday, July 28, 2019

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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

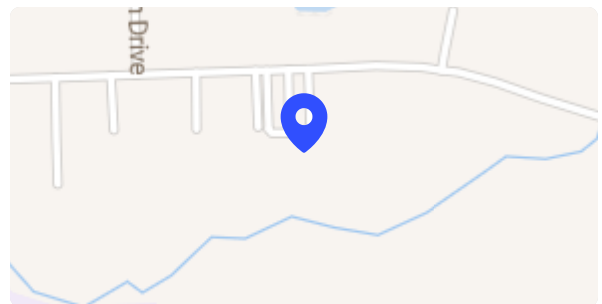


Rosary

Sunday, July 28, 2019

7:00 PM ET

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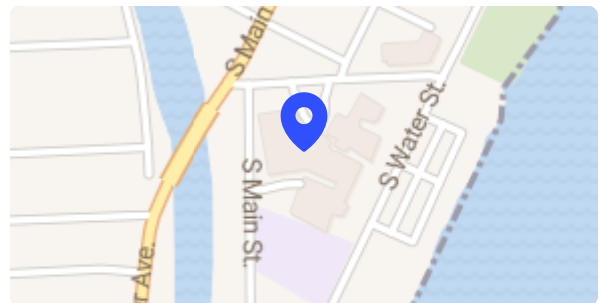


Funeral Mass

Monday, July 29, 2019

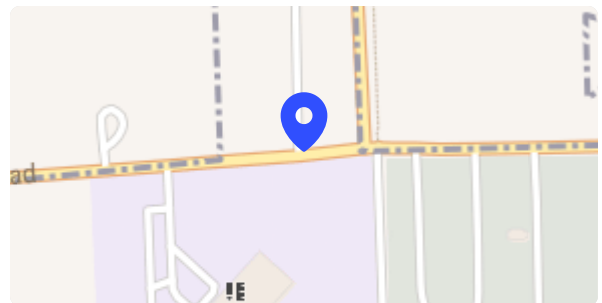
11:00 AM ET

Our Lady on the River Parish, Holy Cross Catholic Church
610 Water St., Marine City MI



Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery
Chartier Rd., Marine City MI 48039





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Steinmetz family.



July 27 at 4:00 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Steinmetz family.



July 27 at 3:03 AM



Peter Mackeith posted:

If it's possible to know a father by knowing a son, then my knowledge of Joe Steinmetz leads to one clear understanding: James Steinmetz was a good man - indeed, a great man: devoted to family, community and country. Sympathies and condolences to the Steinmetz family from Peter MacKeith and Carol Weaver.

July 26 at 7:10 PM



Jeffrey Hendrick posted:

My thoughts and prayers to the Steinmentz Family over the passing of Mr Steinmentz. He was a very caring person and was very instrumental in Marine City's growth and always helping the community.

July 26 at 6:27 AM



Zoe Higgins shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

What a wonderful picture of Uncle Jim! It captures perfectly his wonderful smile! So many memories of his smile while hanging out on the porch with JoAnne, stopping in the agency to say hi on trips from Connecticut, and at any family function! He is loved and will be missed!With love,Zoe



July 26 at 4:08 AM



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RM

Robert E. Moaik posted:

Sgt Jim; Always appreciated all the help you gave me when we served together at the 236 Transportation Co.. What an outstanding career you have had. My sympathy to your family. Lt. Robert E Moak Fort Gratiot, Mich

July 26 at 3:00 AM

TR

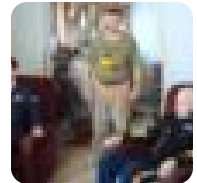
Tom Rewalt posted:

Jim Steinmetz was a First Sgt when I reported to him for 4 years as Company Clerk of the 236th in Marine City. He was the most knowledgeable and cool under pressure person I ever met and always a gentleman. It was my pleasure to know him, work for him and serve with him. My sincere condolences to his family and friends. Tom Rewalt

July 25 at 6:36 PM

ES

Erik Steinmetz shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



July 25 at 5:25 PM

MP

Marilynn J Pavlov lit a candle in honor of James.

Mr. Steinmetz was one of the parents in the neighborhood in which I grew up. He was like another dad to me and the other neighborhood kids. I went all the way through school with his first born, Jim whom I consider a friend to this day. Regretfully, I will be out of state until Tuesday and will be unable to attend either the visitation or the funeral. Mr. Steinmetz and his family will most certainly be in my prayers throughout this week end. Rest in peace, Mr. Steinmetz and enjoy being reunited with Kay.



July 25 at 2:36 PM

JS

Jeff Smith posted:

I didn't know James Stinmets I want to thank him for his service. RIP Sir.

July 25 at 12:16 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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