



## James "Jimmy" Vincent Burns

April 10, 1943 - September 20, 2020

James "Jimmy" Vincent Burns, September 20, 2020 age 77 of Dearborn Heights and Westland. Beloved son of the late John and the late Bernice. Loving brother of Francis (Bernadine), Bernice (David), Robert (Cathy), Kathleen (Fred), Maureen (Bernard), Elizabeth (David) and deceased siblings Jane (John) Biegas, John, Paul and Mark Burns. Adored uncle of many nieces and nephews; dear brother -in- law of Helene and Jacquelyn Burns. Jimmy was a wonderful and generous brother, uncle and friend who will be greatly missed by all those who knew him. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a dedicated supporter of the Michigan Humane Society for over 30 years and recognized as Volunteer of the Year. He was a long-standing member of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Catholic Church. Jimmy loved fishing on Houghton Lake, shopping for the latest fashions, taking his nieces and nephews on grand trips to the candy store and enjoyed a good meal at a restaurant. In State Thursday, September 24th from 9:30 AM until the 10 AM Funeral Mass at St. Mary Cause of Our Joy Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery at 3 PM. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand if you choose to pay your respects from afar. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Westland Humane Society, 900 N. Newburgh Road, Westland, MI 48185. Arrangements entrusted with Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Westland. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Cemetery

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## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 West 10 Mile Road  
Southfield, MI, 48076

# Events

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**SEP** **In state** 09:30AM - 10:00AM

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St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

8200 Wayne Road, Westland, MI, US, 48185

**SEP** **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

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# Comments

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“ I remember how he would come and visit out of the blue and take my brother Ben and I to the party store for candy. He did that for a lot of us cousins. He always wanted to know how school was and what we'd been up to. Whether we'd been staying out of trouble. He was just a real good guy, and I'll always miss him. Love you Uncle Jimmy!

**Mike Gauvin** - September 30, 2020 at 03:36 PM

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“ We took Jimmy to Niagara Falls. I told him, we were going to go behind the falls. He couldn't believe it. And he really enjoyed it. He was always fun to be with and I will miss him dearly. Love Bernadine

**Bernadine Burns** - September 29, 2020 at 07:11 PM

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“ I remember Jim always had cool cars and trucks. His MG sports car, his candy apple red Cougar and his Ford Ranger to name a few. His nephews and nieces loved to play in his cars, especially his little MG sports car.  
Here's hoping you have a cool ride where you are now, Jim.  
Rest in Peace.

Betty

**Elizabeth Okopny** - September 28, 2020 at 09:22 PM

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“ Uncle Jimmy, You were Classic, A Man with Style, You Gave More, And expected Less, You were a Man who knew who he was, And I Loved you for it. Love & miss you So much Ronnie

**Ron Burns** - September 28, 2020 at 05:44 PM

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“ I remember Jim taking our boys Michael, Ben and Luke up north to Houghton Lake to Grandpa and Grandma cottage, the first thing my boys did was say hi to Grandpa and Grandma and run into back of cottage to find snakes, and Ben lost his shoes in the swamp, no shoes for rest of the weekend, but Uncle Jim save him by taking him to get new shoe, he didn't want Ben to get in trouble, he was a Great Uncle

**Maureen Gauvin** - September 25, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ We found that shoe, years later. It had floated back up to the surface. Couldn't believe it, so funny.

**Mike Gauvin** - September 30, 2020 at 03:36 PM

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“ I will always remember Uncle Jimmy taking Susan and I to our first concert in 1983. We saw Bob Seger at Cobo Hall. Before the concert he told us we needed to learn all the words to the songs so we could sing along. I had never been anywhere so loud or exciting! When they were done playing and left the stage I remember him telling us to cheer really loudly so they would come back out for an encore. I was so impressed that it actually worked, I couldn't believe the band came back on stage and played 2 more songs. I still know all the words to those songs and every time I hear a Bob Seger song I still think about Uncle Jimmy and that concert. "Rock and Roll Never Forgets" and neither will I.

**Heather Platt** - September 25, 2020 at 02:55 PM