



## James Vermeulen

May 20, 1931 - April 12, 2020

Vermeulen, James, age 88 of Plymouth died peacefully at home on Easter Sunday. Beloved husband of 67 years to Sylvia. Dear father of Krista (Tim) Schaafsma, Jim (Nancy) Vermeulen, Ken (Shelly) Vermeulen, and the late Debra (the late Stan) Hoksbergen. Proud grandfather of Allison (Chris), Becky (Jason), Libby (Justin), Ross (Rumi), Alden (Mary), Mieke (Aaron), Derek (Jen), Kyle (Richenda), Alissa (Raimundo) Morgan, and Sarah. Also, dearest great grandpa of 18. Survived by three of his nine siblings, Casey, Gertrude & Elaine. Founder of the Vermeulen Funeral Homes in Plymouth and Westland. There will be a public Visitation Thursday, April 16th from 4-6 PM at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W. (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. For those who would prefer to not enter the funeral home building, there will be a Thursday 6-7 PM "Drive-by visitation". Friends will be able to pay respects from the privacy of their vehicle. The family will greet friends at the South Parking Lot Entrance. The Friday funeral service will be private. The funeral service will be live streamed on

Friday, April 17, 2020 at 10:30 AM with service at 11 AM. The website address is:

[facebook.com/vermeulensajewskifuneralhome/live/](https://facebook.com/vermeulensajewskifuneralhome/live/)  
There will also be a public Memorial Service to be held after the virus restrictions are lifted. Entombment at Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, c/o Mark Riegel, 47400 Stratford Drive, Canton, MI 48187 or the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 South Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Riverside Cemetery**

Plymouth, MI, 48170

**APR**

**16**

**Visitation**

04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, MI, US, 48170

**APR**

**16**

**Drive by Visitation**

06:00PM - 07:00PM

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Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, MI, US, 48170

# Comments

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“ Very sorry for your loss. Remember they live on in our thoughts. May he RIP.

**Donna McClellan** - April 20, 2020 at 06:44 PM

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“ I am so sorry for the family's loss. Jim Sr. is a great man. Just found out about this today.

A great man and will be missed. God Bless !!!!!

Mike Caputo

**mike caputo** - April 20, 2020 at 02:30 PM

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“ Our condolences to Sylvia and family, We always enjoyed seeing the two of you at our car club meetings. Always smiling and had a joke.

Sincerely,  
Memories in Motion Car Club

**Wendy Memories in Motion** - April 16, 2020 at 06:11 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Jim Sr's entire family. The foundation he built and example on how to do things the right way, have impacted not just those with whom he worked but also the communities and families he assisted over the years. What a wonderful legacy.

The Team at Memories By Design

**BRUCE FELT** - April 16, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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“ Dear Jim, thank you for everything all these years. I will always love you and be grateful. Such a good part of my life.  
Dave Wassenaar

david Wassenaar - April 15, 2020 at 11:37 PM

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“ I would like to offer my condolences to Jim Vermeulen' s family. He was a Kiwanis friend and at a meeting you could count on a friendly greeting from him. He was such a nice man and he will be truly missed.

Funny story I have told many times:

Roughly 25 years ago when I was a new Kiwanian, I showed up for a service project at the Salvation Army in Plymouth to help serve a turkey dinner to a group of Senior Citizens. Jim Vermeulen Sr. was supervising the workers and carving turkey. I brought a friend with me to help out. When she saw all those turkey carcasses she asked Jim if she could take one home to make soup. And, he said, "Of Course!"

An hour later all the Seniors were served and it was time for the volunteers to eat. As my friend was serving pie to the other volunteers, she quite loudly shouted to Jim, "Hey did you save me one of those carcasses?" My friend Lynn, did not understand the surprise on everyone's face because she did not know he was a funeral director...RIP

Char Briggs

Charlene Briggs - April 15, 2020 at 02:47 PM

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“ So sad to lose my beloved brother Jim. From a large family of ten siblings, There are only three left. Jim was a wonderful brother, loving husband ,Father & Grandfather. he will be missed by all. We are sending love & sympathy to the family as they grieve the loss of this wonderful man.  
From the Vermeulens in Washington state

Elaine Tierney - April 15, 2020 at 01:35 PM

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“ Glen Eden Memorial Park purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Vermeulen.



Glen Eden Memorial Park - April 15, 2020 at 11:47 AM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Vermeulen.



April 15, 2020 at 11:16 AM

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“ Jim, Nancy, and the entire Vermeulen family - my sincere condolences on the passing of Mr. Vermeulen. Over so many years, my daughter Victoria and I have enjoyed countless family times with Nancy, Jim, Derek, Kyle and Alissa. Jim Sr. and Sylvia were there many of those times as well. Jim Sr. was always very engaged and so kind with Victoria and I. We enjoyed his passion for all our Detroit sports teams, when they were all good! He will be missed by all. Jim Sr. was blessed and surrounded with love, family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. What a wonderful long life!

Linda Cook - April 14, 2020 at 10:17 PM

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“ We were saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He and Sylvia were great friends of my in-laws for many years. Lots of great memories. Our prayers are with Sylvia and family as you grieve the loss of a great man.  
Bob & Sheila VanHemert ~ Brown-VanHemert Funeral Homes

Sheila VanHemert - April 14, 2020 at 04:23 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Jim Sr. was truly a legend to the Plymouth-Canton Community. His memory will live on through the wonderful family that you are!  
Jan Pickard

Jan Pickard - April 14, 2020 at 03:34 PM

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“ I am sorry for the passing of my long-time friend from Plymouth Kiwanis. Always smiling, Jim was a true gentleman. He will be missed. Jim Moylan

James N Moylan - April 14, 2020 at 11:20 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Vermeulen.



April 14, 2020 at 10:50 AM

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“ Jim and Nancy... We're all so very, very saddened to learn of your dad's passing. The entire Vermeulen family is in our thoughts and prayers here.  
Ann, Dave, Kevin, Brian and Colleen Richards

Dave Richards - April 14, 2020 at 08:36 AM

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“ Oh what a great memory of seeing that RV come around the corner with James at the wheel. It was such a glorious sight to see him pull up to relieve us of our cold duties of ringing the bell for the Plymouth Kiwanis for the Salvation Army. He would hand us a hot chocolate and say go get warm! Such a generous man. Pamela Hall



**Pamela J. Hall** - April 13, 2020 at 08:22 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the family ... I remember when "Jim Sr.", as we called him, would come each morning into the funeral home to get a cup of coffee and picked up the newspaper to read while he visited with the staff. He was generous in the community and Heaven got sweeter yesterday. I am one who was privileged to have known him during my tenure as a staff member.

Diane Pennington

**Diane Pennington** - April 13, 2020 at 08:04 PM

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“ Sorry about the loss. I'll remember him driving around McDonald's in the old car.  
Great guy.  
Bob Miller

**Bob Miller** - April 13, 2020 at 02:44 PM