



## James D. Angellotti

May 7, 1962 - December 28, 2025

James Daniel Angellotti

James was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 7, 1962, to Angelo Angellotti and Rosemary Bifano Angellotti.

He died at the age of 63 on December 28, 2025, in Inkster, Michigan.

Beloved brother of Debra Angellotti Defoor and her husband Michael Kyle Defoor, Thomas Angellotti and his wife Pamela Angellotti, and Dennis Angellotti.

Dear uncle of John Angellotti, Andrew Angellotti, Maria Morales, Dylan Defoor, and Michael Angellotti,

James will be remembered by his long-time caregiver Patricia Curry and the residents and staff of Ryan Home.

James, affectionately known as Jim or Jimmy, expressed his love toward his family and friends in his unique, quiet way. Jim had an uncanny ability to sense emotions in others, and he sought to comfort and support with a smile or a touch.

Jim was one of the individuals who inspired the formation of the Wayne County Chapter of the Autism Society of America and Homes for the Autistic, organizations dedicated to improving the lives of people with autism and developmental disabilities.

Visitation is on Saturday, January 3rd from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM with the Funeral Service to immediately follow at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland.

Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 326-1300  
westland@vermeulenfh.com

## Funeral Service

JAN 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
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## Burial

JAN 5. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Hedwig Catholic Church  
3245 Junction  
Detroit, MI 48210

# Tribute Wall

HW

“ Jimmy in an environment where I am suppose to teach you things, you taught me many things. You taught me that you may not be able to speak, yet you had a lot to say. I will cherish those lessons. I am so happy that you allow me to be a part of your life.

HELEN WILLIS - January 05 at 09:02 AM

DA

Such a wonderful thing to share, Helen!

Dennis Angellotti - January 05 at 08:19 PM

HW

“ HELEN WILLIS sent a virtual gift in memory of James D. Angellotti



HELEN WILLIS - January 05 at 08:55 AM

DD

Thank you, Helen.

Debra Defoor - January 14 at 03:13 PM

DA

“ His life was mystery to most, but those who knew him best felt his human power and presence. A soft touch, a nod of his head, and an earnest look from his warm, dark eyes were a powerful set of tools with which he forged durable and beautiful bonds with his caregivers, family, and peers. Challenged to exist in a place that likely looked unnecessarily complex to him, he pushed forward without fear. May his soul fly free, and may we meet his soul again someday.

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**Dennis Angellotti** - January 03 at 08:26 PM

LB

“ Cousin Deb, my earliest memories of Jimmy were when he was a sweet little guy. Your love and long lived commitment for his care and well being certainly made a difference and gave him best quality of life. A mixed blessing, I hope he died peacefully as he knew how much he was loved. I wish I could be with you and our family to honor both of you with love. Cousin Linda

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**Linda Bifano** - January 03 at 02:02 PM

DD

Thank you, Linda. We really will miss him. Tom and Dennis spent many years helping my dad with Jim's appointments and activities and living arrangements. I know we all wish we could've done more. Linda, thank you, again, for the beautiful flowers and your kind words of sympathy.

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**Debra Defoor** - January 14 at 03:09 PM

JS

“ Debra, I am so sorry. I know how much you loved your brother. You were constantly tending to his needs, frequently flying from Virginia Beach to be with him and showering him with love and affection. How lucky he was to have you as a sister. May he rest in peace and may you always remember and cherish all the wonderful memories.

Julie Sterzing - January 03 at 11:32 AM

DD

Thank you, Julie.

Debra Defoor - January 14 at 03:11 PM

LD

“ Lori D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D. Angellotti.

Lori D. - January 02 at 02:32 PM

AP

“ Angelo, Anna, Linda, Lori, & Pam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D. Angellotti.

Angelo, Anna, Linda, Lori, & Pam - January 02 at 12:24 PM

AP

“ Angelo, Anna, Linda, Lori, & Pam purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James D. Angellotti.



Angelo, Anna, Linda, Lori, & Pam - January 02 at 12:24 PM

CG

“ *Connie & Don Giardina purchased the Love's Journey for the family of James D. Angellotti.*



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**Connie & Don Giardina** - January 01 at 02:07 PM

PC

“ *Patricia Curry sent a virtual gift in memory of James D. Angellotti*



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**Patricia Curry** - January 01 at 10:30 AM

DD

*Thank you, Pat.*

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**Debra Defoor** - January 01 at 01:14 PM

LB

*Deb, my earliest memories of cousin Jimmy was when he was a sweet little boy. Your love and commitment for his care and well being certainly made a difference in his quality of life. A mixed blessing, I hope he died peacefully as he must have known how much he was loved. I wish I could be there in person as part of our family to honor you both.*

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**Linda Bifano** - January 03 at 01:48 PM

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“ *Remembering visits to my younger cousin in a warm loving home with him spinning plates on the floor and his enjoyment in this simple intertainment. Then swinging on slide bench, knowing something was different but enjoyed seeing the smiles.*

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**Robert Smith (Bobby)** - December 31, 2025 at 10:33 PM

DD

*Thanks, Bob. What a sweet memory.💕💕*

**Debra Defoor** - January 01 at 09:45 AM

LT

“ *Love Maria, Anthony, Johnny, and Theo purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James D. Angellotti.*



**Love Maria, Anthony, Johnny, and Theo** - December 31, 2025  
at 01:40 PM