



## James John Happ Jr.

December 22, 1942 - July 18, 2008

Happ Jr, James John of Westland, born Dec 22, 1942 in Los Angeles, Calif. Died July 18, 2008, age 65. He was a longtime employee of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools where he taught English at Nankin Mills and Marshall Junior High Schools and John Glenn High School. He was a member of the Westland Civitans and volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Art and for the American Red Cross. He is preceded in death by his father, James John Happ Sr., and a nephew, Matthew Robert Mason. He is survived by his mother, Frances Happ, brothers Robert of Kodiak Island, Alaska; Timothy (Susan) of Brighton; and sisters Elizabeth (Richard) McClure of Milford and Susan (Robert) Mason of Westland; nieces Colleen, Amy and Brian Happ, Kristin (Matthew) Weber, Katie (John) Tomasatis and Jonathan Happ, Ian (Melissa) McClure and Robert and Carolee Mason. Visitation Tuesday 6-9PM and Wednesday 2-5 & 6-9PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Rd, Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). Instate Thursday 9:00 AM until 9:30 AM Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West. Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James John Happ Jr.*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *To the Family of: James John Happ Jr. So sorry for your loss... What helps me to deal or cope with the loss of a dear loved one is this Scriptural promise at: (1Corinthians 15:26) reads "And as the last enemy, death, will be brought to nothing."*

**Valerie Brannon** - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM



“ *I'm sorry to hear of your lost. i want to send you my sympathy's. i know its hard to find comfort at this hard time. thats why i wanted to share something i found comforting. its the hope held out to us in the bible at revelations 21:3,4.i hope it brings you the same comfort it brings me. please take care.*

**christina** - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM



“ *Jim was my Mom's friend for almost 30 years. He was always there for her and she for him. Friendship is such a wonderful gift. Thanks Jim, I will miss you, Molly*

**Molly Karman** - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

VR

“ You do not know me, but I was reading Mr. Happ's obituary in the newspaper. I wanted to offer my sympathy to his family. All of us experience the pain of losing a loved one in death. It is comforting to know that others care. Most of all, God cares, and he will sustain you. (Psalm 55:22)

V Rushing - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

SM

“ Thanks for the years(28) of friendship. You were the best, Jim!

Steve Morse - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

MD

“ Jim was a one of a kind person. He was so fun to work with at JG, in Westland Civitan Club and other community activities we were involved in. We often would ask each other "how did we get into this?" but never did we ever regret helping our community's needs. Jim, will be missed by his Civitan Club but his memory will always bring a smile and gratitude that we were part of his life...Gone but not forgotten.

Marlene DeanDoran - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

KM

“ Please except my sincere condolences in your time of need. Mr happ was a great teacher, I was lucky to have him my senior year 6th hour english class 2 nd 2nd seat from his desk way back in 1988, what a great teacher he was as you can see i can remember to a tee when most people forget about their teachers in a few years. Mr Happ thanks for the great class we were lucky to have with you as our teacher.

Kevin Miller - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

CS

“ On behalf of all our classmates please accept our sincere condolences regarding James passing. We had recently been discussing particulars for our upcoming 50th reunion and of course the memories and good times and more than once we recalled the great friendship that James had with Don Patrick and Ron Begin, who we know will be particularly saddened. Those three always had a smile and something positive to say. James is the fifth member of our class of forty nine to expire and he as they will be remembered in our prayers and will be sorely missed at the 50th. May he and they Rest in Peace. Again, our sympathy - Kevin McGinty and Ron Gretka

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**Class of 1960 -St. Francis Xavier High School** - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

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“ I had Mr Happ 1 yr at Marshall and 2 yrs at Glenn. He was an amazing teacher. I hated English but somehow he could make you forget that you were learning something. To this day I think about him when I am writing a letter to make sure it is proper grammar. Thank you Mr. Happ I loved you and will miss you. May God give you the family comfort and strength at this time. You are all in our prayers.

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**Rhonda (Waynick)-Stefanski** - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

BR

“ We knew Jim mostly through the Wayne-Westland Education Assn. He could always be counted on to share his good ideas and his insights - many of which were very funny. Good teacher - good man. He will be missed by all who knew him. Sending sympathy to the family in this hard time.

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**Bill and Cindy Reece** - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

MP

“ I knew Jim from John Glenn H.S. when he was teaching English and I was Assistant Principal. He was a well-liked teacher who had a great sense of humor. I always enjoyed talking with him. He helped out on many JGHS activities and was a hard working teacher who will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies to Jim's family.

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**Marie Pleuss** - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

MM

“ Jim and I knew each other for years in the Wayne-Westland School District. His sense of humor was the best. We shared many laughs over dinners and at parties. He shall be missed.

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**Mary McIntyre** - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

NS

“ Jim and I taught together in the English department at both Ninkin Mills and Marshall. Jim was a great teacher and motivator--we shared many laughs and fun times. He shall be missed--God's blessings to the family

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**nancy Schulz** - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

MO

“ I am a longtime friend of Jim's sister Beth. Whenever Jim and I met, the topic of conversation was always Travel; we enjoyed wandering the world--or at least dreaming about it. Jim struck me as being steadfast in his beliefs and someone you could rely on in a pinch. His nephew (my Godson) Ian will miss him a lot...as will I.

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**Mike Ott** - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

SG

“ First of all my condolences to the friends and family of "Mr. Happ" I am a graduate of 1978 and had him for a drama type class in Nankin Mills. His personality was one that has left memories. With our 30 year reunion just around the corner, I was just talking about him the other day to some friends. Strange how that happens isn't it. Well, again God Bless and have strength in your time of sorrow. And if "Mr Reynolds" is reading this, Hello....we remember you as well and the ways we could get you off topic in Math / Algebra. If we could get you talking.....we had to work less. Thank you too for the memories. Sherry Gerych (1973 - 1975)

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**Sherry Gerych** - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

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“ In a time of such sudden sadness and so many unanswered questions, in may be hard to find the memories you need to help comfort you. But they are there. And when you find them, may their love and warmth bring you peace.  
With deepest sympathy.  
Former student of John Glenn High School class of 1984

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**Former student of John Glenn High School class of** - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

RR

“ Jim was a friend from the Nankin Mills times. He was a great teacher, and a man with great humor. Very dedicated to whatever endeavor he sought, he will be deeply missed.

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**Rick Reynolds** - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM