



James "Jim" Jarvey

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James "Jim" Jarvey, age 80, of Canton, Michigan, passed away peacefully on January 1, 2026. He was born on August 24, 1945, in Calumet, Michigan, to the late Clayton and Dorothy Jarvey.

Jim was the beloved husband of Sally Jarvey, sharing 55 years of devoted marriage. He was a proud father to Michael (Krista) Jarvey and Caroline (Matthew) Mowers. He is also survived by his brothers, John (Renee) Jarvey, Gerald Jarvey, and sister Jean (Robert) Scott.

Jim dedicated his life to education as a high school mathematics teacher in the Livonia and Plymouth Canton school districts, inspiring students to approach challenges with logic, perseverance, and confidence.

Jim's lifelong commitment to mentoring extended to high school athletics, where he built a distinguished and widely respected football coaching career at Livonia Clarenceville High School, Plymouth Canton High School, and Plymouth Salem High School. Jim was recognized as Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (MHSFCA) Assistant Coach of the Year in 1992 and was elected to the MHSFCA Coaches Hall of Fame in 1996, honoring his leadership, service, and impact on Michigan high school football.

Jim and Sally shared a lifelong passion for gardening and caring for their home and property. Jim and Sally together earned their Michigan Master Gardener certifications, reflecting their dedication, patience, and love of nature. This shared interest brought them great joy and pride in creating and

maintaining a welcoming and beautiful outdoor space.

Jim took great pride in his grandchildren: Clayton, Caden, and Caillee Jarvey, and Jacob, James, and Rachel Mowers. He is also survived by many former students, athletes, colleagues, friends, and extended family who remember him for his character, consistency, and service to others.

A visitation will be held on Friday, January 9, 2026, beginning at 10:00 AM, followed by a Mass at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The family invites friends, colleagues, former students, and athletes whose lives were touched by Jim to join them in celebrating his life and legacy.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to American Diabetes Association in Jim's honor, with consideration encouraged toward organizations supporting education, gardening, or student athletics.

To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this webpage.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
47650 N Territorial Rd
Plymouth, MI 48170-2852
(734) 453-0326

Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NV

“ *Mr. Jarvey was my Algebra 2 teacher in 1994-1995. Fast forward and I have been teaching math at Novi High for 24 years. I was just telling Mr. Jarvey stories to my Honors Algebra 2 students earlier today. I am so saddened to learn of his passing. I would like to extend my condolences to his family. He was an amazing teacher and person who inspired me and encouraged me to become the teacher I am today.*

Nina VanHooser - April 24 at 10:24 PM

PG

“ *Pat and Tanya Garrett purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James "Jim" Jarvey.*



Pat and Tanya Garrett - January 08 at 03:34 PM

MF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Many cousin memories from the past.*

Mary Lou and family

mary Fink - January 08 at 01:26 PM

UF

“ *Uncle Rob & Aunt Juli and family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of James "Jim" Jarvey.*



Uncle Rob & Aunt Juli and family - January 05 at 11:35 AM

GJ

“ *Golden Girls (Bobbie, Kathryn, & Jenna) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" Jarvey.*



Golden Girls (Bobbie, Kathryn, & Jenna) - January 03 at 02:21 PM

JF

“ *Jane Hasse Family, Jim Anderson Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Jarvey.*



Jane Hasse Family, Jim Anderson Family - January 03 at 11:46 AM