



## James W. LaHaie

June 23, 1949 - December 18, 2021

LaHaie, James W., passed away suddenly on December 18, 2021, age 72 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of 33 years to Kathy. Loving father of Erin (Mike) Obsniuk and Kevin (Megan) LaHaie. Proud grandfather of Kennedy. Dear brother of Jerry (Diane) LaHaie, the late Ken LaHaie and the late Ron LaHaie. Proud son of the late Joseph and Elsie LaHaie. Son-in-law of the late Nancy and Dick Eicher. Brother-in-law of Maureen (Ivan) Collins, Mary (Dan) Hejka, Sue (Dave) Schmidt, Trisha (Keith) Moss, the late Michael Eicher and Virginia LaHaie. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and colleagues.

A Memorial Gathering will take place on Thursday, March 10, 2022, between the hours of 5 PM until 9 PM. with a Celebration of Life service at 7:30 PM at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road W., (between Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth, MI 48170.

Memorials may be made to the Capuchins Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207-3485 [www.thecapuchins.org](http://www.thecapuchins.org), St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial Processing, 501 St. Jude PL, Memphis TN 38105-9959 [www.stjude.org/memorial](http://www.stjude.org/memorial) or Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306 [www.tunnel2towers.org](http://www.tunnel2towers.org)

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenh.com

## Celebration of Life

MAR 10. 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James W. LaHaie*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I met Jim in 1983 when we both had boats at Miller Marina. I have great memories of the fun and friendship many of us shared. He was one of a kind and will be missed. May you be blessed with eternal peace.*

**Gayle Zech** - March 02, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ *Kathy*


*Jim was always a great fellow to see and bowl with at the DAC. I will miss his smile and the camaraderie at the club. He will be missed.*

*Frank Brady*

**Frank Brady** - February 01, 2022 at 06:26 PM



“ *I am deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He was such a kind, caring and gentle man. Always a gentleman and I remember when I met him during my time at Gates. He was very supportive of me in my early career days and especially when my husband passed away. He will be greatly missed by many friends and colleagues. Sending prayers and deepest condolences to the entire family.*



*Tribby Warfield*

**Tribby Warfield** - January 05, 2022 at 09:44 PM

MC

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Jim's passing. A good man and friend for over 20 years. Jim was a big part of what makes our industry so special. Sending condolences to Jim's family at home and at W.C. DuComb.

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**Michael Cinquemani** - January 04, 2022 at 09:45 AM

JW

“ Broken hearted. A kind man. A best friend. Sending many prayers for strength to you, Kathy, and your family.

*Jim Williams*  
248-789-5005

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**jim williams** - December 29, 2021 at 10:58 AM

TM

“ Jim and I were friends for over 40 years and we were wild and crazy guys in the 80's.

*He was a great friend and confidant . Jim defined class, patience and had wonderful sly sense of humor.*

*Jim you will be missed by your many friends.*

*I always thought I was the best dressed guy in the room and then Jim would walk in a burst my bubble. Jim I am sure you are now the best dressed man in heaven.*

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**Tom Molloy** - December 29, 2021 at 10:56 AM

MH

“ Jim was A outstanding man. I feel such regret for losing contact with Jim over the years. I can see and know how hard his loss will effect every one around him he will be really missed. Mark Higgins and family.

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**mark Higgins** - December 28, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ Jim was the first friend I made at the DAC when we both joined many years ago - Over that time we became more than friends, and I always enjoyed seeing him at DuComb and sharing long talks and lunches at Roma Cafe. A true gentleman, and he will be missed by so many of us who knew him.

*Kathy, I share your grief, having lost my wife Joan earlier this year, and the Holidays will never be the same. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.*

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**Mike Harrison** - December 24, 2021 at 11:36 AM

DK

“ My family moved into Jim and Kathy's neighborhood four years ago. Jim was one of the first people to reach out and welcome us. Over the last four years, Jim and I had many discussions about our homes, and he was always offering a helping hand. He became more than a neighbor; he became a good friend. I am really going to miss our conversations. Rest In Peace.

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**Dave Kennedy** - December 23, 2021 at 08:49 AM

PS

“ I lost my oldest and best friend. Jim and I began our friendship when we were in the 3rd grade. This friendship lasted through elementary school, high school and part of our college education. I shall miss the many memories, particularly the fun we had growing up and the shenanigans that sometime got us in trouble. I shall also miss our recent visits, particularly our most recent overnigher in October. Rest well, my friend, and save us all a good seat up there.

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**Paul Spoutz** - December 22, 2021 at 11:53 AM

LM

“ I met Jim in my sophomore year of high school. Our family had moved, and I didn't know anyone. He was one of my first friends, and we remained friends over the years. I will miss him more than I can say.

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**Larry Morgan** - December 22, 2021 at 09:59 AM

GB

“ Jim was one of the finest gentlemen I've known. We will miss him on the bowling lanes at the DAC and in our investment group and in all the places we knew and appreciated him. Please know of my deepest sympathies for your family and know of our prayers in this time of loss.

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**Gerry Brisson** - December 22, 2021 at 09:39 AM

DL

“ Through 40 years in the Power Transmission business Jim was one of the good guys and a friend. Someone you could trust. Someone who cared. A great guy in the eyes of all who knew him. Between these memories and his living legacy on Earth I trust he is smiling in Heaven. I pray that grief will be overtaken by happy memories and the promise you will be together again for eternity. The world is a better place because he lived. Please accept love, prayers and virtual hugs from an old Dodge friend in SC.

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**Don Louis** - December 22, 2021 at 08:20 AM

JL

“ I was very fortunate to have Jim as my older brother, we relied a lot on each other as we grew up, raised our own families and achieved successful business careers. We built some great memories with our annual trips golfing at Boyne Mountain and hanging out at the beach in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. I will miss him immensely.

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**Jerry LaHaie** - December 21, 2021 at 05:10 PM

RB

So sorry for your loss Jerry  
Rhonda Brandes

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**Rhonda Brandes** - December 21, 2021 at 09:11 PM

JL

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Jerry LaHaie** - December 21, 2021 at 05:00 PM

VS

“ Jim LaHaie will be missed dearly. I had the opportunity to get to know him, and work with him for over 34 years. He was always fair to his employees and a great mentor for me and friend. He had a heart of gold. Rest in peace Jim.

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**Vicki Stein** - December 21, 2021 at 04:03 PM

VL

“ Dear Kathy and Family, We send our sincere sympathy in the loss of Jim. May he rest in peace, and may God console you with His love and peace at your sudden loss.  
Virginia LaHaie and Family

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**Virginia LaHaie** - December 21, 2021 at 01:35 PM

JM

“ I met Jim at the LaHaie family Christmas party a few years ago. He always made me feel welcome and would yell F-ing Froman when he'd see me. He was a great guy and I'm sorry for your family's loss.

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**James Moore** - December 21, 2021 at 10:52 AM

SF

“ I'm so very sorry to hear this. I worked with Jim at Warner, Cantrell and Padmos for many years. He was a wonderful co-worker and person. My prayers go out to his family, God Bless you all!

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**Shirley Foust Farrell** - December 21, 2021 at 10:47 AM

CP

“ Jim was a true friend and mentor. He always had a willing ear and a generosity that knew no bounds. He was the consummate professional in everything he did. I will greatly miss his wisdom & our conversations about both business and life. I'll miss the fun times we had working together and in playing golf together. I am a better person for having known Jim LaHaie and I will always cherish the memories I was lucky enough to share with him.

*My deepest condolences to Jim's family and the folks at The W.C. DuComb Company. He loved you all very, very much.*

*Chris Parker*

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**Chris Parker** - December 21, 2021 at 09:59 AM

JD

“ Jim was a true brother for me. When I lost my brother Bill in 2015, Jim and I forged a friendship, partnership and brotherhood. I continually thanked God for Jim and our relationship; it kept the W. C. DuComb Company alive and enrichen my life immeasurably. He was truly a member of the DuComb family. We may have lost Jim, but he continues to live through everyone that he touched.

*Jeff DuComb*

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**Jeff DuComb** - December 21, 2021 at 08:27 AM

JD

“ We at the W. C. DuComb Company are all devastated by the passing of Jim. He was our friend, our leader, our mentor, and one of the most respected pillars of our industry. Most of all Jim was part of our family. Words cannot describe the pain we feel in our hearts. We all love you like family and are here for you in every way.

Love,

Your W.C. DuComb Family

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**Jeff DuComb** - December 21, 2021 at 08:19 AM

BW

“ Jim and I go back all the way to when he first began his career at the WC DuComb Co. I was with Dodge Mfg. Co. and as he and I both grew with our companies, we became very good friends, communicating often. When either of us were on business trips in each other's area, we would get together as friends and business associates. He's visited our home here in Greenville SC numerous times while on business here. I'll miss his friendship! RIP Jim!

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**Bill Watkins** - December 21, 2021 at 06:53 AM

AT

“ Jim and I graduated high school together. Ten years later he was a client of mine in business. He was a friend back then and later in business. Rest In Peace .

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**alan tedesco** - December 20, 2021 at 11:00 PM



“ Jim was a friend and client for many years. I always enjoyed talking with him and will miss our interactions. My sincere condolences to his family.

George Jerome Jr.

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George Jerome - December 20, 2021 at 02:25 PM

LG

My deepest sympathy to Cathy and the family. Can't say enough about Jim, he was a great boss and a great human being. Never got mad, always wanted to help, learned a lot from him. He was the best. I will miss him terribly. ❤️ Lenore Grammatico

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Lenore Grammatico - December 20, 2021 at 10:02 PM

SJ

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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Simone James - December 20, 2021 at 12:39 PM

SJ

“ 25 years ago Jim entered my life. Jim a great listener, we talked family, finance, retirement and sports one on one over a drink or cigar. We found out how much we had in common and always kept in contact. Last Wednesday on the way out of the DAC we talked about him and Kathy visiting in Florida. He was so excited about being a grandfather. WOW what a shock to not only his family but his community of friends that loved and admired him. YOU WILL BE MISSED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN!

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Simone James - December 20, 2021 at 12:31 PM

DW

“ *My deepest sympathies. My love. Memories of kindness and a joyful spirit. A genuinely good man. Always so proud and loving to Erin and Kevin and Kathy. Jim lived as the poem The Dash portrays.*

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**Donna Wrobel-Johnson** - December 19, 2021 at 11:00 PM

PF

*I was lucky enough to meet Jim a number of years ago when I was into classic cars and hot rods BIG TIME.*

*My nephew Dave Schmidt told Jim about the quality of cars I had and Jim was really interested in a 2000 red corvette convertible that I had at our Palm Springs, Ca. Home where we lived in the winters away from Michigan. Dave happens to be Jim's brother in law and a well respected car buff. When Jim called me about buying the vette I told him it wasn't for sale. The car had about 15,000 miles on it and it had never seen rain or snow and I wanted her to stay that way. After some communication he convinced me he would keep her in the same condition and never let her see snow or rain.*

*Jim was the best home she could have went to. He even did more to keep here in fantastic condition.*

*We didn't see each other often but we became very good friends to this day.*

*I know he loved that car as much as I did and appreciated him keeping his word on maintaining her to the extreme. My family and I offer Jim's family our complete condolences and may Jim Rest In Peace and hope to see Jim again in CAR HEAVEN.*

*Most Sincerely Paul n Georgetta Felix*

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**Paul n Georgetta Felix** - December 21, 2021 at 05:58 PM

LS

*Jim was a great guy and client to bowl and golf with! Never said an unkind word, except for a 7 - 10 split!*

*"Grief is the tax we pay on losing our friends & loved ones!"  
Larry Sullivan*

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**Larry Sullivan** - December 25, 2021 at 02:32 PM