



James William Mueller

June 6, 1928 - September 12, 2023

Mueller, James William "Jim", September 12, 2023, age 95 of Novi, MI.

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Beloved father of Mary Mueller (Colleen McInerney), James M. Mueller (Susan Sprung), Anne

McClarnon (Hugh Gandy), John Mueller (Claire), Tom Mueller (Diane), Karen Clinton (John), and

Kathleen Mueller (Andy Thomas). Loving step-father of Gina Frankhart (Rick), Jeff Lukens

(Cheryl), Ted Lukens (Laura), Mary Lukens (Dave Burdick), Lisa Lukens (Jim O'Brien), Mark

Lukens (Theresa), Rob Lukens (Dale), and Ann Weise (Cameron). Proud grandfather of 32

grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. Also survived by sister Catherine Bonomo (Philip) and

brother Paul Mueller (Barbara). Preceded in death by his first wife, Helen McClarnon Mueller,

second wife Clara Lukens Mueller, three sons – Bill Mueller, Paul Mueller, and Joe Mueller, S.J.

and two siblings – Jeanette Schlegel and Fr. Gene Mueller. Jim was very proud of his large family.

A devout Catholic, he was an active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in

Plymouth, MI. He worked for 35 years as an engineer at Chrysler Corporation and later Yazaki Corporation. He used his engineering mind to tinker, fix any broken object and invent unique solutions to nearly any problem. He volunteered many years for Habitat for Humanity. Most recently he was a resident of Fox Run Village in Novi, MI. His love of music included singing in church choirs and the Fox Run Men's Chorus. He also delighted his family by playing the flute at Christmas and other family gatherings, an instrument he first played in the marching band in high school.

Visitation at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (Between Sheldon and Beck) in Plymouth on Tuesday, September 19th 3:00-8:00 pm, recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 pm.

Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 North Territorial Road (at Beck) in Plymouth on Wednesday, September 20th, 11:00 AM, In state at 10:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

Descendants Truth & Reconciliation Foundation, www.descendants.org/donate.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, www.olgcparish.net.

Habitat for Humanity, www.habitat.org.

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Cemetery Details

Knollwood Memorial Park

1299 North Ridge Road
Canton, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Rosary

SEP **19**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
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Lie in State

SEP **20**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
47650 North Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Funeral Mass

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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47650 North Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Tribute Wall



“ Vermeulen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James William Mueller



Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home - September 20, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Vermeulen Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of James William Mueller



Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home - September 19, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ James William Mueller

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM

ED

“ My best memories of Great-Uncle Jim are from the Mueller family reunion at his home in 2001 (I think). I came with my grandparents Katie and Phil. I had a blast playing with cousins in the basement, and staying on some extra days. Jim took us out in his boat, and I felt so comfortable and welcome in his and Aunt Claire's home. I feel blessed to have known him and been an extended part of his family. Love, Eva

Eva (Jane's daughter) - September 20, 2023 at 12:32 PM

MM

Eva, Thank you so much for sharing your memories of Dad. The cottage and lake are some of our fondest memories too. Love, Aunt Mary

Mary MUELLER - October 03, 2023 at 10:02 AM

RS

“ I remember visiting Uncle Jim and our cousins in Livonia when we were growing up. (At least once our dad (your Uncle Leo) flew us out there in a Cessna. Uncle Jim was always to my eyes upbeat, jolly, and adventuresome. I was amazed by the stories of Mueller family camping trips, and I admired Uncle Jim (based on my mom's stories, too) for his musicality. I also loved to hear my mom (Aunt Janette's) laughter when she and Uncle Jim would share stories. He made an impression on me then and always because of how he loved and cared for everybody in resourceful, practical ways. I saw these qualities later in the way he was untiring in caring for Paul and later Aunt Claire and in how he took on new challenges such as playing in the bell choir. Such a kind and generous person. You are all in my prayers!

Love,
Roger

Roger Schlegel - September 20, 2023 at 11:03 AM

MM

Roger, Thank you so much for your note. You are so right about his caring spirit. We miss his smile and stories and laughter. Love, Mary

Mary MUELLER - October 03, 2023 at 10:05 AM

JJ

“ *One of my fondest memories: when my youngest was a baby almost 28 years ago, my mom and I trekked to Michigan so that I could attend a days-long teacher training there that happened to be close to Uncle Jim’s house. The idea was that mom would babysit each day while I went off to my training. We were warmly invited to stay with Uncle Jim and Aunt Clare for the duration, so what a bonus that we got to spend plenty of visiting time with Jim and Clare too! I remember one day coming home after a long day at my workshop....as soon as I opened the door, I heard the tell-tale plaintive wails of my baby!! And when I walked into the kitchen, who was holding and trying to comfort him but Uncle Jim! He was so calm and natural (Uncle Jim, that is)....after all, he had been around that block more than a few times! I was so touched that he jumped right in to console my son, jiggling him and rocking him and walking back and forth.... all the things a wonderful father and grandfather would do!! That meant the world to me. And here’s the thing – he did it with the warmest of smiles. So giving and kind! That’s what I will always remember about dear Uncle Jim.*

Jane B. Jannotta - September 19, 2023 at 12:29 PM

AM

Thanks Jane. What a lovely and thoughtful tribute.

Anne McClarnon - September 19, 2023 at 10:23 PM

JB

“ When I was at school at Purdue during the 80's I would come and visit with my Uncle Jim and his family during holidays. I'll always remember how instantly I felt at home - Jim always had a knack for making me feel like part of the family the moment I arrived. It's something that meant a lot to me then and something I'll always remember

John Bonomo - September 19, 2023 at 09:11 AM

TM

That's an awesome sentiment John. Thanks so much for sharing. Tom M

Tom Mueller - September 19, 2023 at 11:27 AM

LL

*I am so sorry to hear we lost Joe's father. I had the privilege to meet Jim Mueller in January. Through him, I felt united with Joe even though we had just lost Joe. I know their great and loving hearts will never die, and we can keep counting on their support. Thanks to the Mueller family for allowing me to share the beauty of these two beautiful souls: Joe and Jim Mueller. May they enjoy eternal life.
Leo Lushombo,
Jesuit School of Theology*

Leo Lushombo - September 20, 2023 at 02:52 PM

MM

*Leo, Thanks for your note. We are so grateful for your presence at Joe's funeral and your kind thoughts now.
Mary Mueller*

Mary MUELLER - October 03, 2023 at 10:08 AM

DG

“ Jim was an outstanding man, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. Proud to Have known him for over 40 years and share many blessed insights during years of Bible study together at OLGC with Jim and his lovely wife Clair.
Jack and Dorothy Grant



Dorothy Grant - September 16, 2023 at 06:50 PM

MM

Dorothy ad Jack, The Bible study group was an important and meaningful part of Dad's life. I'm so glad that you shared that with him.
Mary Mueller

Mary MUELLER - October 03, 2023 at 10:09 AM