



James G. Otto

March 10, 1925 - February 15, 2021

Otto, James G., February 15, 2021, age 95 of Plymouth. Loving husband of Eleanor and the late Kathryn. Beloved father of Jim (Kari) Otto, Bill (Robin) Otto and Karen (Roy) Brooks. Proud grandfather of Natalie, Luke, Jack, and Hank. Jim was a longtime Administrator with the Livonia Public Schools. Visitation Friday, February 19th 3-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Private funeral Service on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Livonia Public Schools Educational Foundation, 15125 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. To share a memory, please use the Share A Memory tab on the web page.

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
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Tribute Wall



“ *James G. Otto*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Jim was the principal at Eisenhower Elementary, when our son Ted started kindergarten in 1974. Jim and his staff had a very unique school, and it got our Ted started with his love of that special place. The school was closed much too soon, but Jim continued to be a leader in Livonia Public Schools. It inspired by late husband Dick McKnight to be on the Garfield PTA, and then the PTA Council, and ultimately served eight years on the Livonia School Board. Jim was the kind of educator and leader that Dick and I wanted to support and his skills got many other parents on board for our children. Livonia's students, staff and parents were so lucky to have him at LPS for all of our kids. Gail Horan McKnight*

Gail Horan McKnight - February 23, 2021 at 07:54 PM



“ *I remember Jim very fondly from our years at Faith Lutheran. He was such a kind soul and I enjoyed his and Kate's participation in our weekly Bible study. He will be missed!*

Karen Brehob MacKenzie - February 23, 2021 at 01:42 PM

MF

“ Jim hired me as a brand new, totally green, naive teacher, at Eisenhower Elementary. He was very brave to open a "new concept" school. He was always thinking "outside of the box" and encouraged his teachers to be open-minded and to support to each other. He was the glue that held us together as a team. Fast-forward to recent years, when he was a member at my church in Livonia. I was glad to be able to re-connect with him on a different level!

Mary Foster - February 23, 2021 at 11:58 AM

MS

“ I was a 5th and 6th grade teacher at Hoover Elementary School in Livonia. Jim was my principal and I thoroughly enjoyed working for him and with him. I was single then and Jim always felt like a father figure when he told me to watch how I was spending money. He wanted me to be more frugal. I worked for Jim for several years and went with him to Eisenhower Elementary School. He was a great boss and frequently a wonderful father figure. He eventually advised me to do some other things in education. He encouraged me to become a teacher for gifted students and eventually he encouraged me to become an elementary principal. Jim will be sorely missed by his family. Rest in peace Jim. I'm so glad to have known you and worked for and with you. Marcia Wiss Scarr.

Marcia Wiss Scarr - February 19, 2021 at 09:56 PM

RS

“ Jim Otto was a good friend as well as a treasured parishioner during my years as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia. I admired him for his wisdom, advice, leadership skills, and sense of humor. I thank God for his life and faithful witness and service.
Sincerely, Roger Schleef

Roger H. Schleef - February 19, 2021 at 04:32 PM

RK

“ *Mr. Otto was the principal of Hull Elementary in Livonia when my daughters attended school there. He was a wonderful principal. He was always pleasant and kind to the students. He made the parents feel welcome in the building. As a parent, I enjoyed working on PTA projects and being in the building. He was truly a supportive and hands on principal. Occasionally I would see him after his retirement out shopping, he would always say Hello. A truly nice, warm and great person.*

Rosemarie Komlen

Rosemarie Komlen - February 19, 2021 at 02:46 PM

FM

“ *Four Financial Management purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of James G. Otto.*



Four Financial Management - February 19, 2021 at 10:20 AM