



## James D. Papsdorf

March 7, 1939 - December 19, 2021

It is with great sadness that the family of James Papsdorf announce his passing at the age of 82.

Jim was the beloved husband of Marguerite Patterson. They resided together in their beautiful home on Strawberry Lake near Hamburg MI for over 40 years.

He was also proud father to Cyrie, Michele and the late David. Cherished grandfather to Amy, David, Amanda, Christian, Joshua and Alexandra, great-grandfather to Sydney, Ally, and Eleana. Dear brother to Linda, Richard and Eric.

As a psychologist, Jim was passionate about helping his patients and ensured they received the highest standard of care. He pursued health and fitness with a vengeance, as he did with other passions in his life such as travel, reading, and research. Always ready to sit, talk and drink a glass of wine with you, Jim will be greatly missed by his many close friends and family.

Final arrangements have been entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral, Plymouth Michigan. A private Celebration of Life will take place in the future. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jim's name can be made to The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, 25200 Telegraph Road,

Ste 100, Southfield, Michigan 48033. To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

# Tribute Wall



“ Vermeulen Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of James D. Papsdorf



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**Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home** - December 06, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ James D. Papsdorf

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December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ I just learned of Jim's passing and am so very sorry. The world was better for having had Jim in it. I will never forget Jim as a wonderful, caring counselor who supported me with much-valued career advice. That was more than forty years ago, and yet to this day I remember him with gratitude. God bless Jim and his family.  
Francine P.

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**Francine Parnes** - October 04, 2023 at 10:43 PM

BT

“ Jim was my major professor at the University of Michigan from 1978-1982 while I earned my PhD in social work and psychology. He was a wonderful mentor and we published a number of articles together. I learned many valuable lessons from him that served me well in my own academic career for over 40 years. I owe him a great deal and was saddened to learn of his passing. My condolences to his family. Bruce Thyer

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**bruce thyer** - October 08, 2022 at 01:30 AM



“ I just came upon this and read it with sadness. Jim Papsdorf was of monumental importance in shaping my choice to pursue an academic career and, hence, shaped my life. He mentored me at the University of Michigan and the result was my first publication in 1970. He greeted each dog with joy and gave his teaching and science his all. I was privileged to have him as a friend and guide. Michael Woodruff

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**Mike Woodruff** - June 23, 2022 at 05:08 PM

JO

“ I've known Marguerite for many years. It has been most unfortunate that we lost touch in recent years. For the last couple months, I have been trying to reach her and was shocked to see this announcement when I did a search on Jim's name. He was always an accommodating gentleman who opened his home to any and all Marguerite's friends or relatives. He will sincerely be missed by all that knew him.

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**Joyce** - April 30, 2022 at 06:34 PM

CA

“ *Maui will not be the same without Jim and Marguerite in B4 at the Hono Kai. We shared many meals, laughter and music. They enjoyed my husband Chris' music, especially when his brother Eric joined in. He met our family and always asked after them. We will be on Maui shortly and will give Jim's famous toast on our first dinner there. Our sincere condolences to all his family. Cathy and Chris Thornley*

**cathy** - March 07, 2022 at 12:05 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Hoskins sent a virtual gift in memory of James D. Papsdorf*



**Lisa Hoskins** - March 01, 2022 at 06:50 PM

LH

*Marguerite, I am SO sorry! I just saw this. I have missed seeing you since I had to move out further from you. I am sending you all the good thoughts and prayers I can.*

**Lisa Hoskins** - March 01, 2022 at 06:51 PM

JO

*Marquerite, I just went to wish Jim a happy birthday when I found out of his passing. My heart is breaking. We would talk about you and the kids and grandbabies and all your trips. He was always so concerned about your health. Last year I sent him a picture of him holding my daughter when she was about 2 and now she is 22. He would tell me that you and him would adopt Deziree in a heartbeat. Thank you for all the pennies you 2 would save up for her and the money you sent for Christmas presents. You 2 had such a wonderful love and he was so happy that you were in his life. He will surely be missed...*

**Jewel O'Kopski** - March 07, 2022 at 07:54 AM

RA

*Jim was a welcoming and smart mentor who helped me orient myself to graduate school, and to emerging fields in psychology, way back when women were not much on the scene and psychology was throwing off the Freudian mantle. He had a significant influence on my thinking and professional choices, for which I am very grateful.*

*Rae Andre, September 2023*

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**Rae Andre** - September 09, 2023 at 03:08 PM

AJ

“ James Papsdorf became my legal grandfather when he married my Grandmother Marguerite, almost 40 years ago. But he became my Gramps through his actions, love, and affection.

*I will always appreciate my Gramps for the beautiful life he gave my Grams. I will always admire him for the love, kindness, patience, loyalty, and dedication he showed her throughout their life together. I will always respect him for being my friend, mentor, biggest fan, and never judging me for walking to the beat of my own drum.*

*I will always remember Gramps for his passion for life, his tolerance for others' opinions that differed from his own, his dedication to living a healthy lifestyle, his delight for all music, his quirky dance moves, his sense of humor, his thirst for knowledge, our shared fondness for reading, and most of all his love for his family and friends.*

*As he rests in peace, may we all keep his spirit alive with his favorite toast, "To good friends (and family). Well met, well wined, well dined and so refined."*



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**Amy Jedele** - December 30, 2021 at 12:07 AM

EM

“ Jim was married to my Mother and I lived with them at Strawberry lake. Jim did well putting up with having a teenager in the home, including having the police bring me home one night at around 3:00 AM.

*I really enjoyed our time together and wish I had reached out more often since I left :(*

*My condolences to Marguerite and Jim's family.*

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**Eric Markey** - December 26, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ Many years ago Jim was my brother-in-law until his split with my sister. He still belonged to my family and over the years we have had not enough time together to my liking. Jim was an inspiration and I loved his humor, sometimes a little unconventional, individualistic and free-spirited and I loved him in that way. I was so happy for him to have Marguerite in his life all the years and she was so much fun to be with. Last time we were all together drinking wine and eating a delicious chicken dinner late into the night with enjoyable conversation. I was going to call Jim this Christmas to see how he and his moving was going. I am shocked of his passing as we always talked about diet and exercise.

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**Diane Ehlert** - December 23, 2021 at 06:20 PM

MV

“ Many years ago Jim was married to my sister. I remember him just as he is being described today. He was always a bright, shining person, who was honest in his affections of others , He approached life with seriousness when needed , but also had an enduring sense of humor. R.I.P. dear Jim Maureen (Hesseltine) Vandemark

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**maureen Vandemark** - December 23, 2021 at 11:48 AM

BM

“ We lived next door to Jim and Marguerite for over 16 years. We loved our special moments and dinners. Special people. RIP.

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**Byron and Mariana** - December 22, 2021 at 02:54 PM

HD

“ After having Jim in my life for around fifty years, it leaves an emptiness knowing that I can't just pick up the phone and talk to him. Not just stop by Strawberry Lake and visit with him and Marguerite. Jim was always ready for a good talk, sharing a glass of wine and a healthy meal together. He bought me my first car while I lived with him, there on Strawberry Lake. We shared good times. I will miss him.



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**Heather Dourron** - December 21, 2021 at 11:13 AM

SB

“ Jim was an esteemed member of the Flounders water polo club. We enjoyed (endured?) many a tussle in the pool. Although we would all try to not injure one another, still it would happen from time to time. Jim claims I broke his little finger once. I claimed he just needed to pin it on somebody and I was a convenient target. Although I don't remember the actual moment, I have to admit I think his version is the correct one. All of us will miss Jim greatly!

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**Steve Bringardner** - December 21, 2021 at 09:33 AM

SH

“ Lots of fine Flounder memories with Jim  
Our condolences to Marguerite and all of the Papsdorf family  
Steve and Sydney Hoerler

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**Stephen Hoerler** - December 20, 2021 at 02:21 PM

DS

“ Dr. Jim helped me get through a very traumatic car accident. He  
was a top notch doctor and a greater human. I will always be  
grateful for his caring, compassion and listening. May his family find  
peace in this time.

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**Dawn Shackelford** - December 20, 2021 at 01:27 PM

BB

“ Rest in Peace fellow Flounder.

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**Bill Burgard** - December 20, 2021 at 01:18 PM