



## James Peter Phillips

December 15, 1935 - January 16, 2024

James Peter Phillips passed away after a short illness on 01/16/24 in Plymouth, MI.

He was born in New York on 12/15/1935 to James C. and Cecelia N. Phillips who preceded him in death.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 44 years, Mary Jane. And just recently his oldest son, James Thomas.

He is survived by (children) Michael (Ti) Phillips, Jeanne Phillips, Peter (Cheri) Phillips, and Patricia (David Neaves) Phillips, grandchildren Christopher Phillips, Celia (Josh) Lin and Paul (Zephyr Corchado) Phillips. He was recently visited by his first great grandchild, James, and has seen pictures of his second great grandchild, Aurora.

Jim was an athlete as a young man and lettered in baseball. He tried out for the Boston Braves out of high school. He followed by coaching his sons in the sport. As an avid fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers, he would often skip school to see his favorite team. He majored in physics at Manhattan College earning his Bachelor of Science degree. Early in his career he wrote a book How to Build a Working Digital Computer, which is famous for using common household items to build a basic computer.

James was a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus and served as

Grand Knight of the Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council #3292 of Plymouth. He also served for many years as the treasurer.

James had a love of cooking, and his meals were enjoyed by many. Some of the best stories came out while in the kitchen.

He will be missed by all.

Visitation Wednesday, January 24th 5 – 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (Between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth.

In state Thursday, January 25th 10:30 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Mass at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 North Haggerty Road, Plymouth.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## In state

JAN **25**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Kenneth Catholic Church  
14951 North Haggerty Road  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
vermeulenh@comcast.net

## Funeral Mass

JAN **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Kenneth Catholic Church  
14951 North Haggerty Road  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
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# Tribute Wall

TS

“ 32 files added to the tribute wall



Ted Sutton - January 24, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of James Peter Phillips.



January 24, 2024 at 11:02 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of James Peter Phillips.



January 24, 2024 at 09:13 AM



“ Mike and Sonia Phillips planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Peter Phillips.

Mike and Sonia Phillips - January 24, 2024 at 09:13 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Peter Phillips.



January 23, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Peter Phillips.



January 22, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Peter Phillips.



January 22, 2024 at 01:01 PM

BM

“ BV Medical planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Peter Phillips.

BV Medical - January 22, 2024 at 01:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Peter Phillips.



January 21, 2024 at 10:20 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of James Peter Phillips.



January 20, 2024 at 07:11 PM

LM

“ Love, Kevin and Patricia McCormack planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Peter Phillips.

Love, Kevin and Patricia McCormack - January 20, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Peter Phillips.*



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January 20, 2024 at 06:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Peter Phillips.

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January 20, 2024 at 02:56 PM



“ *From Marian and Casey Griffin purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Peter Phillips.*



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**From Marian and Casey Griffin - January 20, 2024 at 02:19 PM**

DN

“ As someone who’s father passed at a very young age, Jim welcomed me into his family whole heartedly when I married his daughter Patricia, his love of baseball was equally shared by us and we spent many summer days and evenings at Chicago Whitesox and of course his beloved Detroit tiger games. He loved to keep score and was very meticulous at it. He was the smartest man I ever met, and could make things, fix things and show you how to do it as well. I thought I new how to cook until I met Jim, he showed me that I really didn’t, and my cooking game has been vastly improved because of him! These are just a couple things that stand out for me, there were many many more. His impact on my life was vast, and it was a blessing to know him. He will be sorely missed.

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**David Neaves** - January 20, 2024 at 07:14 AM