



James Tait

February 21, 1944 - July 2, 2024

Donald James Tait - July 2, 2024, age 80 of Canton.

Beloved husband of Patricia.

Loving father of Beth (Brad) Battey, and George Tait.

Proud grandfather of Bridgette, Branwyn, and Reed.

There will be a Memorial Gathering held on Friday, August 2nd from 2:30 PM until 4:30 PM, with a sharing of memories at 4 PM, at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St Jude PL, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

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Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

AUG 2. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
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Plymouth, MI 48170
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Tribute Wall

JP

“ My son and I enjoyed the Balloon Jams with Jim and the Michigan Twisters. We met many times at Mama Mia’s and other restaurants under Jim’s leadership. Good times.

Joe Poley - May 04, 2025 at 02:52 PM

NK

“ We enjoyed how Jim would be a caller at our school square dances.

Nellie Kiesel - July 27, 2024 at 09:56 AM

JS

“ Mr. Tait was the best Santa of all time for my kids and many many others. He created magic (literally) for so many. He will be missed.

Jenna Smith - July 21, 2024 at 02:34 PM

PS

“ Jim touched the lives of hundreds of students and staff at DHMC as Santa and doing balloon animals at our yearly picnic. He will be fondly remembered and missed. Pat Schmidt

Patricia Schmidt - July 18, 2024 at 03:54 PM

CD

“ Chris Davidson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Tait.



Chris Davidson - July 08, 2024 at 11:38 AM

CD

“ Chris Davidson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Tait.

Chris Davidson - July 08, 2024 at 11:38 AM

NG

“ Jim was one of the Founding Fathers of the Michigan Association of Professional Santa, commonly called MAPS. He was more than that to many people, he was a dear friend and will be dearly missed.



Norman Gerring - July 07, 2024 at 05:57 AM

AH

Nearly 30 years ago, the first year I started being a Santa Claus, years before MAPS, Jim Tate helped me get started as Santa. We worked together that year with a very big client. I have enjoyed and appreciated his friendship and mentorship ever since. I will miss you, Jim! - Santa Allen Hyland

Allen Hyland - July 07, 2024 at 11:16 PM

PT

“ 6 files added to the album *The Many Facets of Jim Tait*



Patricia A Tait - July 06, 2024 at 01:39 AM

BM

I remember all of these many facets... 🤔💖

Bev Moss - July 06, 2024 at 07:44 PM

RK

I will always remember Jim coming to my parents house as Santa every Christmas Eve(I was only a few years younger but always looked forward to this visit. This even led me to be a grocery store Santa one Christmas season. He was a major influence in my life and can't believe he gone to the perineal North Pole.

Roger Klinge - July 08, 2024 at 10:08 PM

JS

“ 4 files added to the album Jim and me at VHC



John Savale - July 05, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of James Tait.*



July 04, 2024 at 09:07 AM

J2

“ Johnny and friends at IBM RING 22 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald James Tait.

Johnny and friends at IBM RING 22 - July 04, 2024 at 09:07 AM

JY

“ Jim was a good friend to all of us in Detroit's vast community of magicians and he will always be with us! Not only a knowledgeable magician, JIM loved playing the role of Santa every winter holiday season. He will be missed by his fellow club members in the IBM RING 22, and I will forever appreciate his kind, encouraging, and supportive words he shared with me over the years. God bless JIM and his entire family during this very sad time. - Johnny

Johnny New York - July 04, 2024 at 08:58 AM

LS

What a wonderful man, he will be so missed ❤️

Lynne Smith - July 07, 2024 at 03:58 PM

DD

I remember being at a restaurant with my late husband to eat with Pat & Jim & how, when they arrived, all the kids got excited to see "Santa."

Dotty Decker - August 02, 2024 at 04:05 PM