



James Martin Knoll

May 11, 1928 - September 1, 2019

James (Jim) Martin Knoll, 91, of Novi, Michigan died peacefully September 1, 2019 at Angela Hospice Care Facility.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, September 16, 2019, 10:00 am at Our Lady of Sorrows Church 23815 Power Road, Farmington, MI 48336. Visitation at the church begins at 9:30 am.

Jim was a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, and good friend to many.

Dear husband of the late Mary, with whom he had shared a 57-year strong marriage. Loving father of the late Timothy, Kathleen Horgan (Daniel), James, Ruth Stanski (Jon), Christopher (Andrea), Maureen Krasner (Charles). Adoring and proud grandfather of 13 and great grandfather of 10.

Beloved son of the late Catherine and the late Phillip Martin. Loving brother of William (Davota), the late Edward, Donna Geizyng (Don), Jane DesRosiers, Patricia, Phillip (Nancy). Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Jim greatly enjoyed life and time with family members and friends. He was a devout Catholic and through the years was a parishioner of St. Peter the Apostle Church (Harper Woods), Gesu Church (Detroit), and Our Lady of Sorrows Church (Farmington Hills). Jim adored his wife Mary and together they made a wonderful life for themselves and their 6 children and their families, with strong roots and rich traditions.

Throughout his life Jim was kind, humble, respectful, inclusive, and always kept a positive outlook. He was deeply committed to family, making sure that all knew of his support to follow their dreams and be happy.

Originally from Monesson Pennsylvania Jim came to Michigan on his own as a teen and

graduated from Detroit Eastern High School. He proudly served in the US Marine Corps and went on to achieve an engineering degree from the Detroit Institute of Technology. Jim enjoyed a long and successful career at Chrysler Corporation in Brake Development in Highland Park and at Trenton Chemical, where he worked with a team to develop the innovative phenolic caliper piston, tested brake system, and mentored many newer engineers.

Jim loved traveling and treasured the memories of family camping trips in the outdoors and frequent vacations to Disneyworld, as well as many lobsters in Southwest Harbor, Maine with his wife Mary, his children and their spouses and most of all beloved grandchildren. He also greatly enjoyed spending many winters in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Jim savored trips to Germany, and all over the United States for many family vacations, trips with friends, and business trips testing brakes. Jim always enjoyed watching sports, particularly the Detroit Tigers, including his final days where he continued to display his positive attitude even in a challenging baseball year.

Jim and his wife Mary made their homes warm and welcoming through the years in Harper Woods, Detroit, and Farmington Hills. Jim proudly spent the past 8 years at Fox Run in Novi, on his own. At Fox Run Jim deeply appreciated the camaraderie of friends—caring for each other, playing cards, participating in various clubs, and countless conversations, happy hours, and dinners shared. Those times along with respectful and caring relationships with Fox Run staff made Jim's last years another great chapter in a wonderful life.

A special 'Thank You' to all the doctors, nurses, therapists, and devoted caregivers throughout the past year who worked with and supported Jim, helping him to manage his health and maintain independence. Also, 'Thank you' to Angela Hospice for making the final days both comfortable and peaceful.

In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Jim may be made to:

Angela Hospice[click here to contribute]www.angelahospice.org

Capuchin Soup Kitchen[click here to contribute]www.cskdetroit.org

Cemetery

Events

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd.

Clinton Twp., MI, 48038

SEP

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Liturgy

10:00AM

Our Lady of Sorrows

23815 Power Road, Farmington Hills, MI, US, 48336

Comments



“ I had the privilege of meeting Jim in 1976 while working at Chrysler. I worked in Materials Engineering when Jim was at the Trenton Chemical Division. We, along with many other people developed the industry's first phenolic disc brake caliper piston. We spent many hours on the plant floor molding and testing pistons. At the end of the day we would go to the restraunt across the street and had fun. Later in our careers Jim and I both worked in brake engineering. Jim was always a class guy who treated me with respect in my younger years when I didn't know anything. I will never forget him. Rest In Peace, my friend.

Roger Haikio - September 15 at 07:43 AM



“ Jim was one of the first mentor I had when I started at Chrysler in 1969. He taught me a great deal about brake lining and more improtantly how to be a professional His contributions to the brake industry and Chrysler are recognized by the many people he work with

Paul Gritt

Paul Gritt - September 14 at 10:59 AM



“ I've known Jim since 1967 when I started in the Brake Dept. at the Chelsea Proving Grounds. We worked together on many brake lining proposals and on the development of the phenolic piston. Jim taught me patience, Integrity and attention to detail in conducting these programs.I am deeply sorry that Jim is no longer with us.

Don Kvarnberg

Don Kvarnberg - September 16 at 06:41 AM



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Toni - September 05 at 11:44 AM



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Toni - September 05 at 11:41 AM