



## James A. Leonard

June 18, 1919 - January 14, 2019

James A. Leonard, Age 99 ½

January 14, 2019

James was born in Detroit on June 18, 1919, to the late Frederic and Catherine (Lazarus). He graduated from Henry Ford Trade School in 1937. He started J.I.C. Electric with William H. Pew in 1949 and worked until his retirement in 2002.

He married Helen R. (Sullivan) in 1945 and she preceded him in death in 1977. He married Mary (Scott) DiPonio in 1981 and she passed away in 2012.

He is the beloved father of James A. (Barbara) Leonard Jr., Patricia (John) Salter, Carol (Robert) McManus, Thomas (Debra) Leonard, Daniel (Brenda) Leonard, Catherine (Joseph) DeLeon, Elizabeth (William) Leonard-Brown, Loretta (Ashok) Chopra, Barbara (William) Drotar, Kenneth (Anastasia) Leonard, Thomas (Renee) DiPonio, John (Cynthia) DiPonio, Susan (Russell) Worosz, Steven DiPonio, Michael (Brenda) DiPonio, Nancy DiPonio Hagan, James DiPonio, Joseph (Erica) DiPonio and the late Elizabeth DiPonio. Proud Grandfather of 64 and great-grandfather of 36.

James is the brother of the late Mary (William) Twomey, Jerry (Enid) Leonard, and Jean Leonard. He is the brother-in-law of Sr. Anne Sullivan M.M., Mary Chevalier, Dr. William (Margie) Sullivan, and the late Loretta (Henry) Nebel. James is the brother-in-law of Mary DiPonio (the late Donald) Mancini, and the late Frederick (Dorothy) Scott, Barbara Scott (Robert) Taylor, Angelo (Marge) DiPonio, Thomas (Connie) DiPonio, Louis (Rose) DiPonio, Dominic (Frances) DiPonio, Eugene (Antoinette) DiPonio, Louise DiPonio (Jack) Bidigare.

The family was the center of James' life whether it was spending time at the lake house, volunteering at St. Monica or St. Valentine, bowling, attending an opera or a Detroit Tiger game, the family was a part of the experience. He enjoyed many conversations about sports, business, and politics. He taught his family what it meant to be a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, MI 48375, 248-348-1800, Sunday, January 20 3-8 pm and Monday, January 21 3-8 pm with Rosary at 7 pm.

Instate at St Valentine Church, 14841 Beech Daly, Redford, Tuesday, January 22 at 10:00 am until the funeral Liturgy at 10:30 am.

Entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield immediately following the funeral Mass.

Donations in memory of James can be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Development Office, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207. [Click here to donate][www.cskdetroit.org](http://www.cskdetroit.org)

# Cemetery

**Holy Sepulchre Cemetery**  
25800 W 10 Mile Rd  
Southfield, MI,

# Events

**JAN 20**   **Visitation**   03:00PM - 08:00PM

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**JAN 22**   **Liturgy**   10:30AM

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St. Valentine  
14841 Beech Daly Rd, Redford, MI, US, 48239

# Comments

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“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of James A. Leonard.



January 21 at 12:46 PM

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“ Sandy Evanski purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James A. Leonard.



**Sandy Evanski** - January 21 at 12:15 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Theresa Dorchak** - January 20 at 07:16 AM

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“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James A. Leonard.



January 19 at 04:10 PM

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“ Sue & Joe Warner lit a candle in memory of James A. Leonard



Sue & Joe warner - January 19 at 01:43 PM

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“ We didn't see Mr. Leonard that often but when we did we enjoyed talking to him very much. He was a very interesting person to know and talk to.we enjoyed Mr. Leonard's company and were happy to have known him. Sue and Joe warner

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Sue & Joe warner - January 19 at 01:40 PM

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“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James A. Leonard.



January 18 at 03:50 PM

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“ To the family of Mr. Leonard, I too feel blessed to know and work with Mr. Leonard at JIC Electric.I always received my first Christmas Card from him and looked forward to getting it. Always it was in his hand writing and signed Love, Jim Leonard. He also would send me a Easter Card. I am really going to miss them. I am so sorry for your loss and know he will be missed by everyone. He was a wonderful Man. Many fond memories of him.

Love, Sharon Loos

Sharon Loos - January 17 at 05:47 PM



“ We we're all very blessed when Jim chose Mary to fall in love with after both of them lost their first loves. The DiPonio Family gained a father/stepfather/grandfather/great grandpa. Jim was a wonderful, generous caring man. They treated this blended family the same. He loved each and every one of us and was very interested in what we were all doing trying to keep track of us all. He was in charge of the card giving, you always received a Birthday, Anniversary, Valentine, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We always joked that he must have stock in Hallmark. This continued through his whole life. He and Mary would take us on Family vacations making great memories. Cruises were the best place for us as we could all eat in the same dining room together. His memories will live on in each of us and I will give to my family as he taught me how meaningful memories can be. We Love you

**Renee DiPonio** - January 16 at 08:27 PM