



## James Gerard Aragona

November 1, 1955 - November 11, 2020

Aragona, Jimmy Age 65 Nov. 11, 2020.

Beloved husband of Joyce (nee Amella) for 34 years. Loving father of Joe Aragona. Dearest brother of Josephine (Ken) Balcer, Louisa (Jim) King, Margaret (Mark) Evans and Mary Beth (Scott) Martell. Dear brother-in-law of Richard Amella. In lieu of flowers, please forward any donations to the Billy Graham Evangelical Ministries or the Ravi Zacharias International Ministries. The family will be receiving friends on Monday, November 16th from 9am until the Memorial Service at 11am at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 17017 12 Mile Rd. (between Groesbeck and Utica). Inurnment Resurrection Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Events

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**NOV** **Memorial Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Cornerstone Baptist Church

17017 E. 12 Mile Rd., Roseville, MI, US, 48066

**NOV** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ The first time I had the pleasure of meeting Jim, was back in the Spring of 1983 in my electronics class at Macomb Community College. Truth be told, he could have easily taught the course himself. I was struck by his knowledge, coupled with an equal amount of humility. Erudition in any area of human endeavor and humility, are usually inversely related, but not with Jim. I'm sure he knew what he knew, yet he had the most engaging and kind personality I've only rarely seen in my 65 years. I was delighted later on to discover that Jim and Joyce are 2nd cousins of the dear girl I married in the summer of that same year. It was always a delight to see Jim during family gatherings and talk about our mutual love of electronic technology as well as share our Christian faith with one another.

In a very selfish way, I will mourn Jim's passing for years to come; not for Jim, for I know he's with Jesus, but for myself, for no longer being able to enjoy his company until we meet again one day. To his precious wife Joyce and their dear son Joe, I can only offer my deepest condolences. May you both find solace in your memories as well as your strong faith in HIM and the eternal salvation it brings.

Sincerely,

the Tony and Kim Cruz family.

**Tony Cruz** - December 18, 2020 at 04:21 PM

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“ Dear Jo, Saw the notice too late or would have made it to the memorial service with an opportunity to see you and express my sympathy at your loss. Remembering with fondness our reunion...and the few times we made contact. I have still been keeping in touch with some of the others but so much has changed these last few years. Geri and I had attended a virtual funeral for our classmate, Don Ciaravino, last week. I did not know this brother but if he is part of your family, I am sure he also had some of your wonderful family traits. So grateful for all the times we shared as classmates and friends (Nativity1958). Sending sincerest condolences, and wishing you a peaceful Thanksgiving.



**Grace Orlando** - November 17, 2020 at 01:02 PM

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“ Jim taught me what true friendship is. It goes beyond shared interests, affection and good times together. Jim truly cared about me, my family, my career, and most importantly, my spiritual state. You may not believe like he did, but if you knew Jim for any length of time, you knew about Jim's trust and faith in Jesus Christ. I so miss our breakfasts together talking faith, work, life, bible study (and politics and guns too!) I can't overstate the impact that Jim has made in my life. He was a great man and a dearly loved friend.

**Doug Curd** - November 17, 2020 at 06:39 AM

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“ I will always think about you the rest of my life you were my lcloud in life since 1964 your mom was my catechism teacher, so many great memories and your mom and family I learned how to cut a steak from aunt Fannie we were always trying a way to blow things up sleeping overnight at each others house and you learned how to ride a horse .Our mini bikes .You married my late sisters friend . You left us too early my friend . I don' think it'll ever go away the pain of your death . I love you my Friend and Bro! May God be with you now you can make him laugh .

**Douglas Benvenuti** - November 16, 2020 at 10:11 PM

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“ I will miss this man until the day I die we had a lot of memories together we did some crazy stuff that I enjoyed only with Jim goodbye my friend it hurts bad to lose you brother



**Doug Benvenuti** - November 16, 2020 at 09:50 PM

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“ I've known Jim since the late 70's. When I was a young teenager with my bother Frank and sister Kim we were at Greenfield village enjoying the old buildings and their history when it began to rain. We stood under an awning of one of the houses to stay dry until the rain let up but it continued to rain with no end in sight. We thought the day was ruined. Then Jim looked at us with the look of "I have an idea". Instantly we knew what he was thinking and we ran out into the rain jumping into puddles having a great time enjoying Greenfield village the rest of the day. It may sound like an odd thing to do but you had to be there. He took a day that was first ruined by rain and made it an enjoyable one.

Jim enjoyed life and the people around him. He would always go out of his way to help people because that's the person he was. He was a man with a beautiful heart and a wonderful smile.

**Mike** - November 15, 2020 at 10:50 PM

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“ Joyce, I'm very sorry. I hope you and your family are blessed with beautiful memories.

**Patrice** - November 15, 2020 at 04:01 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Gerard Aragona.



November 15, 2020 at 03:23 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**SANDRA FREDERICK-LACEY** - November 15, 2020 at 12:59 PM

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“ Mike Matous and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of James Gerard Aragona.



Mike Matous and family - November 14, 2020 at 04:12 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Gerard Aragona.



November 14, 2020 at 01:19 PM

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“ Jimmy helped me with transition from Catholic to public school. Our paths crossed many ways over the years with close relationship with the Aragona family. I've followed closely his cancer struggle and now this. My thought and prayers are with you all.

Anne Barton - November 14, 2020 at 08:03 AM

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“ Danny Beens #28 & Simon Yu (Gao) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Gerard Aragona.



Danny Beens #28 & Simon Yu (Gao) - November 13, 2020 at 09:59 PM

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“ Well in 1989 I asked My Bride to marry me thank God she said yes we started looking for a jeweler to make our rings that is when Jim entered my life. Boy but he change my life he became a long lost friend in a matter of minutes. He crafted mine and my bride rings meticulously and beautifully in through the many many times going to talk to him and work with him on our rings we became great friends along with his amazing bride and his amazing son Joe. My Bride and I attached to him so much we asked him to be the godfather to our daughter for years later thank God he said yes. We remained close for a lot of years but life got in the way and we drifted apart and now I find out God called an angel to heaven you'll be missed

**russell janis** - November 13, 2020 at 09:59 PM

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“ I met Jim through my husband who worked with him for many years. He was a very good man, and the same day that my husband John had returned home from a heart procedure, a huge tree limb fell across our walkway to the front porch. That afternoon Jim and another co-worker of John's, Jim Miller, drove over and sawed that tree up and took it away. They had to drive quite a distance too. Those are good friends. Jim also was a fine jeweler, and fixed my rings beautifully.  
We send prayers of comfort and healing to Joyce and Joe, and the rest of the family.

**Karen and John Parsell** - November 13, 2020 at 03:25 PM

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“ Dear Joe, my deepest condolences to you and your mom. I am sorry that I will not be able to offer my sympathy in person. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sandy Tornberg

**Sandra Tornberg** - November 13, 2020 at 02:57 PM

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“ To Joyce, Joey, Josephine, Lisa, Margie, and Mary Beth and all the Aragona family, We send our sincere condolences and prayers during this difficult time. Jimmy was a kind, caring, and loving person and always hade a smile. Love, Frank L. & Anna Schuller

**Frank & Anna Schuller** - November 13, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Gerard Aragona.



November 13, 2020 at 08:45 AM

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“ Our hearts are heavy with the sad news of Jim’s passing. We loved being together and observing the special bond the 3 of you shared. We will always remember Jim’s positive attitude even when faced with challenges. Loren will remember Jim as a boss that was always there to offer advice and support at work and on occasion at the “South” office. Jim will be missed. Love to you both. Loren and Ev Elliott

Loren and Ev Elliott - November 13, 2020 at 07:27 AM

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“ Joyce, my heart is with you! I am happy that you were able to retire and spend time with Jim. Many prayers for peace to you and Joe. Nancy Bloch

nancy - November 12, 2020 at 10:25 PM

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“ Joyce and Joe, your husband and dad was the most remarkable man I have ever met. His talent with computers, guns and ammo, working on cars. Was there anything the man couldn't do? I will miss our conversations over the back fence, our Christmas afternoons and just getting together to talk politics.

While doing all that he never took his eye off of his wife and raised the best son any man could leave to the rest of the world. I will miss you Jim and, I look forward to seeing you again one day when God gets finished with me. God bless our neighbors of 30 years.

Ken Kempkens - November 12, 2020 at 09:47 PM

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“ Jim is a amazing man helped me threw so many times even tho we didn't talk all the time the wisdom he instilled in me was never forgotten. He is a kind and loving man that loved everyone and his family so much. I was blessed to have known him and his family. My heart and prayers go out to his family. I am very thankful that I was able to share the moments I had with him. I can not say enough things about Jim he is one of the best men I have known.

patrick mcsherry - November 12, 2020 at 08:17 PM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of James Gerard Aragona.



November 12, 2020 at 05:54 PM

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“ The friendliest most genuinely loving man I have ever met. Next to my father the only person I have ever felt comfortable receiving a hug from. You know it was honest and heart felt. I will miss him more that words can say. Yet I rejoice in knowing I will see him again in a better place.

Arthur - November 12, 2020 at 05:49 PM

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“ Bob And Kathy Burgee lit a candle in memory of James Gerard Aragona



Bob and Kathy Burgee - November 12, 2020 at 05:20 PM

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“ Mr Aragona was always cheerful and smiling. His hugs were heartfelt and his love genuine. He made sure I knew I was always welcome and that, with the help of Mrs Aragona, I was always well fed. I have too many fond memories to list them all here, so to keep it short, I'm a better person because of his impact. He will be truly missed.

**Anthony Korbely** - November 12, 2020 at 05:04 PM

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“ Jim's son Joe and our son Tim were good friends, classmates, and football teammates at Lutheran High North. Jim was one of the most joyful people that I ever met. His laugh was contagious and he boldly shared that his joy was grounded in his love for Jesus. I will keep Joyce and Joe in our prayers in the times ahead and pray that they can take comfort in knowing that he is now wearing a crown of life and living in true joy for all eternity.

**Mike Greve** - November 12, 2020 at 04:36 PM

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“ Sandra Haroutunian lit a candle in memory of James Gerard Aragona



**Sandra haroutunian** - November 12, 2020 at 03:52 PM

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“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of James Gerard Aragona.



November 12, 2020 at 02:37 PM