



James B. Formanek

February 13, 1948 - January 14, 2022

Formanek, James B. Age 73 of Harrison Township, MI died at home on January 14, 2022, surrounded by loved ones after fighting a short, but courageous battle with brain cancer. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 40 years Nancy. Proud and loving father of Elizabeth (Jeffrey) Primo and Katherine (Danelle Picano) Formanek and adoring grandfather of Isabella Primo. Dear son of the late John and Myrtle Formanek, and brother of the late Marilyn (Jon) Saunders. He is survived by his nephew Jay (Fran) Saunders and by many other cherished family members and dear friends. Jim retired in 2009 after owning and operating JB Tile for 35 years to provide care for his ill wife. After her death in 2011, Jim was blessed to stay home to be with, and care for, his beloved granddaughter Bella. He was an avid fisherman, loved playing cards, and developed a tremendous passion for golf in his later years. He loved to garden and would spend hours tending to his plants and pruning his flowers. He will always be remembered for his candor, generosity, and pleasant disposition. Even in his last days he was able to find the beauty and joy in life and made sharing time with him an absolute pleasure. A memorial will be planned for the summer for his loved ones to safely gather in celebration of his life.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Jim you are tremendously missed. Your love, humor and good spirits were always enjoyable to be around; the stories you told, the wisdom you shared and the wonderful way you always showed everyone around you how much you cared is a true loss for your family and friends. You lived with such honesty, integrity and compassion; these special character qualities continue now through the love and strength consistently shared by your daughters and granddaughter.



My condolences and prayers to your family and friends.

Thank you for all you shared.

Now and forever be in His peace Jim.

Robert Primo - February 13, 2022 at 09:18 PM

CM

“ I've known Jim for about 50 years, his wife Nancy was my best friend throughout grade school and high school. When Jim came into her life, he was the light and passion she was missing. Together, Jim and Nancy created the most beautiful and adorable girls, Elizabeth and Kate, and raised them to be stars in their own right, teaching them to speak their minds and just be the best they could be, no more no less. What a success story that was! Jim was adored by his daughters, and now by his precious granddaughter. Jim, you will be missed by so many people, myself at the top of that list. Jim and Nancy taught me that you can love deeply and passionately without losing your own self and your own identity. Jim, I will miss you forever.

Cindy Miramonti - January 22, 2022 at 07:19 PM

DJ

“ My name is Donna (Paval) Janssen. I met my brother-in-law Jim when I was 12 or 13 years old. I was a bridesmaid when he married my sister Nancy and inherited my parents and 5 other siblings. I believe I spent the most time with him, as I was very close with my sister and lived nearby, and so I could tell a zillion stories...but here I will just share some highlights and some pictures.

He had a Honda 500 motorcycle, and I would often ride with him. When he managed the rock band, Rachel, I was at their concert. I fished and went waterskiing off his boats, and my husband and I also fished with him on our boat. Over the years I, and often my friends, boyfriends, and my husband, would hang out with him and my sister when they lived in apartments, a duplex, and a home in Detroit (where I lived with them for a couple of months), and after I found them their home in Harrison Township. I am the godmother of his oldest daughter, Elizabeth. Jim made me lunch on numerous occasions when I would visit to spend time with him and Isabella prior to her starting school. He was part of our family's February birthdays celebration, as am I.

We didn't have a phone relationship; it was normally in person. He was a brother to me, not a brother-in-law. We enjoyed each other's company, laughed plenty, and talked about anything and everything.

I loved him like a sister and will miss my dear brother; my heart hurts...



Donna (Paval) Janssen - January 22, 2022 at 11:30 AM

CG

“ I met Jim about 7 years ago on the Shelby Golf League. From day one I knew he was a great guy . We've talk about many things and he always talked about his grand kids . He always told it as it is . I loved playing golf with him . I'm going to miss him dearly . One of the good ones .

Chuck Guertin - January 21, 2022 at 03:36 PM

TS

“ Jim and I first met in 08 as we were introduced as possible golf partners.we became good friends almost immediately,we hung out,played a lot of golf,enjoyed many hours of cards and just talking to each other.he will truly be missed.my sincere condolences to the family

Terry and Marial Spicer - January 19, 2022 at 10:22 AM

TL

“ We were blessed to become part of Jim's family when our son fell in love with his beautiful daughter Elizabeth. We will always treasure the memories of being in his company at family gatherings, on family vacations and attending school programs together. Jim was a wonderful loving Father and Grandpa. He will forever remain in our hearts.



The Loves - January 18, 2022 at 03:41 PM

RP

“ My sincere condolences to Jims family, Jim was a great friend,fellow golfer,great card player, also did my Tile work for Hallmark Builders for 30 Years, I will miss him dearly, what a guy, Rest in peace my friend, Ray Paul

Ray Paul - January 18, 2022 at 02:58 PM

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“ I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your father/father in law Katie and Danelle. Please take comfort knowing he is safe and pain free in heaven. Let me know what I can do to help you in this time of grief. Sending love, thoughts and prayers. Amanda Brunette and Family

Amanda Brunette - January 18, 2022 at 09:51 AM

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Terry and Marial Spicer - January 19, 2022 at 08:41 AM