

James John Ciennik

May 5, 1934 - January 19, 2021

Ciennik, James John Age 86 Jan. 19, 2021.

Beloved husband of the late Mary Ann(nee Kovack) for 65 years. Loving father of Jaime Ann(Terry)Sarnowski, James J. III(Renee)Ciennik and Stephen(Theresa)Ciennik. Dearest grandfather of Ryan, J.J. IV(Liz), Andrew, Troy(Ashley), Natalia(Andi)Opari, Jenna, Stephen, Jr. and great grandfather of Leo M. Sarnowski. Dear brother of the late Helen Hudas. The Ciennik family welcomes all of their friends to attend a 10am Mass in Jim's honor this Saturday January 23rd at St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families-St. Clement Campus 25320 Van Dyke Ave. (North of 10 Mile) with the instate starting at 9:30am. A Private Entombment will follow at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East. Donations preferred to The Polish Century Club of Detroit Scholarship Fund, The Power Company Kid's Club, Pontiac, MI or The American Cancer Society. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Instate

JAN **23**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Our Lady Queen of Families (St. Clement)
25252 Van Dyke Ave
Center Line, MI 48015

Funeral Mass

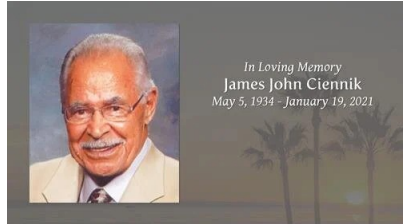
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Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of James John Ciennik*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - January 22, 2021 at 03:29 PM

JC

“ *I will always remember jim and Mary Ann. They always looked like they stepped out of a magazine. Very attractive couple. Jim grew up in the 6 and Gratiot area and was a dear friend of my brother, John Hirchak. Jim and Ray Grabowski drove up to Tawas to attend Johnny funeral in 1989. I so appreciated that they came as they both were good friends with Johnny. Ray and John joined the Detroit fire dept the same day. Jim was always a very thoughtful kind person. I visited him when he was president of the Polish Century Club in Detroit. Always so professional and sharing. He will be remembered.*

*Joanna (Hirchak) Cohen
St. Clair Shores, Mi*

Joanna Cohen - January 28, 2021 at 08:41 AM

RG

“ Dear Jim and Family,
Robert, Barnet, and I share our love and sincere condolences with you at this time of loss. May his memory serve as a blessing and guide you on your way. May his life be a gift of many lessons and blessings.
We know his admiration for you reflects your love of him.
Respectfully,
Robert, Rochelle, Barnet S. Gold

Rochelle Anixt Gold - January 24, 2021 at 05:13 PM

CW

“ Jim III and family,

Sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Although we never worked with him in our 40+ years of working with Ciennik Financial, it was always a pleasure running into him at the office. He always greeted us with a warm smile and welcoming personality, which was passed on to Jim III.

We wish we could be there today, due to Covid, we aren't traveling. See you when we get our vaccines.

Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Take care, Cindy & Mark Wiegand

Cindy Wiegand - January 23, 2021 at 10:17 AM

JM

“ Our deepest condolences on Jim, Sr.’s passing. He was a true gentleman and a joy to spend time with. He and Jimmy were blessed to be able to work together for so many years, and Jimmy blessed to continue his father’s legacy.

Jack & Kathy Mazzara

Jack Mazzara - January 23, 2021 at 08:45 AM

JS

“ Truly losted another great gentleman. I know he soared straight up to heaven to his beautiful Mary Ann. Our love and thoughts are with you Jim, Renée and the rest of the family.

Love Jim, Lori and family ❤️🙏



Jim and Lori Stepanski - January 22, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James John Ciennik.



January 22, 2021 at 03:58 PM

LC

“The bond between friends cannot be broken by chance; no interval of time or space can destroy it. Not even death itself can part true friends” – John Cassian

Jim, thank you for being such a good friend to me. I will always remember the many fun times we had together. Sundays at Stan's on Marco Island. The four of us for Breakfast at the Petit Soleil French restaurant. The thousands of lunches we shared over the past 22 years. The laughter that was so intense sometimes I couldn't drive the car and had to pull off the road. The purchase of your office unit in Sterling Heights. You drove me nuts with all the questions. One of the best times we had was my surprise wedding. You didn't have a clue I was getting married that day as you walked down to the beach at the Marriott Hotel on Marco Island. I have a photograph of your face in total shock and surprise when you figured out you were on your way to my wedding ceremony in the sand on the beach. Jim, you will be my friend forever!

Louis Cataldo

Louis Cataldo - January 22, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“My heart and the members of the Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church are saddened with the Ciennik family. Personal as a pastor as the time I have met Mr. Ciennik the grace, love, and care came out of him, what a wonderful and grand man. What a great man, a Great father, and a great contributor to humanity, community, and the world, and yes so much more. Know that the Chapel Hill Church Family is in prayer with the entire Ciennik family. If there is anything I can do for you and yours please let me know. Love you much.

R. LaMont Smith II, Ph.D. D.Min.

Van LaMont - January 22, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Being neighbors for over 40 years, our families grew up together, our sons played ball together and roomed together at Western we have many good memories. We send our condolences and prayers to the family.

Patrick Murphy - January 22, 2021 at 02:11 PM

LB

“ Love Bob & Barb Banaszewski purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of James John Ciennik.



Love Bob & Barb Banaszewski - January 22, 2021 at 10:16 AM

RT

“ We are so sorry to hear we have lost James Sr., Doug and I greatly enjoyed our times together with him at the Paul Bunyan evenings & the Polish Sports Hall of Fame events. He was a charming gentleman and will be greatly missed by many.



Rhonda Troszak - January 21, 2021 at 09:15 PM

DM

“ We are so sorry for the loss of are dear dear friend Jim. We shared so many great times with Jim and MarryAnn. Jim was not only are friend but he also guided us in so many things. We miss and love him dearly. We are so sorry for your wonderful families loss. We love you Jim.

Dave and Jojo Merrelli - January 21, 2021 at 08:08 PM

KW

“ Thank you for being a great, dear friend to my dad, Fred Wolf. I remember how both Jim and MaryAnn showed me as a young person how to be a good friend of the family as they both shared in some of families special times. I just love hearing Jim on the recording for my first holy communion, his laughter was infectious and always brought great joy. May the lord bless and keep you in his eternal care. Kim Wheeler(wolf)

Kim Wheeler - January 21, 2021 at 07:35 PM

DU

“ It is with sadness that my wife Marie and I learned that our friend James Ciennik died earlier this week. Jim has been our friend for almost twenty years. As owners of a condo unit at Harbour Boat Club in Marco Island, Florida, we are grateful for the stewardship he provided as President of the Condo Association. His leadership and tenacity benefited us all, and left a lasting monument of his vision and accomplishments. We used to enjoy going out to dinner with Jim and Mary Ann, and sharing good times together in Marco Island. It was great serving on the Condo Board with Jim, and having him as a friend. Our sincere sympathies to his family for their loss.

*Marie and Don Ungemah
Littleton, Colorado*

Donald Ungemah - January 21, 2021 at 05:40 PM

NO

“ Grandpa Ciennik,

*We had a wonderful grandfather,
One who never really grew old;
His smile was made of sunshine,
And his heart was solid gold;
His eyes were as bright as shining stars,
And in his cheeks fair roses you see.
We had a wonderful grandfather,
And that's the way it will always be.
But take heed, because
He's still keeping an eye on all of us,
So let's make sure
He will like what he sees.*

*With Love Always
Your Granddaughter & Grandson-In-Law,
Andi & Natalia Opari
Xoxo*

Natalia Opari - January 21, 2021 at 01:17 PM

HL

“ Joann and I are very saddened to learn of Jim's passing ----
unfortunately because of COVID and the polish century club
meetings being cancelled, we haven't seen him in some months ----I
regret that and hate 2020 ----love you Jim --

Hank & Joann Luks

HANK & JOANN LUKS - January 21, 2021 at 10:42 AM

GN

“ James & Renee,

I am so sorry to learn of the passing of your father and partner, Jim. May you and your family be comforted by the faith you all share in Christ and his redemptive power.

Glenn S Newlin, NAIFA MI Membership Chair

Glenn Newlin - January 21, 2021 at 09:15 AM

BJ

“ For a few years every February we would meet Jim and Mary Ann In Naples and have a wonderful 3 hour lunch together. We are so grateful to have the Ciennik family in our lives. May the lord bless all of you and watch over you.

Brian and AnnMarie Jones

Brian & AnnMarie Jones - January 20, 2021 at 09:43 PM

BB

“ James, First MaryAnn & now you. You both left us too soon. We expected you to be around forever. Take care dear cousin & friend, we will miss you more then anyone will ever know.

Love Robert & Barbara Banaszewski

Barbara Banaszewski - January 20, 2021 at 08:19 PM

KZ

“ Always a friend and confident! Will be missed greatly!

Kevin and Jackie Zebracki - January 20, 2021 at 06:31 PM