



James Michael Veneri

March 27, 1958 - July 20, 2011

VENERI, JAMES MICHAEL age 53 July 20, 2011

Loving son of Carmela and the late Enzo Veneri. Dear brother of Dr. Robert (Mary Anne) Veneri and Thomas (Donna) Veneri. Proud uncle of Rob, Ryan, Courtney, Jackie and Brian. Jim devoted over 20 years to the Mathematics Department at Wayne State University. Jim encouraged, counseled and mentored his students; treating them as though they were his family. Visitation Friday 2-9pm with a 7pm Wake Service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Pkwy. (16 Mile). Instate 9:30am Saturday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church 476 Fairford in Grosse Pointe Woods until 10:00am Mass. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

Tribute Wall

AS

“ I met Jim many years ago. I was seeking help in math and it was there that i met him. Jim was such a great mentor to me. He was so encouraging and just a great person. I feel so lucky to have had met him. Upon graduating i sometimes would attend WSU for something that i needed. I always surprised him at his office. Today was one of those days. I was so excited to surprise him. Then i was struck with the news! I was extremely saddened. I just can't believe it. I met with him just before his passing. No wonder the unanswered email:(Amazing person. GOD BLESS!

Angela Succurro - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Leave a condolence or a memory.

Angela Succurro - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ I learned of Jim's death because my Christmas card to him was sent back. I was shocked and saddened. It was an honor to have him as my boss at the math resource center. His passion for helping others was an inspiration. He was one of the kindest men I have ever been blessed to know.

Mindy - January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

QS

“ I have been greatly saddened and shocked by the passing away of Jim Veneri. I met Jim on campus before he came to work in math department. Since then, we spent many wonderful years at school, and shared some of the best years of my PhD study. He had been always ready to be the warmest help to anybody. Our thoughts are with you always. Sincerely, Qingshuo.

Qingshuo Song - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of your loss. I am a student at WSU. Jim was an amazing professor. He honestly and passionately cared for his students. Jim assisted me in moving forward with my life, he was a great mentor and always supportive. A little memory of Jim: when he seemed happy or excited about something I would hear him say "I can't wait to tell mom." He must have a wonderful family whom he was very close to. Again I am very sorry for your loss. He will be missed.

Heidi - September 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I first met Jim when I started my Ph.D. program at WSU. After that I had a chance to work closely with him and other tutors at MRC. We had a great time working together and helping students. Jim considered the MRC his home where he put all love and hard work to make it the best place for students and tutors. I cannot forget how nice and helpful he was to me when I first joined WSU as a Ph.D. student. His help and encouragement made me feel more confident and comfortable in a place far from home. I always visited him every time I had a chance to go to WSU, and the last time I visited him was in October 2010 when we had a great time recalling our memories. I cannot believe that I will never have a chance to see Jim again. Jim, thank you for everything you did for me and for everyone. We will always miss you.

Mau Nam, Nguyen - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ I met Jim when he offered me a job in the MRC. I called him my boss even when the title was no longer true, because it's hard to put a label on what Jim was to his MRC kids. Friend and mentor don't seem to do it justice. Jim was a constant source of help and support. He helped me in so many ways, some that I'll probably never know. Any concern, no matter how trivial or enormous or personal, he was willing to sit, talk, and offer advice and encouragement. And if possible, he would do something about it. I cannot begin to count the number of problems Jim solved for me. Neither could I possibly count the number of dancing lobsters I received in emails signed with a gigantic jimBO. He was also a constant source of stuff. Jim was always giving gifts. Sometimes just small office supplies: a sweet new pen or a mini notebook. Sometimes money for lunch (just so long as his posse was going together somewhere.) Sometimes extravagant brunches on the weekends: fancy cheese and special Italian spreads. Blankets, umbrellas, jackets, chocolate, matching tshirts, matching bags, the math axe, and games for the MRC (the taboo buzzer haunts me still.) And I can't neglect to mention the never ending supply of candy cigarettes he kept in a cigar case with a special pink lighter just so I could go on breaks to the back porch with him. The "technical institute" will never be the same. Love, your scrumptious little peanut

Sarah Yeakel - August 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Jim was a dilligent hard worker at WSU tutoring center... I had a nice relationship with him, I'm a student, one time he personally made sure someone tutored me and awnsered all my questions when I needed help. God bless Jim Veneri and rest in peace

Corey, Washington - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I am very sorry to hear about your loss. During my years at Wayne State I shared many laughs and great conversations with Jim. His tireless contributions to the wellbeing of the mathematics department's students will be greatly missed. His dedication and kindness will continue to live in the hearts of those who had the good fortune of meeting and knowing him.

Kay Magaard - July 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I first came to know Jim in the Fall of 2004. My first encounter with him was like those listed below, he took an immediate interest in me and my future. People have called him a mentor and a teacher, and while that is true, he was so much more. He took the math department, a cold and boring sounding place, and made it a home. It became my home for the next several years, the place where I felt safe and comfortable. I loved Jim so much, and he was so important. He made an impact in so many lives. More than what could be accomplished by any single teacher. He gave me confidence in myself when I had lost all reasons to have any. He showed me, as most young adults need to be shown, that we should be slow to judge. He showed me some of the most beautiful things I could have ever dreamed of. He made everything possible for me. The profound impact he has made on me is not something I can adequately explain. At the end of everything, you always knew Jim just wanted everyone to be happy.

Sean Tilson - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM