



James M. Ceriale

November 6, 1946 - December 4, 2024

James “Jim” M. Ceriale, 78, passed away on Wednesday, December 4th, 2024. Born on November 6th, 1946 in Chicago, IL, he was a longtime resident of Libertyville. After graduating from the Tool and Die Institute and becoming a master tool and die tradesman, Jim founded Spectrum Manufacturing in Wheeling. For 25 years, Spectrum was an innovator in the field, specializing in precision parts including medical equipment such as hip and knee replacements, and even some work for satellites, leading to the invention of multiple patented devices. Jim was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libertyville. He loved golfing, traveling, reading, woodworking, and spending time with family and friends. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Jim is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dianne Ceriale; two children, Angela (John) Deligiannis, and Anthony (Karen) Ceriale; four grandchildren, Dean, Nicholas, James and Christopher; and his sister, Roberta (Tom) Clinger. He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Genevieve Ceriale, his brother Anthony Ceriale, and his sister Marianne Pacini. He was a loving brother and brother-in-law, a fond uncle to many nieces and nephews, and a friend to many.

A visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by mass at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 3, 2025 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 121 E. Maple Ave. in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to St. Jude Children’s Hospital or the American Cancer Society. Visit www.burnettdane.co

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
121 E. Maple Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048

Memorial Mass

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“ My heartfelt wishes and prayers go out to all of Jim's family. I had the honor of meeting Jim in 1997 when he was searching for a financial advisor. During the 27 years I worked with him and Dianne (and now his children), I saw all of the different sides of Jim: loving, family centered, caring, funny, smart, intuitive, feisty, fun-loving, and creative. The amazing wooden crafts and toys he built in his home workshop were inspirational; and at his company, he even took it upon himself to build my business partner and I a Logo sign that hangs proudly in our Schaumburg office. While I was never part of his various cruise and vacation adventures, I got to live vicariously through his many stories of practical jokes and exciting destinations. We shared many rounds of golf over the years, and it didn't matter that neither of us was that good; we were just out to have fun. He talked often of Dianne, Angela, Anthony, and his grandchildren. He talked of all the fun times they had at the lake house in the summer. Knowing Jim has been one of life's blessings, and he will be deeply missed. The world was a better place with him in it....Ken Lydecker.

Ken Lydecker - January 02, 2025 at 09:01 AM