



James R. O'Leary

February 4, 1932 - April 7, 2021

James Robert O'Leary, age 89, of Grayslake, passed away early Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at Advocate Condell Hospital. He was born February 4, 1932 in Oak Park, IL to Maurice and Edith Orme (Firkus) O'Leary.

James was a graduate of Oak Park High School, and he went on to earn his bachelor's degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology. James was a proud American who served his country with the U.S. Air Force.

James enjoyed traveling to Upper Michigan to visit relatives, and he especially liked taking family vacations in Canada. He was an avid Chicago Blackhawks fan and fisherman. More than anything, James loved his family; he truly took pride in his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a loving father, caring grandfather, doting great grandfather, kind brother, and dear friend to many. James will be forever remembered in their hearts.

Left behind to treasure James's memory are his two daughters, Kathleen (James) Palmer, Colleen (John) Ellis; five grandchildren, James Jr. (Katie) Palmer, Daniel (Pooja) Palmer, Teresa Palmer, John Ellis, Katie Ellis; three great grandchildren, Nathan, Evie, Luke; his sister, Maureen Hall; many nieces and nephews; and his very dear friend, Corinne LaLuzerne.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his wife, Jane

(Patton) O'Leary.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048. The funeral service will begin at 12:00 p.m. in the funeral home.

Interment will be in Belvidere Cemetery, Belvidere, Illinois with US Air Force military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in James's name to The Wounded Warrior Project at <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, everyone attending is required to wear a mask and practice safe social distancing while inside the funeral home.

For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Service

APR 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Just heard of Jim's passing. Our families went ties back over 60 years, from Elime Road days gone by.. To a great man... GodspeedThe Caulfield Family*



Caulfield Family - May 10, 2021 at 11:21 PM

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“ *23 files added to the tribute wall*



Teresa - April 09, 2021 at 11:11 PM

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“ 23 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Teresa - April 09, 2021 at 10:42 PM

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“ Bruce (Corinne’s son)& Jennie We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Jim O’Leary for this painful loss.

We found it endearing that Jim and Corinne both had life stories that started in the UP. Jim for more than a decade, always had great stories about family, Chicago, time in the Air Force, automobiles and bits of his childhood up north. Our granddaughter Avery 6 ½ gravitated toward Jim. From her first squawk of “Hawks” (Blackhawks) to just a few weeks ago reading from her joke book, it was always a special time. She just adored Jim, in her world he was her only Great Grampa. The group hug will never be the same. Jim loved his pie and chocolate treats, he was a dessert kind of guy, which we loved. Jim was a gentle man with a heart of gold and will be truly missed. RIP Jim.

We will be making a contribution to the Wounded Warriors Project.
Sincerely, Bruce & Jennie Detterbeck



Bruce Detterbeck - April 09, 2021 at 09:18 PM

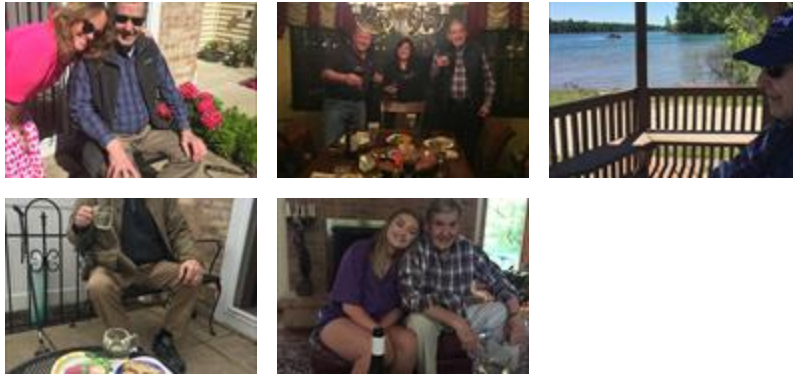
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“ *In Loving Memory of James O’Leary. Knowing Him through the years has been an honor. He was truly a man who always could make you laugh and he truly made you feel welcome as a friend. The joy he brought to all of us will always be remembered!*
Our Sincere Sympathy
Frank and Lorraine Orlow

Frank and Lorraine Orlow - April 09, 2021 at 06:18 PM

JA

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



J Andreasen - April 09, 2021 at 04:15 PM

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“ Jim will be greatly missed! Jim and my mother, Corinne, met twelve years ago and he rapidly became part of our family. We shared many great moments together with Jim for holidays, birthdays, Finnish festivals and just everyday life. He was always a man that wanted to please and seemed so happy to be part of our clan. Please know what a fine man he was and how much he will be missed.

I will be making a Contribution to the Wounded Warriors Project in Jim's memory.

With sympathy,

Wendi Detterbeck Gawne



Wendi Detterbeck Gawne - April 09, 2021 at 02:08 PM

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“ Les (Corinne's son) & I would like to send our condolences to Jim's family. We remember him as a loving man, who loved to tell stories about all kinds of things. His ready smile & energy made for some happy memories for our family on many occasions. We will miss him. We will be making a contribution to the Wounded Warriors Project.

Sincerely, Elise & Les Detterbeck

Elise Detterbeck - April 09, 2021 at 08:07 AM