



James A. Cornacchione

July 3, 1942 - March 12, 2026

James A. Cornacchione, 83, of Painesville Twp., died on March 12, 2026, at his home. He was born on July 3, 1942, in Cleveland.

Jim worked as a barber for over 60 years at his own barber shop in Highland Heights, Ohio. He was always known as “Jim the Barber” – and he would give a haircut anytime, anywhere, and to anybody who asked. Jim would do anything for anyone, even for those he just met, but especially for his family. If you ever needed anything, he would respond with, “I know a guy”, because he became friends with everyone he met. He was always one to make people laugh with his silliness and jokes.

The one thing Jim loved doing the most was spending time with and taking care of his wife of 63 years, Linda. He would often go to the casino, watch horse racing, or enjoy a glass of Jim Beam with homemade pasta while watching football on a Sunday afternoon. Jim made sure to be there for his children and grandchildren no matter what, often showing up to games or activities in his Barber clothes after coming straight from work. Jim will be remembered every day by the abundance of people whose lives he’s touched.

Survivors include his children, Ken (Mary Lack) Cornacchione and Vicki Hamilton; and his grandchildren, Kelsey (Sam) Welborn, Trent (Janet Elizabeth) Cornacchione, Katie Hamilton and Jillian Cornacchione.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Cornacchione; parents, Christy and Josephine Cornacchione; and his sisters, Dolores Jean Goulet, and Lavina "Lovey" Cabot.

A private family celebration of James' life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Tribute Wall

LC

“ Jim started cutting my hair in 1965, just after I graduated high school. He cut it through college, law school, and as I moved around I kept going back to him. The haircut was just a small part of the experience, as talk about sports, his bowling in bygone years, his kids, grandkids, the Jim Beam he valued highly, his wife’s spaghetti sauce, and the like made a visit great entertainment. For many years, the shop was filled with characters who just hung out with him; I threatened that I planned to do the same in retirement. I was sad to see him retire, but first things first. Rest in peace with your beloved wife, Jim.

Lou Colombo - April 13 at 11:34 AM

VH



Vicki Hamilton - April 14 at 02:13 AM

BC

“ I met Jimmy in 1976 when I started driving, and he cut my hair for three decades until my bald head no longer required his services. We were close from the minute we met, and remained friends forever. I just called him, found out his phone was disconnected, then searched the internet and saw he was gone. I last spoke with him a week or two before he passed, and now all I feel is devastation and loss. The stories I could tell, and the memories of times we shared will now be what I have to keep me until my time comes. This was an incredibly likable, generous, and giving man; in the end, he had given so much he had little left. He couldn’t live without his beloved wife Linda, and now he is with her in Heaven for eternity. Jimmy I will miss you greatly for the rest of my life! Your friend, Brad Conteen.

Bradley Conteen - April 08 at 10:38 AM

VH



Vicki Hamilton - April 14 at 02:15 AM

VH

“ Dear Dad:
I will miss you so much! You were my biggest cheerleader in life, always telling me what a good job I was doing. You were always there when the girls and I needed you and that's why we were there for you every single day. The day you died a part of me died too. I just hope you are happier now and with mom. Thanks for always making me laugh, making sure Ken and I had everything we needed growing up and for loving me. I'd pick you for a dad in every lifetime! Love you.❤️

Vicki Hamilton - April 05 at 05:27 PM

KC

“ Jimmy was one of a kind. I began visiting his barbershop when I moved to Highland Heights 20 years ago. We shared many stories about our families (many that he also cut) and also growing up in Collinwood. You could tell instantly what a huge heart he had. He loved his wife, children, and grandchildren. Hearing stories of cutting hair at nursing homes and also donating his services to Beautiful Lengths via Mayfield City Schools were examples of the person he really was. From my family to yours our deepest condolences on your loss. Heaven has gained one of the good guys!!!

Ken Carlile - March 25 at 11:33 PM

VH

Thank you☐

Vicki Hamilton - April 05 at 05:11 PM

LI

“ To Jim’s family, please accept my deepest condolences, he will be greatly missed. Jim and Linda lived in the condo attached to mine and were wonderful neighbors. He had a heart of gold, always asking if I needed help when he saw me working outside. I will miss his funny quips, but I know he’s at peace now because he is with his beloved Linda, he missed her so deeply.

Linda Germa

Linda - March 19 at 10:15 AM

VH

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Vicki Hamilton - April 05 at 05:12 PM

GG

“ Started seeing Jim some 7 seven years ago for a haircut...we hit it off right away...such that I was bringing him Jim Beam in the evenings just before he closed and we would have a few before he went home...he confided in me about Linda and retiring at if it was the thing to do...we were in constant contact and he would call me at all hours and check on me and I to check on him..He would always worry about me if I didn't answer the phone right away. And I would stop by MacDonalds or get dinner for him and Linda at Mulligans...but we always had time for a couple of shots before he left the shop. He was the kindest man that one young boy wanted to give him a credit card afterward for his haircut. Jim didn't take cards, just cash. So he told the kid to come back and pay him later. He came back within minutes and was so grateful...
What a wonderful human being and friend have a lost..a truly sad day..

He will be sorrowfully missed but happily remembered....what a great role model to all ages...may he rest in Peace

Gary Gortz

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Gary Gortz - March 14 at 03:50 PM

RC

“ Man, wow, can and Vicky and the rest of the family I am so so sorry and so sad by this news. But as a man of faith I know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. As he is now reunited with his wife Linda and my aunt and your mom. Although we are flesh here on Earth we hurt and grieve and I grieve with you all but there will be time of celebration for all the things that Uncle Jim did in his life for all the people that he touched for the love and laughter that he showed to everybody. I remember he was always the life of every party at our family's had always with a joy to see him he always had something to say wise crack or not it was fantastic to hear I will miss you Uncle Jimmy until we meet again .RICKY

Richard Cabot - March 14 at 12:31 PM

VH



Vicki Hamilton - April 05 at 05:15 PM

CM

“ Charlotteann Maser lit a candle in memory of James A. Cornacchione



Charlotteann Maser - March 14 at 12:12 PM

CM

My sincerest condolences for the loss of your beloved father. Jim was a remarkable person who brought joy to so many lives. May the memories of your father's life bring you comfort

Charlotteann Maser - March 14 at 12:19 PM

KJ

May our friend Jim the Barber - REST IN PEACE"

Kramar Family - Chuck, Jim & Jason - March 22 at 10:15 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James A. Cornacchione.*



March 14 at 10:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James A. Cornacchione.

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