



## James A. "Jim" Deaner

April 22, 1929 - August 23, 2018

James A. "Jim" Deaner age 89 of Mentor, died Thursday August 23, 2018 at Symphony of Mentor, in Mentor. He was born April 22, 1929 in Caldwell, WV. Mr. Deaner was a self-employed auto repair mechanic for 15 years. After that he worked at the former Towmotor in Mentor for 19 years. He was a member of the Mentor Masonic Lodge #772.

James was the patriarch of a large, fun-loving family and set the precedent of living life to the fullest. A lifelong jokester with a mischievous sparkle in his eye, he loved making others laugh and never met a stranger who didn't eventually become a friend. His home was always open to visitors and his warm, jovial spirit helped friends always feel welcome. He had a way of relating to all kinds of people. A man of many talents, he was a skilled craftsman, creating furniture, game boards and novelties. An eternal optimist until the end, among his final words were "what a beautiful day..." He loved kids, especially his great-grandchildren and loved teasing them all.

Survivors include his children: Michael (Jackie) Deaner, Michelle "Mickey" (Don) Kastning, grandchildren: Nicole (Shawn) Longaker, Adam (Angie) Kastning, great-grandchildren: Cash & Colbie Longaker, Colton & Lux Kastning, siblings: Betty Neely, Helen Long, Bonnie Utley and sister in law: Judy Deaner.

Preceding James in death is his wife of 65 years: Mary Ellen (Housholder) Deaner, his parents: Lonnie and Mary Deaner, siblings: Mary "Kay" Carpenter, Evelyn Armstrong, Robert and Melvin Deaner and his dog: "Omar".

The funeral service will be 5 pm Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, OH.

The family will receive friends from 3-5 pm Wednesday August 29, 2018 at the funeral home.

Private family inurnment will be in Mentor Cemetery, Mentor.

Thank you to all that prayed with us; may we all find peace and strength in letting go. Life is a gift, to live is an opportunity, to grow older is a privilege. Take the good roads.

Contributions may be made in his honor to the Lake Humane Society, 7564-E Tyler Blvd., Mentor, OH 44060.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **29**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James A. "Jim" Deaner.*



August 28, 2018 at 08:34 PM



“ *My uncle jimmy was more then a uncle , my Dad his brother died in 1993 at the age of 54 , Uncle Jimmy was my rock and stepped in for support I when I needed advice !! We had many good times having laughs and some adult drinks 😊 He was one of a kind !! So sad to say goodbye 😭 he was loved by his family!*

**diana deaner** - August 28, 2018 at 07:34 PM



*Love you Diana*

**Jacalyn Jmd** - September 02, 2018 at 11:52 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James A. "Jim" Deaner.*



August 28, 2018 at 02:03 PM

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“ My name is Rebecca (Becky) Martin and I was fortunate to have known "Jimmy" at Caterpillar in Cleveland at Prove Design. Jimmy or Deaner as we called him was a jokester, but always a very friendly person. All the Test Engineers liked him and all always wanted him to work on a project with them. He was one of the best mechanics there. My deepest and sincere sympathy to you. You were blessed to have such a wonderful man as your dad, granddad and great granddad. Prayers for comfort as you go through this loss.

Rebecca Martin - August 27, 2018 at 03:27 PM

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“ Heartland Homes of Florida purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James A. "Jim" Deaner.



Heartland Homes of Florida - August 25, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of James A. "Jim" Deaner.



August 25, 2018 at 12:55 PM



Jacalyn  
Jmd

“ *Dad I shall miss you so much. Your laugh and big warm hugs...Mike and I treasure all the fun and hard laughs we all had with you and Mom on all your visits. We will miss being able to hold and hug, but you will never leave our souls.*

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**Jacalyn Jmd** - August 25, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James A. "Jim" Deaner.*



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August 25, 2018 at 12:11 PM