



James Richard O'Connell

July 15, 1940 - July 15, 2017

James Richard O'Connell passed away on his 77th birthday with his family by his side. He was born July 15, 1940 in Cleveland.

Jim and his wife Beverly were married for nearly 53 years after meeting at Ohio University. Jim was the owner of Mining Tools and helped develop the "dust hog" which revolutionized the coal mining industry. He sold the company in 1979 to a Fortune 500 company. Jim became a "gentlemen farmer" on his Kirtland land living there for 35 years. He recently moved to Naples, Florida where he wintered for over 20 years. Jim passed on his love of fishing, boating and skiing to his sons and in his later years playing poker. Animals were always a part of his life. His pets Sophie and Coco were always near him.

Jim was the beloved husband of, Beverly (nee Krawczyk) O'Connell; proud father of, James P. O'Connell and Michael D. O'Connell; dear papa to, Caitlin, Michael T., Lauren and Lindsay. He was the uncle of Linda Debernardi and Karen Smith; brother in law of Arlene and Robert Wilk and a dear friend to Bob Mance for over 40 years.

Funeral mass will be held 10 a.m. Saturday July 29, 2017 at Divine Word Church, 8100 Eagle Rd., Kirtland, OH 44094. Please meet at the church.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Interment will be at All Souls Cemetery, Chardon.

In memory of Jim and in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Avow Hospice Care 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105, or donate online at www.avowcares.org.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUL 29. 10:00 AM (ET)

Divine Word Church
8100 Eagle Rd.
Kirtland, OH 44094
(440) 256-1412

Tribute Wall

FC

“ *Frito-Lay SC COE & Supply Chain purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of James Richard O'Connell.*



Frito-Lay SC COE & Supply Chain - July 26, 2017 at 12:02 PM

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“ *The Frito-Lay Fleet Team purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James Richard O'Connell.*



The Frito-Lay Fleet Team - July 22, 2017 at 07:46 PM

BM

“ *Dear Bev and Family, You have been our dearest friends for more than 40 years. We have been so fortunate to count you as our friends, as you and Jim are wonderful, caring people with a zest for life. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Our comfort comes from all the wonderful memories we have shared and knowing you were always there to offer love and support. Jim was an incredible person.. he will be greatly missed by all. We love you guys!*

May God Bless You Always,

Bob and Diane Mance

Bob Mance - July 22, 2017 at 06:48 PM

SN

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Jim ("Grandpa O'Connell"). Caitlin, you and your family are in my thoughts. Your papa was a good and generous man and I will remember him fondly.

Sara

Sara Newpher - July 22, 2017 at 04:14 PM

YP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you on this difficult time.

Yves & Gaetane Paquet

Yves & Gaetane Paquet - July 22, 2017 at 03:14 PM

LU

“ We remembered Jim and Beverly as newly weds with a new baby. 1966. You purchased our home in mentor and we wished much love and happiness in it. God bless. Prayers with your family. Buck and Suzanne luetkemeyer

Luetkemeyer - July 22, 2017 at 08:30 AM