



James R. Papp

March 13, 1950 - April 20, 2025

James R. Papp, 75, of Mentor, passed away April 20, 2025 at home. He was born March 13, 1950 in Cleveland, to the late James and Betsie Papp.

Jim Papp grew up in Euclid, OH. He was the middle child of three siblings. Growing up he enjoyed baseball, fishing, football, golf and weightlifting. After high school he married the love of his life Patty. They actually met at the Agora each with other dates but left together. They moved to Lake County in 1970 where their two children, James and Christine were born. Jim worked at LTV Steel as a steelworker where he also served as Union President for Local 1179 for many years. After retirement Jim volunteered at St. Gabriel's Food Bank bringing it to a high functioning level entity which still functions today. He enjoyed many trips but more than anything he loved seeing his family.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Patty Papp (nee: Strukel); children, James (Sheri) Papp and Christine (David) Barney; grandchildren, Joseph (Samantha) Perrault, Alexandra Papp, Andrew Barney and Abbie Barney; siblings, Jean Stanley and Robert (Mary Ann) Papp; sister-in-law, Loretta (Gage Georgeff) Ivancic; brother-in-law, Albert (Jan) Strukel and many nieces, nephews and other loving family members and friends.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 1, 2025 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center,

8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060. A Memorial Mass will be held at 12 noon, Thursday, May 1, 2025 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060. Entombment to follow in Mentor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of James may be made to the St. Gabriel Food Bank, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Concord Twp., Ohio 44060 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or their website, www.stjude.org/

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
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Memorial Mass

MAY 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Of The Assumption Church
8560 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3404
<https://stmarysmentor.org/>

Tribute Wall

PF

“ I'm sorry to learn of his passing. He fought valiantly. May his memory be a blessing

Phil Fischer - October 21, 2025 at 05:32 PM

AS

“ Annie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James R. Papp.

Annie S. - April 30, 2025 at 12:34 PM

BP

“ God gave us the gift that my brother gave us. Although the pain of his passing is with us, may we lessen the pain and remember more clearly the joy. I'm certain Jesus has welcomed you with open arms. Always looking up to my "big brother ", my childhood memories together will never be forgotten.

Bob Papp - April 26, 2025 at 11:33 AM

PL

“ Patty, so sorry to hear of your husband's passing.

Pat Livingston - April 26, 2025 at 09:32 AM

CB

“ I love you dad! I will always remember our first Browns game or getting subs and watching them at home. You were the one that taught me to throw a spiral football. You always had a heart of gold and I knew you were always there for me. I love you so much and will miss you every day. ❤️

Christine Barney - April 24, 2025 at 06:23 PM

HB

“ *Patty, I am sorry to hear that your husband has passed away.
Prayers for you and your family as you travel this difficult journey.* 🙏



Helen Bertosa

Helen Bertosa - April 24, 2025 at 07:52 AM