



## James R. Pegoraro

July 3, 1939 - April 22, 2019

James R. Pegoraro, 79 a longtime Mentor resident, passed away April 22, 2019 at his home with his family by his side. He was born July 3, 1939 in Hermansville, Michigan, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Jim's parents were Ruby M. Machalk and Rudolph J. Pegoraro. He had an older brother, Rudy Jr., that he always called Bud, who was his inspiration and motivation. Jim's family moved to Euclid in 1943 and he attended Roosevelt Elementary School, Euclid Central Junior High and Euclid Senior High School, where he graduated from in 1957. He attended Ohio University, Fenn College (CSU), and Lakeland Community College. Jim met and married the most beautiful girl in the city, Patricia J. Rafter, in 1961 and they moved to Mentor in 1964.

Jim had four mostly great children, Jim Jr. (Susie), Thomas (Carole), Vickie (Martin) LaMalfa and Mike. He had nine almost always fabulous grandchildren, Ryan, Kaili, Arianna, Gianna and Michael Pegoraro, Francesca and Dominic LaMalfa, and Hannah and Kourtney Syrus. They are all great kids and have given Pat and I pleasure. Jim is also survived by several nephews he was especially close to, Bud's sons, Rob (Katie), John (Kerry), and Pat's nephew, David Hamilton. He also has numerous cousins that have drifted as their families grew, however he remained close to his cousin, Jack (Roseann) Flowers, who if we were all like them what a wonderful world this

would be. Jim would tell his family that he wished he would have taken more time to maintain contact with all the others whom have scattered throughout the country.

Jim had several jobs over the years, starting at Frank A. Thomas and Associates, Inc., Keuffler and Esser (K & E), Debevec Salo and Assoc., Land Design Consultants, On-Site Consultants, Colpetzer Woods, LDC, Inc., Jamesway Development, Inc. and Auburn Quail, Inc.

He was also involved with Mentor South Baseball and Mentor Bantam Football League for kids. With the City of Mentor, he served on several boards and commissions and represented the City on the Board of Health for almost 25 years serving as President for 12 of those years. During his time on the board, they established the Around the Clock Home Care, Health Care Lake County and the Lake County Drug Repository, all of which have served the residents of Lake County very well.

Jim was appointed to the Lake County Planning Commission as an alternate to Commissioner Dan Troy and served for 4 years. He also assisted Laketrans in their annual golf outing, and they were kind enough to name him Citizen of the Year in 2012.

The family will receive friends from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 2019 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral service in memory of Jim will be held 10 a.m. Monday, April 29, 2019 at the funeral home. Private family inurnment will be held at Mentor Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Hospice of the

Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland, OH 44192, donate online at [www.hospicewr.org](http://www.hospicewr.org).

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **28**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 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 Service

APR **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We are so very sorry about Jim's death. He was very much an attribute to Pinegate as well as all of the other civic endeavors he served. His wit is present in his obituary, so I find it appropriate to let you know we always teased him about his little dog pulling his master's cart around Applewood. He is missed. Your neighbors Rhonda and Larry Hoon.

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**Rhonda and Larry Hoon** - April 28, 2019 at 10:45 AM

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“ My husband Scott started working for Big Jim in 1991 and we have known him and his family ever since. He had the best sense of humor and perfect comedic timing! There were countless picnics and parties with plenty of laughter and happy memories being made. Jim was one of a kind and he will be sorely missed! We are so grateful to have known him. Rest in peace, Big Jim! With love, Scott and Mandy Smith

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**Amanda Smith** - April 27, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James R. Pegoraro.



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April 27, 2019 at 12:17 PM

MM

“ To Vickie, Marty and family,

*We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Our thoughts, prayers and our deepest sympathy go out to you all in your time of loss.*

*Mike & Mary McCarthy*

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**Mike & Mary McCarthy** - April 27, 2019 at 03:42 AM

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“ To Vickie and Family,

*I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad all of my thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family. Sending you all the love and support that you need during this difficult time.*

*Chris & Lydia Logan*

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**chrislogan** - April 26, 2019 at 01:59 PM

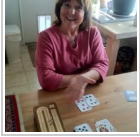


“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James R. Pegoraro.



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April 26, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ *With a sad heart I raise my glass to you Mr. P. You cheered me on when Jim and I played for Mentor High and later in life you had Kathy and I at your new years dinner table. For that and all in between thank you and may peace be your journey.*

*Bob and Kathy Tadjalli*

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**Kathy Staiger** - April 25, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ *My husband Ken Beckwith worked with Big Jim for years and he was like family to us. He was so encouraging and fun loving. Spent many great times at The Chorbas in the summer having pool parties and lots of clam bakes at the office. We loved Jim and Pat and will miss him very much. Sending love and prayers to the family. God Bless*

*Laurie Beckwith*

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**Laurie** - April 25, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James R. Pegoraro.*



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April 24, 2019 at 07:07 PM