



James Joseph Hepe

March 30, 1950 - August 26, 2020

James Joseph Hepe, age 70 of Bellaire, OH passed away Wednesday August 26, 2020 at his home.

He was born March 30, 1950 in Wheeling, WV, the son of the late Walton and Marcella (Myers) Hepe.

Jim was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Bellaire; and was a 1968 graduate of St. John Central in Bellaire. He served his country in Vietnam and worked at Powhatan Mine #5 and held many offices for the United Mine Workers of America Local #1441, including President. He was the 1st underground coal miner selected to work for UMWA International in Washington D.C.

Jim graduated from the Rutgers University Union Leadership Academy and acted as Administrative Assistant to the Secretary Treasurer of the UMWA. Jim served his community as Belmont County Commissioner and retired from the Wheeling News Register. He was Athletic Director for the St. John JR IRISH sports program and helped with Shadyside Youth Wrestling for many years; and cherished the time he spent with all the great coaches and athletes during that time. Jim loved the sport of wrestling and had the pleasure of watching his nephews and son excel in the sport during their high school and college careers.

Jim was a huge baseball fan with his favorite team being the Cleveland Indians. He looked forward to vacationing in Ocean City, MD each summer with family and friends.

Jim had a lot of great memories with cousins Charlotte Heatherington (deceased), Mary Lou Sole, Charles Palen, Tom, Greg, Charlie, and David Myers.

Survivors include a son Justin Hepe; his 16-year companion Linda LoCoco; sisters Hazel and Sue; and nephews, Jeff Wallace, Rex Frohnappel, Todd Frohnappel, and Josh Frohnappel.

Per Jim's request there will not be a showing or visitation.

Friends and family are welcome to attend a mass said in Jim's honor Saturday September 5, 2020 at 9:00 am at St. John Catholic Church in Bellaire with Fr. Daniel Heusel as Celebrant.

Graveside services to follow at Mt Calvary Cemetery in Bellaire, OH.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. John Catholic Church in Bellaire.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home, Bellaire.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

Bellaire, OH

Previous Events

church service

SEP 5. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Catholic Church
415- 37th St.
Bellaire, OH

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Dennis & Bonnie Brooks lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Hepe*



Dennis & Bonnie Brooks - September 01, 2020 at 09:29 PM

CA

“ *My Sincere Condolences to Linda, Justin & Jim's other family members. May you Rest In Peace Jim. Pat Benatar at The Decade in Pittsburgh ! 🎵*

cathy - August 30, 2020 at 11:06 AM

AH

“ *Mr. Hepe will be missed. Rest In Peace*

Angel Halpin - August 29, 2020 at 10:01 PM

KC

“ *Jim was a great guy, always enjoyed talking with him. He was instrumental in getting us county water when he was commissioner, only one who would talk to us, never forgot it! RIP Jim ❤️ Ronnie and Karen Clark*

Karen Clark - August 29, 2020 at 04:26 PM

CF

“ Jim - May you fly high now. We have celebrated many events together over the last 45 years. We will miss you visiting here in Virginia and us visiting you at home.
The memories we have we will cherish and hold close to our hearts. It was an honor to know you and all you did for everything and everyone you were involved with. You were one of a kind.
Thank you for being a great friend !
Steve & Celia Farver

Celia Farver - August 29, 2020 at 03:22 PM

SC

Rest easy Jim. Thank you and Justin for being there for Aaron when his father died. You guys stepped up and helped him when he needed male role models the most.
I will always be grateful for your kindness. May the dear lord wrap his loving arms around your family and friends during this difficult time.

Susan Crow

Susan Crow - August 31, 2020 at 04:15 AM

TB

Rest in peace Jim. You were a good classmate, co-worker & friend. My condolences to your family. God bless!

Tony Bumbico

Tony Bumbico - September 03, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of James Joseph Hepe, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Veteran, James Joseph Hepe, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - August 29, 2020 at 10:48 AM

MB

“ *My deepest, most heartfelt sympathy to family and friends. Thanks Jim for being a friend and a fun classmate for 12 years.*

Mike Bickmeier - August 29, 2020 at 10:42 AM

AW

*So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. It was nice to see him at the SJC Class reunion. Condolences to Linda & his family. Rest In Peace †
Jim.*

Annette Busack Witchey

Annette Busack Witchey - August 29, 2020 at 10:54 AM

RV

I did not get to know him well. As a member of our class family, I wish the family peace and hope I can find him if I get to heaven where I am sure he will be waiting.

Roger Lee VinceRetired - August 29, 2020 at 02:45 PM

JD

“ *Jim was a true friend of the IRISH sports program and its students. Jim had a heart of gold but it definitely bled green. Thank you Jim for your many years of service to our program. May you Rest In Peace.*



Joe and Mary DeGenova - August 28, 2020 at 08:27 PM

CK

“ *Sue and family,
My deepest condolences on the loss of your brother Jim. May he RIP.
Candi Keane*

Candice Keane - August 28, 2020 at 08:23 PM

GB

“ *I RESPECTED,ADMIRED AND LOVED YOU AS MUCH AS MUCH AS ONE MAN COULD LOVE ANOTHER -YOU HAD BOUNDLESS ENERGY AND DID SO MUCH FOR CHILDREN AND ALL OUR CITIZENS-YOU MADE LOSERS WINNERS -I AM HONORED TO HAVE SHARED THIS WORLD WITH YOU -REST IN PEACE BROTHER ! GEARY BATTISTELLI*

Geary Martin Battistelli - August 28, 2020 at 03:24 PM

CC

“ Dear Jim. Rest In Peace my friend. Never forget you and your work on behalf of the UMWA and citizens of Belmont county. Prayers to Your family.

catherine carlin - August 28, 2020 at 02:19 PM

RN

“ To Jim's family. Sorry for your loss. Jim was dedicated to people and making the valley a better place to be. May his memory be for a blessing

Bob Ney

robert ney - August 28, 2020 at 01:48 PM

DT

RIP JIM—THOUGHTS & PRAYERS—DAVE TOLZDA

DAVID TOLZDA - August 28, 2020 at 04:13 PM

CF

“ I must say goodbye to one of my best friend. I have so many great memories. Thank you so much for serving your country and community. I am so very honored to have had you as a friend. Special prayers are sent to your son Justin, your angel Linda, sister Hazel and Sue and to all of your family and friends. RIP my wonderful friend. Love Cindy. ❤️

Cindy Flanagan - August 28, 2020 at 01:05 PM

RB

“ *Jim as our Commissioner was always trying to help the lower income counties. He help get us a basket ball court for our children in Neffs*

Rita Beall - August 28, 2020 at 12:25 PM