



## James Albert Florka

June 3, 1947 - August 22, 2024

James (Jim) Albert Florka, age 77, of Chesterfield, MI, passed away on August 22, 2024. Born on June 3, 1947, Jim lived a life full of love, passion, and dedication to his family and community.

A devoted husband to Janet, loving father of Jennifer (Kevin) and Christopher (Jill), and proud grandfather of eight, Bruce, Emma, Madison, Maximus, Delaney, Evy, Luke, and Lana. Jim was a man whose greatest joy was his family. He cherished every moment spent with his loved ones, always putting family first.

Jim had a lifelong passion for classic cars, with a special fondness for the iconic 1957 Chevy Bel Air. He spent countless hours working on and admiring these beautiful machines, sharing his enthusiasm with anyone who would listen. He was a proud member of the Tri-five Chevy Club and enjoyed many years of Car Shows with them, including The Woodward Cruise.

His love for sports was evident in his years of coaching baseball and playing in a local softball league. We have fond memories of many years of the Port Hope Softball Tournament. He had a natural talent for mentoring young athletes, helping them develop both their skills and character on and off the field.

Professionally, Jim dedicated his career to improving the infrastructure of Macomb County. He worked tirelessly for the Macomb County Road Commission and AEW as a road construction engineer, contributing to the

development and maintenance of roads that countless residents rely on daily. But above all, Jim was a man of kindness, integrity, and unwavering loyalty. His love for his dogs was a testament to his caring nature, and his presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 28th from 3-8pm at the Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel located at 35259-23 Mile Road in New Baltimore and Thursday, August 29th at 10am for a Chapel Service and Burial at St. Peter's Cemetery located at 43755 Elizabeth Road in Clinton Township.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 28. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel  
35259 23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

## Scripture Service

AUG 28. 7:00 PM (ET)

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35259 23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

## Chapel Service at Cemetery

AUG 29. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Cemetery  
43755 Elizabeth Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48036-1192

# Tribute Wall



“ *Matt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Albert Florka.*



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**Matt** - August 27, 2024 at 08:34 PM

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“ *Janet and Family*

*Connie and I are so sad to hear of Jim's passing. Our heartfelt condolences go out to you and to your family.*

*Our families were brought together when we both joined the Woodward Tri-Five Cruisers in 2002. Jim was one of the "spark plugs" of the new group, and through his positive nature (and probably his coaching experience) helped to organize the loosely knit bunch into a solid organization that still exists to this day. Jim helped many people, including myself, by sharing his knowledge of our cars, and I always felt I could call on him for help, and he too could count on me for help.*

*Jim and I (and Connie and you) spent many hours together helping out at events, and we will miss the many meals around the table talking about family, and telling "enhanced" stories about "Woodward and Gratiot" back in the '60s. I know I believed everything he told me, and he believed every thing I told him.*

*We will miss Jim's smile, his boisterous friendly greetings, his laughter, his conversation, and his companionship. We wish him peace.*

*Connie and Berni Maki*



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**Berni Maki** - August 27, 2024 at 04:48 PM

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“ Mrs. Florka, Jen and Chris,

*My condolences on Mr. Florka's passing. I have a very heavy heart, but also very thankful for our families relationship after all these years.*

*Mr. Florka was always a great person to me and those around him. He was also a very good third baseman during the softball years!*

*My best memory was the Port Hope Softball Tournament during Labor Day weekend. Those times at Port Austin were very special, which spans over decades.*

*For many years, the common bond was softball, but beyond softball there were graduations, birthdays, weddings, births, etc. It was always very fun to be with your family.*

*I will deeply miss Mr. Florka and I will keep you guys in my prayers.*

*God's Peace*

*Love,  
Tony Yax*

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**Tony Yax** - August 25, 2024 at 09:16 PM

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“ Love Tony Yax planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Albert Florka.

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**Love Tony Yax** - August 25, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Albert Florka.*



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August 24, 2024 at 12:04 PM