



## James Vincent Franze

December 14, 1954 - March 26, 2026

James V. Franze passed away peacefully on March 26, 2026 at the age of 71 leaving behind a legacy of love and quiet ingenuity to all who knew him. Jim was born on December 14, 1954 in Detroit to Saverio and Beverly Franze.

Jim was a professionally trained chef and a talented baker. His family adored his famous cheesecake and peanut butter cookies, but his true joy was bringing his family together and sharing moments filled with laughter, storytelling, and his unmistakable sense of humor. He had a way of making even the simplest gatherings feel special.

A lover of nature and animals, Jim found peace in the outdoors and companionship in the presence of his beloved pets. He was also a natural problem-solver and a self-described “putzer” who could fix just about anything. Whether tackling a household repair or a new project, Jim approached challenges with determination and curiosity, often teaching himself along the way. No matter the task, he always found a way to get it done.

Jim had a particular passion for working with wood. His craftsmanship shone through in the beautiful birdhouses he created and the thoughtful steps he built for his dogs; each piece a reflection of his care, patience, and creativity.

Beginning in 1993, Jim faced ongoing health challenges, yet he never allowed

them to define him. His strength, selflessness, and unwavering concern for others remained constant, even on his hardest days. He gave freely of himself, always putting those he loved before his own struggles.

Jim was a quiet man, a gentle soul, and valued integrity, loyalty, and dedication to family.

He is the beloved husband of 47 years of Kathleen. Loving father of Teresa (Damien) Duclair, Kaity Harbour, Angelina Franze, Salvatore Franze, and Vincent Franze. Very proud "Papy Jim" of Max and Lucas Duclair. Dearest brother of John (Margaret) Franze and the late Maria Franze and the late Patrick Franze. Dearest uncle to Marianne (James) Spake and Joanne (Matt) Kovie along with numerous great nieces and nephews. Jim will be further missed by his faithful companions Frankie and Remi.

Visitation Monday 2-8 PM with a 7 PM Rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Rd), Shelby Twp. Instate Tuesday 9:30 until 10:00 AM Funeral Mass at St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church 41300 Romeo Plank Road (corner of Canal), Clinton Township. Interment will follow the Mass at Resurrection Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 30. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home-Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315

## Rosary

MAR 30. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

## Instate

MAR 31. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church  
41300 Romeo Plank Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

## Funeral Mass

MAR 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Paul of Tarsus Church  
41300 Romeo Plank Rd  
Charter Twp of Clinton, MI 48038  
(586) 228-1210



# Tribute Wall

JA

“ He was such a kind hearted man. May your family find peace in your many amazing memories.

Jaclyn

Jaclyn - April 04 at 03:02 PM

DE

“ Our family is so very sorry for your loss. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts. - Derek, Meghan, Holden, Hayes, Harrison, & Penelope Elliott

Derek E. - March 30 at 04:18 PM

DE

“ Derek E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Vincent Franze.

Derek E. - March 30 at 04:05 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Vincent Franze.



March 30 at 09:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Vincent Franze.

March 30 at 09:09 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Vincent Franze.*



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March 30 at 07:47 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Vincent Franze.*



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March 29 at 09:10 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Vincent Franze.*

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March 29 at 09:10 PM



“ *Rachel MacPherson purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of James Vincent Franze.*



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**Rachel MacPherson** - March 29 at 10:16 AM

TF

“ *The Jacques Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Vincent Franze.*



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**The Jacques Family** - March 29 at 07:59 AM

MF

“ *Majida, Fatmeh and Lena Farhat purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of James Vincent Franze.*



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**Majida, Fatmeh and Lena Farhat** - March 28 at 01:49 PM

FT

“ *Felicia & Trisha purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Vincent Franze.*



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**Felicia & Trisha** - March 27 at 03:50 PM

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“ *Felicia & Trisha planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Vincent Franze.*

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**Felicia & Trisha** - March 27 at 03:50 PM

MG

“Sending our deepest condolences to all of you. Even though time and distance have passed, our family connection has always remained close in heart. Thinking of you during this difficult time and sending love from Canada.”



*Maria and Dante Grecco  
(Berlingieri) Toronto, Ontario. (Louisa Procopio were cousin with Salvatore) 🙏*

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**Maria Grecco** - March 27 at 02:01 PM

BD

“ Bernard & Charlette DUCLAIR purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James Vincent Franze.



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**Bernard & Charlette DUCLAIR** - March 27 at 01:47 PM

BD

“ Bernard & Charlette DUCLAIR planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Vincent Franze.

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**Bernard & Charlette DUCLAIR** - March 27 at 01:47 PM

MF

“ *Mark Chisholm and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Vincent Franze.*



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**Mark Chisholm and family** - March 27 at 10:56 AM

MF

“ *Mark Chisholm and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Vincent Franze.*

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**Mark Chisholm and family** - March 27 at 10:56 AM

BR

“ *Bryan Rohde purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Vincent Franze.*



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**Bryan Rohde** - March 27 at 08:17 AM

EO

“ *Elisa, Brett, and Oscar purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James Vincent Franze.*



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**Elisa, Brett, and Oscar** - March 26 at 07:23 PM