



## James J. Giachino

February 2, 1938 - August 31, 2021

James Jerome (Jerry) Giachino of Oakland Township (formerly of Oxford and Troy), passed away peacefully on August 31, 2021, with his loving, attentive caregiver and daughter Cheryl by his side. He was born in Detroit on February 2, 1938, to the late James and Caroline (Allen) Giachino. He is preceded in death by the love of his life and wife of 50 years, Barbara (Niemi) Giachino, and his best friend and brother, Tom Giachino.

His loving ways will be tremendously missed by his children: Angela (Tom) Siegmon, Cheryl (Dave) DeMeere, Renee (Chris) Bookout, Tom (Charley Welton), Lisa (Ed) Fromm and Tracy (Greg) White. He was a proud and loving Jidu (grandfather) to Emily (Michael) Erickson, Amanda (Sean) Kruk, Haley (fiance David Carey) Bookout, Nick Bookout, Kayla DeMeere, Ethan Fromm, Maddie Bookout, Charlie Fromm, Ryan Fromm, Sarah Fromm, and Trey White. The sparkle in his eyes over his last years came from his great-grandsons, Mikey and Tommy Erickson and Baby James Kruk. He is also survived by his sisters, Jeanette (Larry) Murphy and Denise (John) Fitzpatrick, sister-in-laws, Sandra Giachino and Marlene (Dale) Dawkins, special friend, Joan Zurgable, and many nieces and nephews.

Jerry was a graduate of the University of Detroit (B.S. Architectural Engineering) and Wayne State University (Master of Science-Urban Planning). He served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1961-1963, and

then spent over 46 years working in the construction industry, most of it with Barton Malow Company, designing and building schools and universities throughout the country. In addition to belonging to and serving in numerous professional organizations (including the American Arbitration Association), Jerry served as an Adjunct Professor/Instructor at Lawrence Technology Institute and Wayne State University and donated thirty years as a member and past Chair of the City of Troy Zoning Board. His generosity of time, talent and treasures was unmatched.

Jerry most loved spending time with his extended family, doing Sunday rounds to deliver donuts (and dog treats) to his family, and taking them on vacations to Disney, "Up North", on cruises, and elsewhere. Some of his happiest times were spent driving the family on cross-country trips in their motorhome, singing to John Denver and "Paper Moon".

On Thursday, September 2, family and friends are invited to join us for visitation from 6-8pm (with the Family Rosary at 5:30 PM) at Wasik Funeral Home, 49150 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Charter Township. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, September 3, at 10:00 am at St. Kieran Catholic Church, 53600 Mound Road, Shelby Township, with an opportunity to pay final respects from 9:30 - 10:00 am.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to the (awesome) staff at Blossom Ridge in Oakland Township, Fresenius Medical Care, the OPC, and Evergreen Hospice. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, 46701 Commerce Center Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170, [www.michiganpva.org/support/online](http://www.michiganpva.org/support/online).

# Cemetery Details

## Guardian Angel Cemetery

4701 N Rochester Rd  
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Instate at Church

SEP 3. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Church  
53600 Mound Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Funeral Mass

SEP 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Church  
53600 Mound Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48316



# Tribute Wall

AL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this very difficult time....we are so sorry for your loss.  
Your dad was such a sweet and amazing man - I always enjoyed seeing him at various family events - always a smile and such kindness!!  
A Fathers love is one of the best gifts of all.....and he was wonderful!!  
Sending you lots of love and prayers with hope that you are able to find some peace with the fond memories of your father and grandfather.  
Love and Hugs - Scott, Anita & Logan

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**Anita Locey** - September 08, 2021 at 11:03 AM

BD

“ May Jerrys' beautiful life continue on in Heavens paradise, right along side of his dear wife, Barbara now and. We are all praying for comfort and peace that passes ALL understanding. Our hearts ache for you all. Brenda Dangler, for Daryl and Brooke

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**Brenda Dangler** - September 03, 2021 at 08:10 PM

MC

“ Dearest Fromm family and extended family,  
We are so very sorry for the loss of your father and grandfather! Our dads are so very precious to us and our strength and our rock!  
Praying for Gods strength and Grace for you all! May God Bless you and comfort you each and every day to come!  
Sincerely,  
Steve, Maureen Chaney and family❤️

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**maureen chaney** - September 02, 2021 at 08:11 AM

CG

“ Dear Giachino Family:

*Dennis and I are truly sorry for your loss. Jerry was one of the nicest, kindest men I have ever known. He will be missed. The only consolation is he is now together again with his sweet wife, Barb. Jerry and Barb were true examples of how to lead a good life and be giant roles models for their children and grandchildren.*

*I have many fond memories of my Giachino cousins including the times I spent overnight with Denise. Jerry impressed all of us with his artistic skills and he was the only person I knew who could make wonderful artistic buildings and pictures on an Etch-A- Sketch.*

*He will be missed by all the family and friends he touched during his lifetime.*

*Chris and Dennis Genge*

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**Christine Maceri Genge** - September 01, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James J. Giachino.



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September 01, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James J. Giachino.*



September 01, 2021 at 10:28 AM



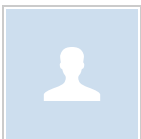
“ *What a wonderful life he lived and raised so many amazing children and grandchildren. Celebrate those memories of a great life lived as you lay him to rest. Love to all.*

**cindy ricketts** - August 31, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ *Dear Giachino Family and friends, We are so very sorry and saddened to hear of your Father passing. He truly was a very kind, brilliant and funny man along with your beautiful Mother. I will always remember how loving and caring your parents and your whole family was and is. Even if we were some times up to trouble, I always saw your parents demonstrate compassion and patience. We wish you all peace and love.*

**Judi Gorniak-Rosas** - August 31, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James J. Giachino.*



August 31, 2021 at 07:02 PM

MT

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Such a kind man left a wonderful example of how we should live life.  
Will always remember looking for bears and the first steps on the moon. God bless.

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**Mark Tierney** - August 31, 2021 at 06:42 PM