



## James R. Wellington

December 20, 1939 - January 15, 2019

James R. Wellington born December 20, 1939 in Albion, Michigan, passed away on January 15, 2019 in Ann Arbor at the age of 79.

In 1977, James founded Wellington Manufacturing in Richmond, Michigan. He expanded the business to Dryden and Fraser, Michigan, employing many. He was known as a leader, mentor, and a very generous person.

James was a man of character and integrity and touched the lives of many people. He will be remembered as a great husband, father, grandfather, boss and loyal friend. Jim was also a "Proud Member" of R.O.M.E.O.'s and the Venice Yacht Club.

Loving husband of Patricia. Dear father of Alan Wellington, Ronald (Teri) Wellington, John (Kathy) Lindquist, Renee Weitz, Jessica (Steve) Kiras, Clint (Kelly) Wellington and Erin (Mahlon) Nichols, Dear grandfather of many grand and great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Duane (Jackie) Wellington and the late Alma (Jim) Tillis and dear brother-in-law of Bill (Mona) Benson. Dear son-in-law of Dorothy Tuohy. Funeral service will be scheduled at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family @ [www.wasikfuneralhome.com](http://www.wasikfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

EY

“ I don't have a memory to share except to say that I saw how much his daughter Erin would speak of him and the love that exuded out of her for her beloved father.

To have a loving relationship with a parent and then to have to say goodbye at such an early time in life is extremely difficult.

My prayers go out to the family. May his memory be as a blessing to each of them.

*Elaine Yaffe*

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**Elaine Yaffe** - January 21, 2019 at 09:27 AM

BW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss. Will and Beverly Worman and family

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**beverly worman** - January 20, 2019 at 08:47 PM

DW

“ I don't think anyone knew Jim longer than me. I knew him for all but 6 years of his life. No matter how one might feel, Jim always had a way to make you feel better. I could never have been more proud to say he was my brother. A true patriot, and a Korean War Veteran. Words can not express my sorry. God rest his soul and comfort all who loved him.

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**Duane Wellington** - January 20, 2019 at 09:48 AM

 Carol  
Parker

“ Dearest Pat and family,  
Arms around Jim's family in this time of sorrow and their lost. He will always be with you in memories and there were so many wonderful ones. I have my memories of Jim...his laugh, his big heart, his adventures in life and what a good friend he was to my husband, Duke.  
Love to you all,  
Carol Parker

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**Carol Parker** - January 20, 2019 at 08:33 AM

DB

“ Skip and I are so fortunate to have known and spent time with Jim. We loved our California wine trips together and so many other times together. He always had a smile and a fun guy all around. So good that he and Pat had so many wonderful trips together with good friends. He'll be remembered with much affection!

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**Debbie Berg** - January 19, 2019 at 12:04 PM

CI

“ I got to meet 2 wonderful people when I met Jess, it was her parents, Her dad was all so sweet and fun to be around , may god rest his sole , Cindy stork

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**cindy** - January 18, 2019 at 12:01 PM

RR

“ Pat, our prayers and sympathies are with you and your great family....we will miss Jim but are glad that his long, painful fight is over...we look forward to seeing you upon your return to Florida...love, Toni and Bob Ross

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**RRR** - January 18, 2019 at 09:46 AM

CW

“ Working at Wellington Mfg., it very easy to see my dad's favorite day of the year. It was the last payday before Christmas Holiday when he would hand out the Christmas bonuses. Every year, he was beaming that day and nothing seemed to shake him.

*These bonuses weren't tied to any employee compensation packages, they were up to Jim's discretion. He based them off how well the company did that year, how much the employee made, and how many years they worked for him.*

*One year Ron called me into his office and said "you know the Christmas bonuses aren't going to be that good this year. We had a tough year. Dad isn't taking a bonus so everyone else can have more". Of course, no one knew this. Big Guy (Jim's nickname at work) would never tell anyone that he would go without so everyone else could benefit. That's just the way he was even when it was his money.*

*It was a real blessing for me to work for him.*

*Clint Wellington*

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**clint wellington** - January 17, 2019 at 06:41 PM