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James P. Vanuch, 69, of Amherst, Ohio passed away unexpectedly on September 6, 2025 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was born on March 28, 1956 in Lakewood, OH to the late Joseph and Mary (nee Mullens) Vanuch, Sr.

Jim was a 1974 graduate of Lakewood High School, where he played football and freshman basketball. He also participated in youth baseball in Lakewood and was well respected for his speed and natural athletic ability across any sport he tried. In his youth, he loved riding bikes through the valley with friends—a memory he often cherished.

He was a member of Trinity Church in Amherst and enjoyed attending monthly men's breakfast. An avid golfer, Jim found great joy in meeting up with long-time friends and traveling whenever he could. He had a deep compassion for animals and those less fortunate, always showing kindness and empathy to those around him.

Known for his sense of humor, Jim was a true practical joker who loved surprising people just to see their reactions. His joyful spirit and generous heart left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

He is survived by his loving wife Chrysta (nee Mislinski) Vanuch of 36 years; brother Joe Vanuch (Patti); sister Rene Guest (Ed); and many nieces, nephews, and cherished friends. He was preceded in death by his sister Linda Knapp and sister-in-law Jill Vanuch.

Contributions may be made in Jim's memory to Trinity Church online at <https://trinityef.org/give/> or Samaritan's Purse online at <https://samaritanspurse.org/>

Online condolences and memories may be left on Jim's memorial page at dovinareberjones.com

He will be deeply missed by all who loved him!



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CT

Cindi Torres posted:

James or Jimmy was my brother-in-law for 38 years and 1 of my favorite people. He was also 1 of my best friends. We always had a great rapport and could talk and joke about anything for hours. I visited him and my sister Christy about 2 times a week and he would always call or text me to ask if I wanted coffee, breakfast, or dessert if he had picked something up. I will miss him, our talks, and his jokes very much!

September 19 at 1:59 AM

RP

Roger Potter posted:

Jim was one of the nicest men I have ever known. He was very generous and fun loving, always quick with a joke or a compliment. He just made you feel better by being with him. He had a story for everything and could entertain you for hours. He will be missed for sure. - Roger Potter

September 12 at 6:35 AM

CT

Cindi Torres September 19 at 2:00 AM

I couldn't have said it better!

RA

Ray posted:

Jim and I had some nice chats at our table at the Men's Breakfast at Trinity. We pass each other at our Church Services on Sundays and always says Hi to everyone ! I will continue to Pray for you Chrysta and Family... Love Ray and Brenda Thomas

September 10 at 6:41 PM

MJ

Marcie And Mark Jaworski posted:

Jim and his wife, Chrysta were neighbors of ours when we lived in the Hidden Valley Development. But we got to know them more when they would watch our dogs. Jim and as such an easy going guy, enjoyed always talking with him and Chrysta both. But boy did he show so much compassion for our dogs. Though we no longer live on their street, we always had this friendly connection And truly, Jim will be missed.

September 10 at 5:19 PM



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Tony Kazanas posted:

Jim has always been a straight shooter with me. Fun to be with and I always was able to share our faith together. May the Holy Spirit comfort all who know him

September 10 at 2:20 PM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Vanuch family.



September 10 at 11:26 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



September 10 at 11:26 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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