



James J. Bednarik

July 12, 1938 - April 18, 2019

James J. Bednarik, age 80 of Wakeman passed away at his home on Thursday, April 18, 2019. He was born on July 12, 1938 in Lorain, Ohio to William and Mildred (nee Vorkavich) Bednarik.

He was a 1956 graduate of Lorain High School. Upon his high school graduation he furthered his education at Ohio University earning his Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry.

James made his career as a chemist and research director at Glidden Paint retiring in 1998 after 38 years of service.

He was an avid birdwatcher, member of the Black River Audubon Society, served as a Boy Scout Leader for Troop 427, active with the Amherst baseball and softball recreation league for many years and enjoyed watching the Cleveland Indians. He was a wonderful grandfather who enjoyed spending time and sharing stories with his 3 grandchildren.

James is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty (nee Szantay) Bednarik; son, Michael (Marlene) Bednarik, of Fairlawn; daughter, Beth (Mark) Jakubec, of Lorain; and his grandchildren, Joseph, Paul, and Stephanie Jakubec.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mildred Bednarik; and his sister, Sara Trimble.

A celebration of life dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Gathering Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst.

Private family inurnment will take place at Ridge Hill Memorial Park at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest contributions be made in memory of James to the Friends of Magee Marsh, 13229 OH-2 , Oak Harbor, OH 43449 or to the Salvation Army, Divisional Headquarters, ATTN: Development Department 2507 E. 22nd. Street, Cleveland, OH 44115

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.dovinreberjones.com

Comments



“ My name is James Wennermark. James and I were roommates at Ohio University and I considered him a good friend. We had a lot of fun together at OU. My condolences on his passing. Wennermarkjim@hotmail.com

Jim Wennermark - July 22 at 08:27 AM



“ Dear Bea. Just discovered that Jim had passed. He was a good man and I am sure he is being missed by family and friends. Hope he went peaceably and comfortably. Share comment when you can and if you would so desire. Respectfully. Jim St. Clair

James St. Clair - July 08 at 03:29 AM



“ Dear Bea, Thinking of you and sending comfort. Sally Jenkins

Sally Jenkins - May 01 at 11:52 AM



“ Dear Betty, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband. I will keep you in my daily thoughts and prayers. Elyse Ferber

Elyse Ferber - April 30 at 06:00 PM



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Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center - April 30 at 08:58 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Bednarik and family,
My deepest condolences for your loss. It was always a pleasure talking with Jim when I would see him at the Jakubec house, or at one of the grand kids games. I'm very happy to have had the chance to get to know him a little bit. I'll always

remember him fondly, and you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

-Steve Brown

Steve Brown - April 28 at 10:22 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Bednarik and Family: With great sadness I received this news. So many good times with Jim at our Glidden gig!!!! I carpooled with him for years also. He always made it fun "at times" I remember the time in left home early because of a snow storm. No cell phones and he called my home after I left to tell me to stay home. My 78 Grand Prix had studded rear tires. So I made it there to his Amherst home. The looks of "what are you doing" on his face. In his blue suit and tie we went to work in my car. And stop along the way to help push other cars that slipped off the road a bit. Very icy. But we made it and of course in "JJ fashion" Don't ever do this again!!!! A wonderful guy with a geat sense of humor. He Loved the paint business and made us all proud to work there. Rest in Peace Mr. Redbeard a pleasure to have worked with you and learn that "paint stuff" from you. With God's love and prayers to the legacy you left behind. Gail Obrenovich Parker, and Family.

Gail L. Parker - April 27 at 02:44 PM



“ To Bea and all of the Bednarik family, please accept our most heartfelt sympathy and condolences.
Pat and Dick Colella

Pat Colella - April 27 at 09:28 AM