



"Papa Jim" Vanderwall

May 11, 1929 - July 7, 2021

Jim Vanderwall
LaQuinta, CA

James Edward Vanderwall, "Papa Jim", of LaQuinta, CA, formerly of Norton Shores, MI, went home to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at the age of 92. Jim was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Jim was born on May 11, 1929 in Muskegon, MI to Edward and Bertha (Hanekamp) Vanderwall. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Stella Wagner, and his brothers, Elmer Vanderwall, Donald Vanderwall, and Harold Vanderwall.

Jim graduated from Muskegon High School, M.S.U. and University of Michigan. He started his education career with Muskegon Heights Public Schools, then went to Laketon School District as assistant superintendent. He taught at MSU in their education department. He retired from Muskegon Public Schools as Principal of Nims School.

Jim was very active in the community. A member of Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Fraternity, a member and past president of American Business Club; a member of Serra Club, Knights of Columbus, N.E.A and M.E.A. He belonged to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Palm Desert, CA, and the LaQuinta Country Club. He enjoyed traveling, playing golf and good times with family and friends.

He will be sadly missed and remembered by his loving wife of 44 years, Donna (Nutt) Vanderwall of La Quinta, CA, his children Beth (Bob) Marine of North Muskegon, MI, Jim (Beth) Vanderwall of Grand Rapids, MI, Sue (Wayne) Cypert of Margate, FL, his stepchildren Rochelle Zack of Palm Springs, CA, Eric (Heather) Zack of North Muskegon, MI, his grandchildren, Lee Marine, Kelly Bouwman, Jonathan Vanderwall, Jennifer Dearnley, Andrew Vanderwall, Travis Cypert, his step-grandchildren: Maddelyn Zack, Erica Zack, Ella Klimsza, Jack Klimsza, Grace Klimsza, and his six great-grandchildren, in addition to his sister-in-law Wilma Vanderwall of Fullerton, CA and many nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Christian Burial will take place at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Palm Desert, CA. Entombment will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Muskegon, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Muskegon AMBUCS, or Reliance Hospice of Palm Desert, CA.

Please share your memories and photos of Jim on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

Arrangements were handled by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN, (423) 775-2662.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. The parish families at St. Francis de Sales Church, Norton Shores, MI*



Kim Brush - July 19, 2021 at 01:00 PM

JV

“ *Dad...I can't thank you enough for giving us a childhood dream in Pentwater. You worked tirelessly to let us have fun, and gosh we did! I will miss the weekly phone calls as well. It was nice to share my projects and life with you. I've missed that the last few weeks. I know you're in God's loving hands and that I will see you again.*
Jim Vanderwall

Jim Vanderwall - July 19, 2021 at 08:33 AM

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Beth Ann Marine - July 11, 2021 at 05:29 PM

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Beth Ann Marine - July 11, 2021 at 05:25 PM

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“ *Donna, please know that my heart is aching for you and your family. I cannot help but remember all the fun we had together. Prayers and thoughts are with you. Rest In Peace Jim.*

Maggie (Gold) Thompson - July 09, 2021 at 09:18 PM

DM

“ Don And MaryAnnScofield lit a candle in memory of "Papa Jim" Vanderwall



Don and MaryAnnScofield - July 09, 2021 at 05:32 PM

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“ My Papa is truly an angel. He was one of the best people I have ever met. I am so lucky to have had such a wonderful role model in my life. I'll love you forever, Papa ❤️



Maddelyn Zack - July 09, 2021 at 05:22 PM

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“ Brian D Olejarczyk lit a candle in memory of "Papa Jim" Vanderwall



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