



James E. Ganzekaufer

January 26, 1937 - March 7, 2021

Hampton - James Ganzekaufer, 84, a longtime resident of Queens, NY, passed away on Sunday, March 7, 2021 after a period of illness. Jim was born on January 26, 1937 in New York City to Kathleen and Joseph Ganzekaufer, one of four sons.

He is predeceased by his wife of 54 years, Jeanne, and his brothers Joseph and Edward.

He is survived by his brother George, his loving children, Linda and Scott, and his four grandchildren.

Jim proudly joined the US Air Force after high school and served his country as Airman First Class. Jim started his career at Hansen and Tiedmann, the shipping agency where he met his beloved wife, Jeanne. While raising a family, his career brought him to Louisiana and Tennessee then back to NY. He ultimately rose to a management position, developing lifelong friendships along the way.

After retirement, Jim and Jeanne were blessed with the opportunity to travel the world with close friends and family. Jim enjoyed fishing and golfing. Through life's ups and downs, Jim had a zest for life and always maintained his sense of humor.

The life of any party lucky enough to have him, he always arrived with a head full of bawdy jokes for the adults and pockets of gag shop trinkets to amuse the kids. Lines often blurred as an evening progressed, frequently ending in his famous rendition of Yukon Pete to a roomful of brothers and sisters-in-law and delighted teenaged nephews.

Friends and loved ones will be contacted for a celebration of Jim's life at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Jim's name.

Comments



“ Barry & Dakota Johannes purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James E. Ganzekaufer.



Barry & Dakota Johannes - March 16, 2021 at 11:13 PM



“ I'm missing you so dearly, Dad. Even at the end when things were rough your spirit shone through with smiling reassurance. You leave a void that won't soon be filled. Love you Dad

Linda Ganzekaufer - March 11, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ Karen O'Connor lit a candle in memory of James E. Ganzekaufer



Karen O'Connor - March 11, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ Dad - You taught me so much about life, instilled values and passed along that wonderful sense of humor. You fought so hard these last few years despite the many challenges. You were an example of what a father should be and I have always strived to rise to that level. You've lived a good life...rest now and be at peace. Love, Scott

Scott Ganzekaufer - March 11, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ Jim was my dearest brother in law.....I have so many memories....he was my tour guide in the City....he drove everywhere to show me the sites after Don and I were married. We had many days of fun and laughter....jokes and Danny Boy songs..... aside from the fun times, Jim took me to Ground Zero the Christmas after 9/11. This day, I saw the devoted American side of him.....he loved his New York and his country. I feel blessed to be part of the family!



Karen O'Connor - March 11, 2021 at 03:32 PM