



James John Rademaker

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James (Jim) John Rademaker, 68, peacefully passed away Wednesday, January 6, 2021, surrounded by his loving family. Jim is survived by his devoted and beloved wife of 38 years, Carmen (nee Del Valle), and loving children, Kelly Caraballo (Raymond), Jim Rademaker, and John Rademaker. He was the son of the late James and Alice Rademaker and dear brother of Pat McCollum, Tim (the late Sue Anne), Daniel, and Ken. Jim was a loving tío and uncle to his nieces and nephews, and cousin and brother-in-law to many.

Jim was born on May 26, 1952 in Berea, Ohio, and graduated from Strongsville High School and Southeast Missouri State University. Jim dedicated his entire career to education in the Social Studies department at North Royalton High School where he was a devoted coach and beloved teacher. He enjoyed traveling, reading, golfing (especially with his family), watching local high school games, all Cleveland sports (especially the Cleveland INDIANS!), and spending time with his family and friends. Jim also enjoyed listening to music and going to local and outdoor concerts, especially COH, The Mavericks, and the Beach Boys. He will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers or donations, the family kindly asks that you simply Pay it Forward. Please make a dinner for someone in need, donate to a charity, family, volunteer at a local food bank, or simply spend time doing something of service for someone you love, or even someone you do not know. Kindly think of Jim Rademaker and our family as you do this service or donation. "In the end, only kindness matters." The family would love to hear your story of how you helped other people in honor of Jim. Please share your act of kindness by emailing us at rademakercarmen@gmail.com. It will "make our hearts sing" to hear what you did!

VISITATION SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021 FROM 3PM-7PM at JARDINE FUNERAL HOME, 15822 PEARL RD, STRONGSVILLE. Funeral Mass MONDAY 10AM at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Strongsville. Jim's Funeral Mass will be live-streamed on Monday. The link can be found on St. John Neumann's website, www.sjnohio.com. Due to COVID-19, please be sure to



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wear your face mask and be mindful of your social distance if you are attending services.
Interment Strongsville Cemetery.



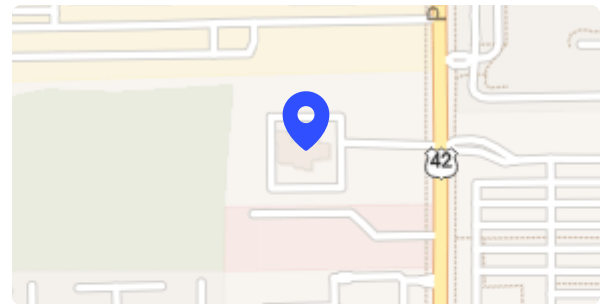
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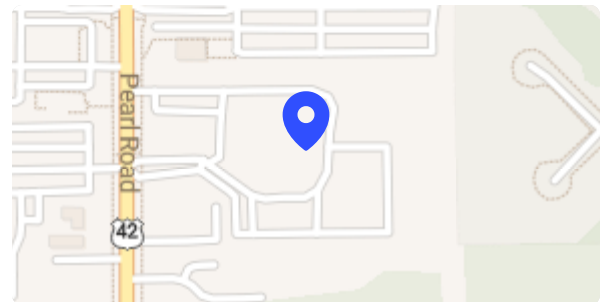
Visitation

- Sunday**, January 10, 2021
- 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Jardine Funeral Home**
15822 Pearl Road, Strongsville OH 44136



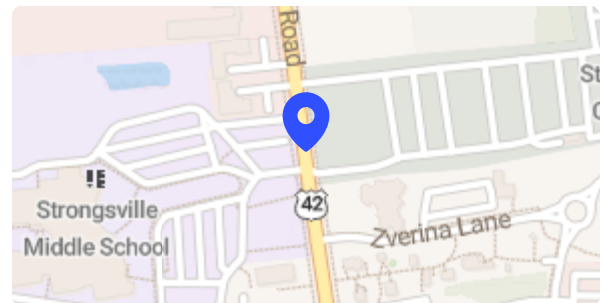
Funeral Mass

- Monday**, January 11, 2021
- 10:00 AM ET
- St. John Neumann**
16271 Pearl Road, Strongsville OH



Cemetery Details

- Strongsville Cemetery**
13123 Pearl Road, Strongsville OH 44136





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Dawn Evangelista posted:

Dear Carmen and family, I am so extremely sorry for your loss! I just today heard of this horrible news. I am so saddened. Jim was a wonderful person and will be missed. Again, I am so sorry! Our sincerest condolences. Dawn and Alan Evangelista

February 5 at 6:35 AM



Thomas Preston posted:

Jim was a great man and a fantastic teacher. He was my inspiration to become a social studies teacher and when I did he expressed his pride for me. He also told me it would be an honor for me to replace him when I retired. I visited him when on leave from the army always. I will miss him dearly. I was proud to work with him while I substituted in North Royalton High School. I was proud to call him a mentor, a colleague and a friend. Rest in peace Mr Rademaker.

February 3 at 5:54 PM



Gretchen Wood posted:

There are so many beautiful memories written here. It shows how many people Jim influenced in his life. There are so many people whose lives are better for having known him. I consider myself very lucky to be one of those people. Jim was a mentor to me as my department chair in my first years of teaching. I will never forget his advice and the lessons he taught me. I am a better teacher and person because of him. My heart goes out to his beautiful wife Carmen, who I also had the pleasure of knowing and I am especially thankful for Jim and Carmen making visits to our home when they were in Florida. My condolences to Carmen and your children and the whole family. Jim will be greatly missed but his spirit will live on in those of us whose lives he touched.

January 25 at 1:36 PM



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GG

George Grossenbaugh posted:

I just heard the sad news of Jimmy passing and I wanted to send my deepest sympathy and condolences to the Rademaker family! I first met Jimmy I think-in the 7th grade. From that point it seemed that a few of us hung together all through jr high and high school. I had the pleasure to work on the ball diamonds with Jimmy every summer. He could be a character at times but it was all good. Many a nights hanging out in the summer and usually the same gang ended up late at Pizza King in Berea for a late night snack. I read how well respected he was as a teacher and coach; but us guys saw that when we were in school. He was special and had a great disposition much like his dad. We played softball together every summer and had a great time. Sitting down to write this note made me think of a lot of good times and it brings a smile to me knowing that Jimmy made these memories so good. I know he will be missed and I regret not staying in touch after leaving Strongsville. He was a good man! Rest In PeaceGeorge Grossenbaugh

January 14 at 3:43 PM

KW

Kevin Willbond posted:

To the family of Jimmy Rademaker I want to extend my deepest condolences. I knew Jimmy for over 60 years from our days playing Little League baseball. From jr. high through high school and college we developed a special friendship that I am forever grateful. Our years working together with the Strongsville Recreation Department were some of the BEST days ever, The summers playing softball were equally special. Those days are long gone, but the time we had still bring a smile to my face and a good hearty laugh. The years may pass, but never our friendship. It was a pleasure and honor to have Jimmy as my best man when I was married and I was equally delighted to be included in his wedding party a few years later. Rest in peace buddy till we meet again.

January 14 at 11:48 AM

MH

Mike Hughes posted:

To all the Rademakers, especially Dan (Boonie) and Kenny that I knew, so, so sorry to hear about Jimmy. What good times we had those few summers in the mid 70's, taking care of the ball fields and any other summer projects the City of Strongsville had for us. And the very competitive softball games against the Police Dept, Jimmy lining rope after rope to right field with that sweet lefty swing. What a voice he had, and the belly laugh that rolled and made you laugh even harder when around him. Thanks for the memories Jimmy Rad!Mike Hughes

January 14 at 10:53 AM



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TW

Tom Welsh posted:

Mr. Rademaker was one of my favorite teachers. He spoke with such conviction about the topics we covered. His passion for history was evident. History is something that fascinates me, and he was a big part of that. I always enjoyed his classes and speaking with him afterward. My prayers are with all his loved ones.

January 12 at 7:52 AM

JS

Jeff Selerowski posted:

Rest In Peace Coach....and my condolences to your family.

January 11 at 7:15 AM

RR

Randy Radtke posted:

I grew up in Strongsville and everyone knew the Rademaker name. As a young kid I used to watch all the varsity sports. I knew the Rademaker boys before they knew me. Jim and Dan were some of the high school players that coached youth sports. Jim's father was the Athletic Director at SHS. He recommended Southeast Missouri State U as a place to continue playing football. So I followed all of the Rademaker families footsteps and attended the same university that they did. Years later Dan (Boonie) found me and told me Jim was looking for a football coach. The rest is history. Jim spoke up for me and I was hired. I have a great deal of admiration and respect for Jim. He truly was a mentor to me. I am blessed to be a part of Jim's life. He took me under his wing and made my journey so much easier. To say the least Jim's passing is one of the saddest events of my life. Rest In Peace my friend. My prayers go out to the entire Rademaker family

January 10 at 4:20 PM

JH

Janet Hayes posted:

Mr. Rademaker was my favorite teachers in high school. My two oldest children also had the honor of having Mr. Rademaker as their American History teacher and he still remembered me when I came to Open House! My heart breaks for all of you. May you find comfort in the beautiful memories you have shared. Janet, Dalton and Tricia Hayes

January 10 at 9:45 AM



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TC

Tom Cheyney posted:

Jim was a great cousin and a good friend. I will always remember with a smile, when we all played together during family gatherings at his childhood home. I will always cherish the memory of hopping on the RTA train only to find Jim and Jimmy heading down to the Tribe opener as well! We were 2 miles down the track when I realized the guy sitting next to me was my cousin, Jim! We looked at each other and laughed like crazy. Carmen, I am so happy that the last time I ran into you guys a month ago, we were able to have such a nice talk, and that my last words to him were, "I love you Jim" and his response was, "I love you too Tommy". God Bless You All. Dawn and I will be sure to "pay forward" in his name. Tom & Dawn Cheyney and the entire Cheyney Family

January 10 at 6:08 AM

BL

Bill Lehky posted:

Jim was a good teacher and coach, a good husband and father, but, most importantly to me, he was one of my best friends. We knew each other for over 45 years and had many good times together. I will miss him more than anyone can imagine. Bill Lehky

January 10 at 3:53 AM

AN

Al Namestnik January 10 at 9:12 AM

This really caught me by surprise! First time meeting Jim I knew he would make a great friend! It was my first year of coaching in 1977 under head coach Bernie Kroviak. Jim had a contagious laugh that echoed his location in a crowd. So many great memories but the one that stood out above the rest was at a gathering of the coaches in Lodi where Bernie lived: Gail's father had just passed away and Jimmy came right up to her and said how sorry he was to hear of his passing! The only one to do so! It was so typical of Jim to care about others! I'm blessed knowing him and knowing that I set up the relationship with Carmen! Again, the memories being that coaching staff: Jim, Don Hershey, John Noble, Leo Saniak, Randy Radtke, and Denny Kushlak will be with me always! Jimmy, Rest In Peace my friend until we meet again! ❤️🙏🕊️

FM

Frank Marvin posted:

Jim was a great neighbor to have. Always enjoyed speaking with him, we never changed the world but we sure talked about it. One thing I learned early on, never get into a lawn maintenance contest with Jim. He will be missed. A very nice person!

January 9 at 7:24 AM



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MA

Maria lit a candle in honor of James.

Carmen, Our hearts are saddened by your loss. May you feel the Lord's embrace during this difficult time. What a tribute to Jim to have people "pay it forward". This is a testament to your marriage and friendship. Lorain/Elyria is praying for you.

María Moriarty

January 9 at 5:46 AM



DS

Diana Skorepa posted:

The North Royalton Alumni Association extends sincere condolences to the family.

January 8 at 4:00 PM

BC

Butch Campana sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Rademaker family.

January 8 at 2:58 PM



TM

Tim Matus posted:

Jim was so good to me as a young teacher and coach. He was always easy to talk to and had great advice for me in my early years of coaching. So much respect for him mentoring me and supporting me throughout. Thoughts and prayers to all his family and RIP Jim.

January 8 at 11:22 AM



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Rademaker family.

January 8 at 9:34 AM





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CK

Cathy Kilpatrick posted:

So sorry to hear. We have missed Jim's visits this year but had hoped he was doing well. Grew up as neighbors and friends even my daughter said wasn't that the nice man who came and sat in the rocking chair holding Humphrey while he visited with Tom. So sorry prayers. Tom Chappelle and Cathy Chappelle Kilpatrick

January 8 at 9:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Rademaker family.



January 8 at 9:08 AM

GH

Gerald Henson posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God bless. DAN: I am pretty sure that you remember me from days at North Ridgeville High School. Wow, there have been so many deaths. And, they aren't all related to this very disruptive pandemic. Our sister Sally who lived out in western Colorado passed away on the Saturday morning before Christmas, December 19th. She was the sister who lost both of her legs to diabetes five years ago. We got word that her kidneys were shutting down. They were able to put her on hospice but she passed away less than a day after they were able to do that. Please take care and again, I will keep you folks in my thoughts and prayers. DAN: I am pretty sure that I am doing this correctly. Jim looked a lot like you and I remember that you are from the Strongsville community. GOD BLESS!!

January 8 at 7:40 AM

CM

Chris Mileti posted:

I had to fight back the tears when I heard about Mr. Rademaker's passing. I send my deepest sympathies to his family. He was my American History teacher in high school. History was my first class of the day, so he and I would have lively political debates before the morning bell. During the summer after I graduated (1994), he and I spent a week painting the inside of his house. I was, and still am, so thankful that he asked me to help him. We had some great conversations. He will always be one of my greatest and most influential teachers. Rest in peace, my friend.

January 8 at 7:22 AM



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Mike Rudolph posted:

I am saddened to hear of Jim's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of talking with Jim at school or meeting up at a high school football game. Jim was a mentor and a great friend to so many. He positively impacted the lives of so many students. He will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathy to Carmen and his family. RIP Jim.

January 8 at 5:46 AM



Anonymous sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Rademaker family.



January 8 at 5:15 AM



Gregory Hildebrand posted:

Remembering Coach Rad! What a great Coach and teacher, Well respected by his players. Thank you for the great opportunities and memories Coach. Much Love, Greg Hildebrand #27 Class of 85

January 8 at 4:33 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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