



## James C. "Jim" Mancini

July 11, 1951 - October 15, 2025

James C. "Jim" Mancini, 74, of Gilberts IL, passed away peacefully Wednesday, October 15, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was born July 11th, 1951, in Chicago, the son of Mario and Elizabeth (Dulak) Mancini. He married Donna Oleferchik on July 12th, 1969, in Addison, IL. He dearly loved his family and his beloved dog, Gracie.

Jim was a devoted volunteer at his church, serving as an usher; and was the inaugural Grand Knight of the Hampshire Illinois Knights of Columbus Council 13034.

He was active within his local Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) and dedicated much of his time helping people in need through SVdP. He was grounded in his Catholic faith and tried to live his life according to the Word of God. He was very active for 30 years with the Rockford Diocese Cursillo Movement. Memorials in Jim's name may be directed to St. Vincent DePaul Society of America. (<https://ssvpusa.org/>)

Jim was a dedicated husband and father. He and his beautiful wife, Donna, met in high school and were married for 56 wonderful years. Donna and Jim were bonded in love and loyalty to each other.

He was an avid outdoorsman and fisherman. Some of his favorite times were

spent with his sons and grandchildren fishing for walleye at Gullrock Lake in Ontario, Canada. He also enjoyed camping and fishing on the Wisconsin River with lifelong friend, Terry Goheen, and spending time on the water in Brainerd, MN with his good friend, Bruce Lambin.

He was a well-respected and proud member of the Sheet Metal Workers' Local 73 (SMW 73) in Chicago. He spent his career with Local 73 until his retirement in 2013. He loved his SMW 73 Brothers and made many friends throughout his career.

Jim was a lifelong Chicago White Sox fan. He passed his love of White Sox baseball down to his 3 children, spending many days with them at the ballpark. These days were some of their fondest memories.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; his children, Daniel Mancini, Annamarie (Michael Dellutri) Craig, and William "Billy" (Lisa) Mancini; grandchildren, Christian (Anna), Will (Julia), Danny, Jenna (Kaden), and Emma; his sisters, Marilyn (Rocco Cribari) Barnhart, Connie Ardelean and the late Ron Ardelean, and many nieces and nephews. Brother and Sister In-Laws. Cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Mario and Betty Mancini; his infant son, Jimmy Mancini; sister, Nancy (Fuzz) Wunschel. Uncle, Marino (Jerry) Mancini, and brother-in-law, Steven Wendt.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church 297 E. Jefferson Ave. In Hampshire from 4-8 pm with a prayer service starting at 7:30. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 297 E. Jefferson Ave, October 23rd. Burial will follow at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Cemetery in Hampshire.

For more Information please call: (847) 683-2711

# Cemetery Details

## St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery

Getzelman Road  
Hampshire, IL 60140

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
297 E. Jefferson Ave.  
Hampshire, IL 60140

## Wake Service

OCT **22**. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
297 E. Jefferson Ave.  
Hampshire, IL 60140

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
297 E. Jefferson Ave.  
Hampshire, IL 60140

## Graveside Service

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OCT **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery  
Getzelman Road  
Hampshire, IL 60140

# Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Donna & Mancini Family:

*I am very sorry to learn of Jim's passing. I met Jim on a Cursillo about 25 years ago. He was a good man. He was a holy man. I feel honored to have known him. Please accept my condolences and know that I will be praying for you.*

*Steve Japuntich  
Webster City, IA*

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**Stephan Japuntich** - October 22, 2025 at 08:10 PM

JJ

“ *Met Jimmy almost 30 years ago we made our Cursillo together we were at the same table! Jim and became friends immediately! Jim's faith was over the top !! It was contagious and when ever I saw I'm or even talked on the phone to him I felt the Holy Spirit come over me. What a Man!! What a man!! Donna I am so sorry! You are all in my Prayers!*

*Love and Peace De Colores my friend!!!  
Joe Japuntich, Bourbon, Missouri*

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**Joe Japuntich** - October 22, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.*



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October 22, 2025 at 03:12 PM

LF

“ Love, Dan & Diane Belz and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James C. "Jim" Mancini.

Love, Dan & Diane Belz and family - October 22, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



October 22, 2025 at 01:34 PM

TF

“ The Kirschbaum family purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



The Kirschbaum family - October 22, 2025 at 10:28 AM

TF

“ The Sydoryk, Russo and Hetzel Families purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



The Sydoryk, Russo and Hetzel Families - October 22, 2025 at 10:10 AM

BF

“ Bill & Marietta Oleferchik and Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



Bill & Marietta Oleferchik and Family - October 22, 2025 at 10:04 AM

CA

“ Christopher A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James C. "Jim" Mancini.

Christopher A. - October 22, 2025 at 01:44 AM

LF

“ Len and Carol Oleferchik Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



Len and Carol Oleferchik Family - October 21, 2025 at 04:10 PM

TM

“ Tim Grieser and Mary purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



Tim Grieser and Mary - October 21, 2025 at 01:49 PM

DF

“ Dan Ryan and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



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**Dan Ryan and Family** - October 21, 2025 at 01:33 PM

DD

“ Dan and Karen Demmerly purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



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**Dan and Karen Demmerly** - October 21, 2025 at 10:59 AM

PS

“ Platinum SBN/Larry, Amy, Brent & Shawn purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



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**Platinum SBN/Larry, Amy, Brent & Shawn** - October 20, 2025 at 04:02 PM

DG

“ Donna G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James C. "Jim" Mancini.

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**Donna G.** - October 20, 2025 at 02:51 PM

MS

“ Marvin & Carol Swanson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James C. "Jim" Mancini.

Marvin & Carol Swanson - October 20, 2025 at 10:33 AM

LA

“ Leslie A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James C. "Jim" Mancini.

Leslie A. - October 19, 2025 at 07:07 PM

MS

“ Mel and Linda Swanson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James C. "Jim" Mancini.

Mel and Linda Swanson - October 19, 2025 at 06:35 PM

YF

“ Your Jerry's Welding Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



Your Jerry's Welding Family - October 19, 2025 at 06:16 PM

YF

“ Your Jerry's Welding Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James C. "Jim" Mancini.

Your Jerry's Welding Family - October 19, 2025 at 06:16 PM

JL

“ Jeanine L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James C. "Jim" Mancini.

Jeanine L. - October 19, 2025 at 06:06 PM

CG

“ Connie, Kids and Grandkids purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



Connie, Kids and Grandkids - October 19, 2025 at 11:48 AM

LL

“ Loretta L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James C. "Jim" Mancini.

Loretta L. - October 19, 2025 at 10:53 AM

MB

“ Like a part of me is now missing. You were a great big brother, Jim. And a shining light to all who knew you.



Marilyn Barnhart - October 18, 2025 at 08:26 PM

WR

“ With love, Marilyn and Rocco purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



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**With love, Marilyn and Rocco** - October 18, 2025 at 08:16 PM

JM

“ Jim was a great guy and a true gentleman. We worked together at Edwards Engineering for many years. He will truly be missed by many!

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**Jack Mullin** - October 18, 2025 at 07:03 PM

JD

“ Joyce D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James C. "Jim" Mancini.

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**Joyce D.** - October 18, 2025 at 06:49 PM

JV

“ Jim and Lorry Vassar purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



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**Jim and Lorry Vassar** - October 18, 2025 at 06:45 PM

LV

“ I asked my husband Jim Vassar to share a memory of Jim and he said “always happy and smiling”. To me he was such a kind, gentle and caring person. He will be greatly missed. The man upstairs truly got a new angel 🙏

Lorry Vassar - October 18, 2025 at 06:39 PM

ZO

“ Zaira, and Steven Ondrla purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



Zaira, and Steven Ondrla - October 18, 2025 at 05:58 PM

FE

“ Freightycats E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James C. "Jim" Mancini.

Freightycats E. - October 18, 2025 at 05:24 PM

YT

“ Your Family & Friends at Rabit Transit purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of James C. "Jim" Mancini.



Your Family & Friends at Rabit Transit - October 18, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ *Your Family & Friends at Rabit Transit planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James C. "Jim" Mancini.*

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**Your Family & Friends at Rabit Transit** - October 18, 2025 at 04:38 PM