



James Michael Burkel

June 22, 1951 - March 7, 2026

James Burkel, age 74, of Roseville, died on March 7, 2026. Son of the late Norbert and Denise Burkel. Brother of Gary (Nora) Burkel, Barbara (Don) Niewolak, Laurie (late John) Kalson, and late Deny (Geri) Burkel. Numerous nieces and nephews. Jim graduated from St. Anthony High School class of 1970 and had done some construction and stock work in retail. A quiet and kind man who kept to himself, he enjoyed sports, especially cheering on the Detroit Tigers. He is no longer suffering. As per Jim's wishes no services are scheduled. Memorials may be made in his name to St. Jude Hospital. Please visit www.rudyfuneral.com to share a memory or light a candle.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jim was my older brother he was the second oldest. I don't remember too much about him as a child because he was almost 10 years older. I guess the times I remember most were in the early 80's . Jim bartended at a bar on Mack and Don and I would go see him. Then hang out with him if he got done working early. He was always a loner. And very independent. The nurses that cared for him at the end of his life said he was such a kind and grateful patient . I wish we would have had more time to spend together Jim I hope that you are now at peace and out of pain. With Mom Dad our brother Deny his wife Geri my boys Jacob and Josh and so many more You all remain in my heart love you❤️💔😭🙏💕💕

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“ Jim was my older brother he was the second oldest of five children. Their we're 9 years between us so I barely remember him when I was a child. But as Adults me and Don did get together several times in our younger years but Jim was always a loner and as the years passed sadly we lost touch. I will always cherish the memories of our younger years. I was able to see him a few days before he passed away. I only wish he'd called me sooner. His nurses said that he was so kind and grateful thanking them over and over again. He is now with his Mom Dad brother Deny and Gery my boys Jacob and Josh Love and miss you all 🕯️🙏💕💕😭

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