



## James R. Swartz

May 26, 1953 - December 13, 2021

James Ronald Swartz, age 68, of Harbor Beach, Michigan passed away from health

complications at Beaumont Hospital on Monday, December 13, 2021.

James (also known as Jim) was born on May 26, 1953 to Norman and Angeline Swartz. He grew

up on his parents' farm in Harbor Beach. He played football and baseball in High School. In his

earlier career, Jim worked beside his mother Angeline, owning and operating Al's Restaurant,

well known for its prime rib and fried perch.

In the late 1970's Jim met Rita Mosher at Al's Restaurant; they were united in marriage on July

17, 1981.

After 25 years in the restaurant business, Jim went on to serve over 20 years as a Field Agent at

Knights of Columbus. He was also an active member at the Harbor Beach Gun Club. He enjoyed

playing golf, watching sports, bowling, and playing cards. He was an avid University of

Michigan fan. Jim was full of life. He loved to tell jokes and spend time with family. He

especially enjoyed making his grandchildren laugh and watching them run

around. He was a great man, and we will all miss him more than words can say. Jim is survived by his wife, Rita Swartz and four children: Tamara Spankie (Daniel) of North Carolina, Thomas Swartz (Monica Pietris) of Michigan, Kristie Klaska (Matthew) of Harbor Beach, and Darrin Swartz (Samantha) of Louisiana. He also had six grandchildren: Skylar and Trent Spankie, Nolan and Korbin Klaska, Cole and Emmie Pietris. In addition, he leaves behind his sisters Shirley Messing and Patricia Emerick, and brothers Robert, Fredrick, and Charles Swartz.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents Norman and Angeline Swartz, his sisters Lylan Kucharczyk, Mildred Kozfkay, and Delores Pawlowski, and brothers-in-laws Albert

Kucharczyk, Norbert Kozfkay, Allen Messing, and Robert Pawlowski

Funeral Mass for Jim will be Friday, December 17, 2021 at 11 am at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, of the Holy Name of Mary Parish, with Fr. George Amos officiating. Burial will follow in OLLH Church Cemetery.

Visitation for Jim will be Thursday, from 2-8pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Visitation on Friday, will be at the church, beginning at 10 am until time of services at 11 am. A Knights of Columbus Rosary will take place, Thursday at 7 pm at the funeral home.

Memories can be shared at [www.RamseyFH.com](http://www.RamseyFH.com)

# Cemetery Details

## OLLH Church Cemetery

Harbor Beach, MI 48441

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc  
425 State St  
Harbor Beach, MI 48441  
(989) 479-3407  
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

## Rosary

DEC 16. 7:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc  
425 State St  
Harbor Beach, MI 48441  
(989) 479-3407  
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

## Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church  
413 S 1st St  
Harbor Beach, MI 48441  
(989) 479-3393

## Funeral Mass

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church  
Harbor Beach, MI 48441

# Tribute Wall



“ *James R. Swartz*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of James R. Swartz.*



December 16, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James R. Swartz.*



December 16, 2021 at 07:26 AM



“ *Ron Parish lit a candle in memory of James R. Swartz*



**Ron Parish** - December 15, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of James R. Swartz.*



December 15, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ *Mick And Marge Schott lit a candle in memory of James R. Swartz*



**Mick and Marge Schott** - December 15, 2021 at 11:47 AM



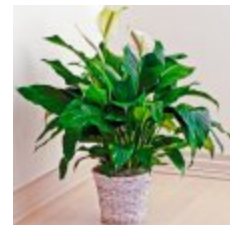
“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of James R. Swartz.*



December 15, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *Your Reliable Industries Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of James R. Swartz.*



**Your Reliable Industries Family** - December 15, 2021 at 10:29 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Jim.  
His legacy as owner/operator of Al's restaurant is known throughout Michigan for the food served. My cousins would drive over 2 hours to come and eat at Al's.  
Janet and Keith Brown



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**Janet Brown** - December 15, 2021 at 10:05 AM

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“ Chris & Stacey Hazel purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of James R. Swartz.



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**Chris & Stacey Hazel** - December 15, 2021 at 09:41 AM



“ Sympathy Standing Wreath in Christmas Colors was purchased for the family of James R. Swartz.

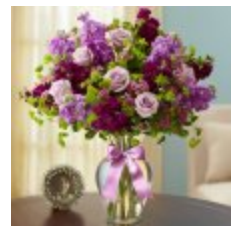


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December 15, 2021 at 07:59 AM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of James R. Swartz.



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December 15, 2021 at 07:11 AM



“ *Roses For Sympathy was purchased for the family of James R. Swartz.*



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December 14, 2021 at 10:03 PM



“ *Jody Kosal lit a candle in memory of James R. Swartz*



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**Jody kosal** - December 14, 2021 at 08:04 PM