



## James B. Chamberlin

September 3, 1925 - December 27, 2013

James B. Chamberlin, age 88, passed away December 27, 2013. He was born in Toledo on September 3, 1925, to the late J. Dale Chamberlin and Ella (Huebner) Chamberlin.

Jim spent many of his young summers working at Ott's Boat House in south Toledo, beginning a lifelong love of the Maumee River. After serving in the Coast Guard as a radio operator during World War II, Jim returned to Toledo to marry Margaret Korhumel, start a family and begin a long career in sales and management at Payne Marine, Brenner Marine and the Viking Ski Shop. In 1976, he opened The Mountain Man Ski Shop in the Parkway Plaza and he ran this business until his retirement. Some may recall the ski reports he gave over the radio for many years. Having combined his love of sales with two of his favorite hobbies, Jim often said, "I sell fun", when asked what he did for a living.

After he retired, Jim spent his time volunteering at the Claver House, woodworking, reading, relaxing at his cottage on Lake Somerset, and helping out his children and grandchildren. He especially enjoyed all of the time he spent fishing with family and friends on the Georgian Bay in Ontario, an area he introduced to his sons in the 1970's. For the last few years, his passion has been helping boaters at Walbridge Park's launching ramp which he helped develop while President of the Toledo Marine Dealers Association.

Jim is survived by his wife, Marg; his children Chris (Janet), Beth (Mark) Huffman, Tom, Mike (Wendy) and Molly Henry, as well as nine grandchildren, Neil, Melissa (Cody) Tyler, Mallory Huffman, Kevin, Owen, Pete Huffman, Katie (Mike) Logan, Emily and Abby Henry, as well as two great-grandchildren, Parker Logan and Noah Tyler.

We will remember Gramps for many reasons but especially for all the fun times we had with him.

We plan to honor Jim's life at the Walbridge Park Shelter House on Saturday, January 11, 2014, from 12 until 4 pm, and invite family and friends to join us. Memories will be shared at 1 pm. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider either the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Dear Beth and family,  
Please accept my condolences on the loss of your father. He must have been a wonderful guy! I'm sure he is looking out for all of you from above.  
Love and prayer,  
Debi Matthews '71*

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**Deborah Matthews** - January 16, 2014 at 05:35 PM

JC

“ *After reading the obit I immediately remembered Jim. Frankie Korhumel and I would sometimes visit his house down the street. He had a cool woodworking shop in the basement. We also went to their cottage on a lake (Devil's?) and he -- or Frankie's other uncle -- had a homemade outboard speedboat with steering wheel they let us take out. Really cool. They were the kind of uncles I wished we had.*

*(Forwarded from John Coyle through Joe Coyle)*

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**john B. Coyle** - January 09, 2014 at 09:46 AM

MH

“ Dear Marg and family,

*I am so sorry to hear about Jim. What a wonderful man. He was such a great friend to my dad, Dick Krauss. Dad thought the world of him and that transferred to the rest of our family.*

*Jim actually taught Dad to ski up at Alpine Ski Resort in Michigan. Dad loved it so much that he took me and some of my friends the next weekend. Dad was 51 at the time. There wasn't much he was afraid to do and he trusted Jim. I have skied many places since then thanks to that connection.*

*Blessings to you and your family. I know you have many wonderful memories to comfort you.*

*Mary Jo Krauss Hardy*

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**Mary Jo Krauss Hardy** - January 06, 2014 at 07:49 PM

MM

“ *Jim was one of the most faithful volunteers that Claver House ever had. I remember him with great fondness. He scrambled the eggs and always did it with a smile. Blessings to his family at this time of loss. Tom and Mary Jean McCarty*

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**Mary Jean McCarty** - January 03, 2014 at 08:38 AM

SL

“ Oh Dear Marg, Molly, Beth , Mike, Chris, and Family. What a Blessing Jim was to our Family, While Molly was baby setting our four Children. Jim and Marg, were pinch hitting and providing fun, while supporting Molly, as she gave her all to our children. Fond Memory of Jim taking our children and Molly out to see the Planes land, then taking them all to dinner. Amazing energy, Marg, my mentor as Well. Sorry we left the great ole Neighborhood.. Jim helped us with Ski equipment and then Boating information. What a great Man and What a Great Family. So sorry for your loss,

Suz and David Langendorfer & Family. .

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**Susan Langendorfer** - January 02, 2014 at 09:29 PM

FR

“ I always remember Jim having a smile on his face. He had so much patience trying to teach our girls how to water ski at Bear Lake. Blessings to Marg and his entire family. Francie Russeau

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**francie russeau** - January 02, 2014 at 08:02 PM