



James "Jim" E. Claus

October 30, 1955 - May 13, 2025

James Edward Claus, age 69, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away on May 13 in his home. He was born on October 30, 1955, to Ben and Donna Claus on an Air Force base in Bitburg, Germany. Growing up in Toledo, he attended St. Patrick of Heatherdowns, St. John's High School (1973), and Xavier University (1977), graduating with a degree in accounting. For most of his career Jim worked as an estimator with his father and brothers at Blade Printing Company.

Jim had a passion for golf, becoming Heatherdowns Club Champion in 2004 and Senior Club Champion at Toledo Country Club in 2008. His passion wasn't just for the game, but for the time he spent with his friends on the course. He had a very close relationship with his nieces and nephews, and he loved taking them to dinner for their birthdays. Jim was his own man: generous, quirky, funny, sensitive, honest, loyal, and certainly one-of-a-kind. He could stir up trouble with his verbal wit, and he enjoyed weekly lunches with his brothers and sister. His family would like to thank all Jim's friends for bringing joy, laughter, and care into his life.

Jim is survived by his siblings, Michael (Janet) Claus, Susan (Chris) Muller, and B.J. (Tammy) Claus; his nieces and nephews, Joe (Susan) Claus, Andy (Tiffany) Claus, Bill (Mollie) Claus, Peter Muller, Mary (Taylor) McNeill, Clare Muller, Katie Claus, John Muller, Erin (Griffin) McDonald, and Emily (Aaron) Grau; and six grand nieces and nephews.

Friends and family may gather at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd.,

Toledo, OH on Tuesday, May 20 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Service at 12:00 p.m. to honor James' life. Interment will follow at Resurrection cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice, and condolences may be left at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

MAY 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

WS

“ Just seeing this now. Jim Claus looks the same in the picture as he did in high school. Gleam in his eye, dry sense of humor, a man of few words, alway up for some shenanigans. May he rest in peace. One memory: Jim and his family lived in a 2 story house up by Saint Patrick's of Heatherdowns. Must have been 1972 or so, and a bunch of us were talking golf in Jim's room in the house. He says, "I am the best golfer of all of us". We say "show us". He stands up, picks up this DRIVER, right in the middle of the bedroom, and starts taking FULL SWINGS in the bedroom!!!! Does not touch the floor, the bed, the ceiling, nothing.....it was dead silence.....and none of us dared try it. And he just smirked, just like in the picture up there and in Heaven as he's reading this!!!! Amen! Bill Sheehan

William Sheehan - December 19, 2025 at 06:07 PM

DD

“ Jim and I were college roommates at Xavier University, Cinn. OH, class of 1978. He was my friend and wingman the night I met my wife, Cynthia, the love of my life. Jim remained our dear friend our entire lives, and we'll miss him truly, and dearly. With love and gratefulness,

Dan and Cynthia Downey Family. (Sarasota, FL)

Dan Downey - July 28, 2025 at 04:20 PM

SM

“ Scott, Denise, & Emily McDonald purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" E. Claus.



Scott, Denise, & Emily McDonald - May 19, 2025 at 01:36 PM

KM

“ *Kathy and Susan Muller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" E. Claus.*

Kathy and Susan Muller - May 15, 2025 at 09:53 PM