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James Edward Gleason, 69, of Holland, Ohio, passed away on September 29, 2025 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Born on October 28, 1955, in Toledo, he was the son of Joseph and Virginia (Williams) Gleason.

James was a proud graduate of St. Pius X Grade school and DeVilbiss High School, class of 1973, where he was an accomplished all-city tennis player, earning numerous accolades. He went on to attend the University of Toledo for two years before pursuing a successful career in the automotive and industrial painting fields.

For over 20 years, James worked as an auto body technician at Maaco Auto Painting and various dealerships in Toledo. He later transitioned to O'Bars Machine & Tool, where he worked for 26 years as an industrial painter and machine operator before retiring.

Jim had a wide range of interests. He was an avid bowler, enjoyed camping, and cherished outdoor activities, spending time in nature with family and friends. His love for animals was also well-known, particularly his affection for his dogs, Cooper and Fin, who were dear companions.

In his youth, Jim had a passion for working on cars and was a dedicated sports fan, especially of the Green Bay Packers, Michigan Wolverines, and the Detroit Tigers. He shared this love for sports with his family, attending his children's activities and even coaching his son's coach pitch baseball team.

In 1984, Jim met and married the love of his life, Lisa (Young) Gleason. Together, they raised two children and created many cherished memories. Jim also had a deep appreciation for jazz music and old-time rock & roll, which provided a backdrop to his life.

James was raised in the catholic church attending and serving at St. Pius X Church in Toledo and later joined the United Methodist Church with his wife. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Joseph H. Gleason, Jr. James is survived by his beloved wife, Lisa; his son, Matt (Heather) Gleason; his daughter, Tara Gleason; his two granddaughters, Logan Elizabeth and Paisley Ann, sister in law, Jeanette Gleason and nieces Sara, Stacy & Joanna and families. He is also survived by his loyal dogs, Cooper and Fin. Jim will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Tuesday, October 7 from 2:00-7:00 p.m.. The Funeral ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8 at Coyle. Interment will be private. Memorial donations may be given to Hospice of NW Ohio. Please view Jim's video tribute and leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Ceremony

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

MF

“ Mike & Lonna Young Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of James Edward Gleason.



Mike & Lonna Young Family - October 07, 2025 at 02:10 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - October 07, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Edward Gleason.



October 06, 2025 at 01:22 PM

KL

“ I’m so sorry to learn of Jim’s passing. He and I met in high school and soon became best friends. We bowled and camped together, hung out at each other’s houses, and just spent time together. As a nerd with few friends, his friendship was very meaningful to me. Our lives took different directions and we drifted apart since I moved away from Toledo, for which I’ll willingly accept most of the blame. I regret that I won’t be able to attend his funeral, but I’ll never forget him. Lisa, Matt and Tara, please accept my deepest condolences.

Ken Lipson - October 06, 2025 at 01:01 PM

LG

Thank you Ken! That means a lot. Your friendship meant alot to Jim. I will always remember your trip to NYC to see you on our honeymoon!

Lisa Gleason - October 06, 2025 at 03:28 PM

TA

“ The Armstrongs purchased the Father - Large Memorial Stone for the family of James Edward Gleason.



The Armstrongs - October 06, 2025 at 12:18 PM

KE

“ Kenneth E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Edward Gleason.

Kenneth E. - October 06, 2025 at 11:00 AM

TF

“ *The Oravec Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of James Edward Gleason.*



The Oravec Family - October 05, 2025 at 09:11 PM



“ *Wings of Comfort Necklace was purchased for the family of James Edward Gleason.*



October 05, 2025 at 06:26 PM



Antoinette Chapman

“ *Antoinette Chapman lit a candle in memory of James Edward Gleason*



Antoinette Chapman - October 04, 2025 at 12:44 PM



Antoinette Chapman

“ *Omg. So sad.. it's been a while since I seen him. My Buddie, Jimbo. Rest in heaven my friend. Condolences to his family.*

Antoinette Chapman - October 04, 2025 at 12:42 PM

JD

“ Lisa, Matt and Tara, so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. If there is anything I can do for you please let me know. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jan Dawley

Jan Dawley - October 03, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Edward Gleason.

October 03, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Edward Gleason.



October 03, 2025 at 11:43 AM

RC

“ Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I played on the tennis team with him at DHS, and we remained buddies for several years until I moved away from Toledo. Summer Saturday mornings often found us heading to the courts, listening to tunes on the 8 track in the VW bug for a couple of sets, followed by a sack of McDonald's cheeseburgers. Jim had a great sense of humor, always smiled, and my times with him are fun memories. Rest in peace, my friend. Rick Croskery

Rick Croskery - October 02, 2025 at 04:51 AM

LG

Thank you so much! That means a lot to us!

Lisa Gleason - October 02, 2025 at 02:37 PM

LT

“ Love, Pam & Tom purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Edward Gleason.



Love, Pam & Tom - October 01, 2025 at 11:18 AM

MM

“ Matt & Ming purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Edward Gleason.



Matt & Ming - October 01, 2025 at 09:43 AM

TR

“ Tax Development Team - Thomson Reuters purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Edward Gleason.



Tax Development Team - Thomson Reuters - September 30, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Edward Gleason.



September 30, 2025 at 07:06 PM