



James "Jim" M. Holzemer

August 30, 1935 - May 6, 2025

James M. Holzemer passed away on May 6, 2025 at Hospice Perrysburg. He was born on August 30, 1935 in Toledo, OH to John and Margaret Holzemer. James was the oldest of 3 children. He graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1953 and attended the University of Toledo and Mary Manse College before starting a family of his own.

Jim spent over 40 years as a public servant; 30 of those years were spent in elected positions. He spent 4 years as a state representative and another 24 as Lucas county commissioner, 15 of those years as board president. During his time as board president he served with 9 different commissioners; 6 democrats and 3 republicans, a testament to his commitment to reach across the aisle and find common ground. Throughout his time as commissioner he helped create and chair a multitude of organizations such as Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio, the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, and Lucas County Emergency Medical Services. In the 1970s, he advocated for paid health benefits for county employees, led the effort to build the Lucas county jail, and along with cooperation from rural commissioners and county sheriffs facilitated the development and construction of the regional jail in Stryker, Ohio.

In 1985, he was selected to serve as the president of the Commissioner's association.

Jim proudly served on many different boards including Compass, Toledo Zoo,

Josina Lott, Bethany House, and Hospice of Northwest Ohio. He was an avid golfer and longtime member of Heatherdowns Country Club, where he and his wife Janice made long-lasting friendships. They both were lucky enough to get a hole in one. Jim went on to record two more, giving him a total of three holes in one.

Jim was a creature of habit; he stayed active with daily walks, golfing and working out three days a week. He was a very punctual man, always on time for Saturday morning breakfast with his life long friends, enjoying a cup of coffee and good conversation.

Jim was an original member of Saint Joan of Arc Parish and lectured for thirty years.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, his brother John and loving wife of 58 years, Janice. He is survived by his sister Mary Cornell and sister in law Claudia Holzemer, his three children, Mark (Dena), Matthew (Beth), and daughter Amy (Stewart) Jones. Grandpa Jim could always be found at one of his eight grandchildren's athletic events over the years. Those survivors include Rachel (Mitchell) Mielcarek, Chelsey (Andrew) White, Jacob Holzemer, M.D., Jimmy Holzemer, Nicole (Max) Krise, Zachary (Abby) Jones, Joshua Holzemer, Major Cassandra Jones and husband Christopher Micklitz. He is also survived by ten great grandchildren which brought him great joy. Laila, Joseph, Evelyn, Vivian, Dean, Olivia, Matilda, Boone, Matthew and Birdie, as well as many nieces and nephews.

May the road rise to meet you

May the wind be always at your back

May the sun shine warm upon your face

The rains fall soft upon your fields

and until we meet again may god hold you in the palm of his hands.

In Lieu of flowers please consider donations to Hospice of Northwest OH, Bethany House or Open Door Ministry.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Thursday, May 15 from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Additional visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43614 on Friday, May 16 until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be private, at a later date, at Resurrection Cemetery. Please view Jim's video tribute and leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan Of Arc
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Funeral Mass

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan Of Arc
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.*



May 15, 2025 at 03:30 PM

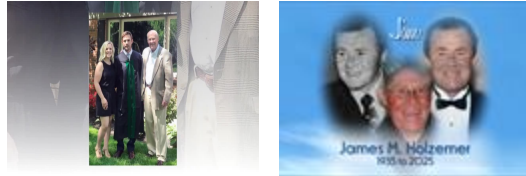


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.

May 15, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - May 15, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.*



May 15, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.*



May 14, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ *Jim, thank you for being a fun classmate at OLPH and Central High. I have memories of our many golf games during our high school and young adult years, and your being part of our wedding party. I'm looking at our First Communion Class picture as I write this. Unfortunately, I can't travel to be at your services this week, but you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Mike Kirwan - May 14, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ *Bucky and Lisa, Emily and Joe Long purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.*



Bucky and Lisa, Emily and Joe Long - May 13, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ *Bucky and Lisa, Emily and Joe Long planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.*

Bucky and Lisa, Emily and Joe Long - May 13, 2025 at 08:16 PM

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“ Kristen and Abby purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.



Kristen and Abby - May 13, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.



May 13, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.

May 13, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.



May 13, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.*



May 12, 2025 at 08:37 PM



“ *Dear Amy, Matt, and Mark,
May the many wonderful memories of your dad bring comfort and help ease your grief in time. I imagine there's been a joyful "Shadow Valley Parents" reunion in heaven—what a gathering that must be!
We were truly blessed with the best.
With sincere condolences,
Betsey Duggan and family*

Betsey Duggan - May 12, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ *Prayers sent for the Holzemer family*

Chris Basilius - May 12, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.*



May 12, 2025 at 07:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.

May 12, 2025 at 07:51 AM



“ The Sawicki Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.



The Sawicki Family - May 11, 2025 at 09:15 PM



“ The Sawicki Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" M. Holzemer.

The Sawicki Family - May 11, 2025 at 09:15 PM

JB

“ Mark, Matt & Amy. I just saw this today (5/11). Please accept my deepest sympathy. You know how much I loved your Dad.

As you know, the Holzemer house on Rose Arbor was like a second home to me. It was your Dad and Mom who taught us euchre. It was your Dad who first referred to me as JB and Jaybird. Always with a smile and always sincerely happy to see me. He made everyone feel that way. He always had a way of making you feel important. After moving to Milwaukee, we usually made time during my visits home for a round of golf with Jim. I never could feel right calling him Jim; always Mr. Holzemer. I will miss him.

*John J. Brennan
Franklin, WI*

John Brennan - May 11, 2025 at 04:47 PM

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My deepest condolences to the Holzemer clan. It was my honor to have worked closely with Jim Holzemer first as an Assistant Prosecutor then as In-house attorney for the Board of Commissioners then ultimately as Director of the then newly formed Lucas County EMS. Jim was a huge mentor for me and a boss I admired immensely. It was my honor to have worked with and for him. He enjoyed nicknames and often affectionately would call me Gare-Bear. In recent years, being many miles apart, we continued an almost daily dialog through Facebook. He was a bit of a father figure to me. I will miss him and will think of him often.

*Gary M. Orlow
Clermont, FL*

Gary Orlow - May 13, 2025 at 01:04 PM

GL

“ *My sincerest condolences to the entire Holzemer family. We had so many fun-filled years playing golf with Jim and Jan. They were truly a wonderful couple and individually, great people.*

Gretta Laskey - May 11, 2025 at 11:30 AM

TP

“ *May the angels lead him home...I always appreciated the way Jim stepped up at St. Joan of Arc. You are all in my prayers.*

Terri A Pastura - May 10, 2025 at 06:08 PM

JA

“ *Mark, Matt & Amy
Thinking of you at this time. Your Mom & Dad are now together again.
All my best,
Jeff Arman*

Jeff Arman - May 09, 2025 at 12:20 PM