



James D. Madigan

June 8, 1930 - July 1, 2014

James D. Madigan, 84, of Toledo, Ohio died peacefully on Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

James was born on June 8, 1930 to William and Elizabeth (Malone) Madigan. He was married to the love of his life, Dorothy Patricia (Beaber) Madigan for 58 years and she survives.

James graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1948 and attended the University of Toledo from 1948-1950. He served in the United States Air Force for 31 years, retiring as Senior Master Sergeant. He was most proud of his five children, dedicated to working hard to put them through Catholic Schools. A devoted Catholic, James was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, St. Patrick's Historic Parish, and St. Hyacinth.

He was an avid Detroit Tigers fan, University of Michigan Wolverines fan, and published writer of numerous letters to the editor of the Toledo Blade. James had a strong sense of civic responsibility, and was a Democratic Precinct Committeeman, 16th ward Democratic Chairman, former member of the Lucas County Democratic Executive Committee, Junior Achievement Advisor, and former member of the OLPH School Board. He was a jazz enthusiast, loved gardening and going to the Toledo Farmer's Market. He was a world traveler, going to Ireland, the Caribbean, and Hawaii. He was a proud member of the American Legion Post 335, V.F.W. Post 1115 in Maumee, St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Council, Knights of Columbus.

James worked for Sun Oil Refinery for 42 years as a plant operator/foreman,

safety operations manager and trainer. James was an advocate of environmental safety in oil refining practices. He was a former officer of Local 7-912 Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union. He testified in Washington DC before a House subcommittee on the dangers of benzene in the oil refining industry. In 1972, James was instrumental in construction of a new oil refining facility in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico.

James is survived by his wife Dorothy, children Mary Madigan (Thomas Goddeeris), James Madigan, Daniel (Robin) Madigan, Grace Park, Amy Peters, grandchildren Andrew and Joseph Goddeeris, Maren and Daniel Madigan, Sarah and Laura Park, and Ethan Peters.

Family and Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Thursday, July 3 from 4-8 p.m., with a prayer service and “sharing of memories” at 7. Funeral Services will begin in the mortuary on Saturday, July 5 at 9:30, followed by a mass of Christian Burial at 10 at St. Hyacinth Church. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may take the form of donations to Parkinson’s Foundation of NW Ohio.

Please view James’ video tribute and share a memory at www.coylefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.
Toledo, OH 43607

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dan and Robin,
Sorry for your loss. Keeping you in my thoughts.
Todd and Jackie Ireland*

Todd Ireland - July 04, 2014 at 06:51 PM

JZ

“ *Dear Grace and family,
I'm saddened to hear of the loss of your dad. My thoughts and
prayers are for all of you. I pray He will give you comfort during this
time of need, and you will lean on Him for support and
encouragement. In Christ's love, Jennifer LaVigne (Zocchi)*

Jennifer LaVigne Zocchi - July 03, 2014 at 05:03 PM

LP

“ *Grace and family,
So sorry to learn of the loss of your dad. I hope the memories that
you have of him will give you comfort.
Linda Perez-Dech*

Linda Perez-Dech - July 03, 2014 at 08:41 AM

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“ *2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - July 03, 2014 at 07:34 AM

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“ *Dan and Robin-
We were so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
~Jeff and Laurie Erford*

Laurie Erford - July 02, 2014 at 09:08 PM



“ *Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of James D. Madigan.*



July 02, 2014 at 06:24 PM

BB

“ *Dear Madigan Family,
Walter and I offer our Deep Sympathy and so sorry we cannot be there to celebrate Jim's life. We are in San Francisco at a Credit Union Convention when we found out. Walt thought of Jim as his mentor, confidant, advisor and good, good friend. He will be missed.
Love and peace to all. Bettie and Walt Barrett*

Bettie Barrett - July 02, 2014 at 11:00 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James D. Madigan.*



July 01, 2014 at 08:26 PM