



James D. "Cosmo" Plenzler

March 18, 1951 - March 22, 2024

James D. "Cosmo" Plenzler, 73, died unexpectedly on March 22, 2024. Jim was born in Toledo on March 18, 1951 to Aloysius and Alice Plenzler. He graduated from Central Catholic High School, class of 1969 and the University of Toledo, 1973 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Jim met his wife Lynn in October 1980, and were married in September 1982; it was love at first sight.

Jim started his career at Prestolite Electric Company as a project engineer, moved on to United Technologies, and traveled the world for his job. Jim invented and holds a patent for the van door actuator he developed for Chrysler.

Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing. He was a member of S.A.D.S. He loved getting together with his high school buddies to watch Monday Night Football. Jim appreciated his vacations and travels with his wife and friends. He is survived his loving wife of 42 years, Lynn and his children Michael (Amanda) and Rachel Plenzler; his granddaughter Eliza; his brothers John (Nancy), Paul (Margie) and sister Mary Plenzler, and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

A visitation will be held at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Tuesday, March 26 from 2:00-8:00 pm with a Rosary at 7:00. The funeral will begin at St. Joan of Arc with a visitation at 10:00 a.m. until the Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

Donations may be given to the American Heart Association. Please view Jim's

video tribute and leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Vigil

MAR 26. 7:00 PM (ET)

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1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan Of Arc
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Funeral Mass

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan Of Arc
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *Cheri Snider lit a candle in memory of James D. "Cosmo" Plenzler*



Cheri Snider - March 27, 2024 at 01:12 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing.. Dan and I only got to meet him once but he sure was a shining light and great human being. Lynn, Michael, & Rachel and his entire family we are so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathies go out to you all. RIP Jim .
Love,
Dan Bennett
Cheri Snider*



Cheri Snider - March 27, 2024 at 12:52 PM

CF

“ *Cathy, David Jr & Family, James & Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James D. "Cosmo" Plenzler.*



Cathy, David Jr & Family, James & Family - March 26, 2024 at 03:15 PM

PE

“ *It is with great sadness that we received the news of Jim's passing. Please accept our heartfelt condolences on behalf of the entire Prestolite Electric family.*

Jim's time with us was marked by dedication, professionalism, and a warm spirit that left an indelible mark on all who had the pleasure of working with him. His contributions were invaluable, and his presence in the workplace was always uplifting.

While Jim may have retired from our company, his legacy continues to inspire us. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to have known and worked alongside such a remarkable individual.

During this difficult time, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you find comfort in the fond memories you shared and the knowledge that Jim's spirit lives on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Prestolite Electric - March 26, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James D. "Cosmo" Plenzler.*



March 26, 2024 at 12:46 PM

JP

“ *Being with Uncle Jim always made me happy. He took us fishing on Lake Eerie when we were kids. There was nothing we'd look forward to more than that. We'd race worms and he'd eat minnows. I was lucky to be able to continue going out on the lake with him later in life once in a while (even once on his anniversary not too long ago!). The best part of it all was always just being around him. In my memories he's always smiling and having a little laugh. Thank you Uncle Jim. I'll miss you.*

-Jeremy

Jeremy Plenzler - March 26, 2024 at 06:05 AM

CV

“ *2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - March 25, 2024 at 11:04 PM

LJ

“ *Love Always- Jen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James D. "Cosmo" Plenzler.*



Love Always- Jen - March 25, 2024 at 08:38 PM

LJ

“ Love Always- Jen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D. "Cosmo" Plenzler.

Love Always- Jen - March 25, 2024 at 08:38 PM

TS

“ Cosmo-
To a great friend who was always there in time of need. Especially when the two of us moved Pat's sofa bed from the 3rd floor of her apartment in Zanesville- what an experience!
When you moved to HollyGlen, I really wished you would have rented a hand truck. Your washing machine chased me all the way down your basement steps!
Thanks for all the great times and memories.
Your friend,
Tom

Tom Schuster - March 25, 2024 at 12:57 PM

JF

“ I worked and car pooled with Jim for many years. After our Prestolite days we started fishing together. I always enjoyed his company. He will be sadly miss.

Joe Fillion - March 25, 2024 at 09:29 AM

KR

“ Ken and Jan Raszka purchased the Basket Full o f Wishes for the family of James D. "Cosmo" Plenzler.



Ken and Jan Raszka - March 25, 2024 at 07:47 AM

TS

“ 4 files added to the album Vacation Photos



Tom Schuster - March 24, 2024 at 11:43 PM

JN

“ I worked at Prestolite as Secretary of Engineering and new Jim as a great person and many of the other engineers in the department. The guys named him "mad dog". I never heard his moniker "Cozmos". We had so much fun and laughs. Another engineer, Jim Villano, and we named him the Italian Stallion. Those were the days. Jim was honest, sincere and an excellent engineer. I hope Lynn reads this. We would meet at Nick and Jimmy's after work and Jim's boss, Jim Kier went. Oh my, the memories I have.

jean neshkoff - March 24, 2024 at 05:08 PM

TD

“ I'm so sorry to you and your family to hear of your loss Lynn. It was so shocking to hear after just reading and replying to his email a few days ago.
Tom Dudderar

Tom Dudderar - March 24, 2024 at 02:46 PM

TD

“ Tom, Danielle, and Tommy Dufour purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James D. "Cosmo" Plenzler.



Tom, Danielle, and Tommy Dufour - March 23, 2024 at 10:03 PM

GZ

“ So very sorry for your loss.

Gene Zielinski - March 23, 2024 at 05:06 PM

SB

We've known Jim for 40 years, he was our neighbor and friend. Our kids grew up together and our sons still work together. To say this was a sock is an understatement. Our deepest condolences to his loving family Lynn, Mike, Amanda, our Rachel, baby Eliza, and the his entire family and friends. Our love and prayers! Our memories of Jim will be eternal! ❤️🙏❤️

Stacy and Gino Berardinelli - March 23, 2024 at 06:59 PM

JK

My mother (Sue Dial) and myself (John Kurtis) send our prayers youw way.Weare very sorry.

john m kurtis - March 25, 2024 at 07:25 AM

LP

Happy Fathers Day Jim. I miss you!

Lynn Plenzler - June 16, 2024 at 08:35 AM