



James Lorain Stegeman

July 10, 1937 - December 20, 2020

It is with great sadness the Stegeman family shares that James Lorain Stegeman, 83, a lifelong Toledo resident, passed away of Covid complications on December 20, 2020. He was surrounded by his loving children, Julie, James and Dawn. A 1955 DeVilbiss High School graduate, he was the proud manager of the DeVilbiss Championship Football teams. James married Barbara Jean (Wilcox) Stegeman in 1958, sharing 61 years of marriage together. She preceded him in death on March 3, 2020. He was born July 10, 1937 to John George Stegeman III and Helen Margaret (Sauer) Stegeman. During high school, he worked for his uncle Louis in the family bakery. He was a member of the Ohio National Guard for over 10 years. James worked for Toledo Trust bank and attended the University of Toledo. He later joined the family house painting business with his father. James was a self-employed painting contractor for 55 years. He employed many unique personalities who became lifelong friends. The "paint crew" adventures will live on in infamy. He sponsored the Goodley JO's softball teams and numerous golf outings leading to many lifetime memories. Additionally, James and Barbara enjoyed many activities together especially traveling to Las Vegas, Florida, California, Arizona and Michigan with family and friends. They also loved going to Cedar Point, Disney World, out to dinner, watching old movies, cooking and travel shows. James was a lifelong fan of the Cleveland Browns, Ohio State Buckeyes and the New York Yankees. He would often be outside raking the leaves and listening to the games then hurry into the house for the replay.

Everyone would agree that Jim never missed an opportunity to make a friend or strike up a conversation whenever possible. He loved keeping up on everyone's activities and would frequently call them for updates.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Helen, brothers John George, Richard John, sister Mary Ann (Stegeman) Mollenkamp. James is survived by his three children Julie (Douglas) Pavelko, James Stegeman, Dawn (Scott) Zura; grandchildren Jacqueline (Donald) Newell, Stephen (Katherine) Pavelko, Christine Pavelko and Michael Pavelko, Katherine Zura, Elizabeth Zura; great grandchildren Mackenzie Newell, Leighton Pavelko and another expected in March; his sister Elizabeth (Raymond) Goodman, in-laws William (Judy) Wilcox and Mary Catherine Whiting as well as numerous nieces and nephews, cousins and extended family and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at UTMC for their kindness and care during this difficult time.

There will be a funeral Mass celebrated at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church on December 30, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. with an hour of visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be at Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery. Masks and social distancing are required. The funeral Mass will be livestreamed at <https://www.toledostpats.org/>. Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Please leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Donations in James' memory may be given to Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center, on The University of Toledo Health Science Campus, 1325 Conference Drive Toledo, OH 43614.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe St
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Of Heatherdowns
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Mass

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Of Heatherdowns
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

PC

“ Although I didn't know Jim personally my husband Don knew him well. Don was on the painting crew with John back in the late 40's & told me many stories. I know all of the Stegeman family are celebrating in heaven. By the way Jim & I share the same birthday. You have my deepest condolences. Pat Connolly

Pat Connolly - December 30, 2020 at 03:48 PM

DD

“ Just watched the funeral service on line,so beautiful. I will miss both of them.

They were our neighbors almost as long as we lived here.

The last time I talked to Jim on the phone he kiddingly said "what time are you going to call tomorrow" That wasn't very long ago and I'll remember his kidding fondly.

Donna Devers and my husband Kurt Meyers

Donna Devers - December 30, 2020 at 01:22 PM

HM

“ I will miss you very much Uncle Jim!!
Your smile, that one of a kind laugh, and our talks!!!
Sending love to my cousins and their families.

Heather Mollenkamp - December 30, 2020 at 10:47 AM

EG

“ *What is a brother? A person who is there when you need him. Some one who*

Picks you up when you fall. A person who sticks up for you when no one else will. A brother is always a friend. I have a brother always. Happy times: Barbara and James went with us on our honeymoon to our lodge in Wisconsin. Barbara fell off of the back of the snowmobile and after that, she was know as “Bouncing Betty”. Halloween party at our house, Vegas, Michigan-Ohio State game, trips to Arizona with Mother and our Sunday talks and much more. The most beautiful things are people, places, memories, and pictures. I love you always! Your sister, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Stegeman Goodman - December 30, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Lorain Stegeman.*



December 29, 2020 at 01:03 PM

SA

“ *To Julie Jim and Dawn, I am very sad to hear about the passing of your father. I have so many great memories of the times we had together. The softball team and all the mexican resturants were some of the best times of my life. Goodly had one of the best smiles ever and I can hear him laughing in my mind. He will be truly missed. It is my hope that the wonderful memories you have of him help you to get through this most difficult time. With my deepest condolences.*

Scott Abrams

Scott Abrams - December 29, 2020 at 08:39 AM

BS

“ *Bob and Jan Foster (Bumbly the SAS) purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James Lorain Stegeman.*



Bob and Jan Foster (Bumbly the SAS) - December 28, 2020 at 10:30 AM

RR

“ *Jim and Barb, Tom and Sandy... Oh the stories of their friendship, and what a true friendship between them it has been. From their nights out, holidays celebrated, their trips to Las Vegas and the loss of loved ones, Jim was always there, offering comfort and friendship, laughter too. He became my Casino buddy, showing me the machines he thought would be the best to play, and give me the most for my money. And I was to be the "Driving Ms. Daisy" chauffeur, when my mom, Sandy, and I were going to pick him up and go to JoJo's and the swing by the Casino for a bit. The Casino will be a little less fun, the pizza not quite as good without Jim there to join in. My thoughts and love to the Stegeman family, Jim will never be forgotten and forever missed.*

Rayni Robinson

Rayni Robinson - December 26, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Lorain Stegeman.*



December 24, 2020 at 06:44 AM

DS

“ We are so sorry Julie ,Jim and Dawny, Lots of memories of going to cedar point (raining) Goodley would look at the sky and say it would stop, he was right every time. After my father died in 74 Goodley stepped in to make sure my mom and us were taken care(painting the house etc.) This was a great man! You will be missed! WH---EY!

David & Diane Stegeman

David Stegeman - December 24, 2020 at 06:32 AM

BF

“ Dear Julie, Jim, Dawn and the amazing Stegeman families, our hearts are with yours' as you mourn and remember your Dad and his truly remarkable life.

I met Goodley and became a member of the infamous paint crew in 1972 and worked with him seasonally until 1981. He was my boss but more importantly he became a loyal, lifelong and wonderful friend.

For many years we had a contest as to could call the other guy first in the morning since we both had long late nights. Normally the calls started at 5:30am and lasted 10 seconds ("I called you first") and then we'd be at work to claim victory. This juvenile behavior only ended because Barbara (Mrs. Shoegaman) and Jan had enough.

Every year after we moved in 1981 we kept in touch and each year culminated with the Goodley Christmas card. A yearly highlight! How could an envelope and card contain so many stamps of the State bird of Ohio. Plastered everywhere were cardinals and a recap of the year's family highlights. We will certainly miss this tradition.

The PAINT CREW: Doc Swill, Happy Jack, Trevort, Big Daddy Ray, The General, P.A.G.S., MeOffAcuss, Roach Clip, Flunk, Wolfman and many more were an assortment of characters that all loved and treasured Goodley because of the giving person he was.

Not only our leader but a constant reminder of what a friend is. When you hear the word fun, that was J.O. Goodley with a smile ("Goodley you are grimacing") and a laugh.

So many more memories but now I must yell from the top of the ladder, "GGGOOOOODDDLLLEYYYYY"!

With love and much affection, Bumbly, your S.A.S.!!!!

Bob and Jan Foster

Bob and Jan Foster - December 23, 2020 at 11:39 AM

JS

To the family... So sad to hear the news of Goodley's passing. I used to think of him often without communication. A tribute to his lifetime impression on me and others. You are missed, a very good man laid to rest. John "Pie Man" Szychowski

John "Pie Man" Szychowski - December 28, 2020 at 08:41 AM

SF

Thoughts and prayers to the Stegeman family on your loss. I knew we were going to be "buds" when King James, as I called him, walked into the little house next door and stated that he "is the new owner of this project." And what a project it was. Several new neighbors came and went, but King James remained steadfast in his goal to keep the house looking good with paint, gutters and the "weed man". He had so many friends that were professionals in their own right who helped over the years with the King and his "project." Thank you, Jim, for the many hours you shared of your family and your life with Barb and the other stories that I was never sure of the amount of embellishment was added for my entertainment. I will truly miss our chats. Susan Forgette

Susan Forgette - December 30, 2020 at 09:47 AM

BC

Sending thoughts and prayers to the family during this terrible year of losses. My friendship with Jim started when he and Barb began dating back in the 50's. Those memories cover lots and lots of double dates. I especially remember graduation night (CCHS 1956) after many parties, stopping at Walden Pond with a group. It was a favorite teenage destination at the end of date. The police soon came by. After determining that Jim was the only adult in the group, they quickly convinced us to disperse before siting him with contributing to the delinquency of minors. There are many, many stories that could be told from the intervening years, but the fact that we remained friends for 65 years including as a bridesmaid in the wedding to, at the very least, a yearly dinner at Byblos. It was never enough, but we so looked forward to our fun times.

They will both be so very, very much missed.

Barbara Contos - January 02, 2021 at 03:45 PM