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James Lyons Obituary

James “Jim” Lyons passed away peacefully on November 26, 2025 after dealing with dementia and other ailments over the last few years. Jim was born on April 29, 1941 in Providence, Rhode Island. He was the oldest of 5 children and graduated from Warwick Veteran’s Memorial High School where he excelled in athletics and met the love of his life Janice (Jan). He initially went to Boston College to play football but transferred to the University of Rhode Island (URI) after a career ending knee injury. He graduated from URI with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. He and Jan married in 1962 and started their family.

Jim began his career as a salesman with Uniroyal Rubber in Rhode Island. One of his customers, a golf ball manufacturing company, offered him a job in Ohio, which led to a relocation to Elyria for the family in 1975. Jim worked in the golf ball manufacturing industry for the remainder of his career until he retired in 2006.

Ironically, Jim didn’t enjoy playing golf but loved boating and fishing. He always made a point to attend his children’s sporting events but when he had free time you would find him fishing for Perch or Walleye on Lake Erie or working on a do it yourself project. Jim believed you shouldn’t pay anyone to do something you could do yourself so you could also find him tackling a myriad of projects around the house, working on a car and helping his children do the same. He also believed in the value of hard work which he instilled in his children, never being satisfied with anything less 100 percent effort.

In his retirement, Jim and Jan split their time between Ohio and Rhode Island where they had a home on Prudence Island (Prudence). In Ohio, Jim enjoyed spending time with family, most notably being Papa to his grandchildren. On Prudence, Jim was in his element by the water where he could fish and dig for quahogs. He also loved to garden. He was always there to lend a helping hand to a friend and enjoyed spending time with his close friends Jack, Eddie and Geno.



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Together they organized an annual pig roast, the annual New Year's Day Polar Plunge off the Sandy Point dock, made Italian sausage, and cared for large pumpkins. Jim and Jan loved hosting family and friends on the island. Jim even took his grandchildren to Prudence for the New Year's Day Polar Plunge. Despite his tough exterior, he came to be known as Jello-shot Jim on Prudence. Jim's favorite color was lavender.

Jim is survived by his wife of 63 years Janice (nee Carignan), children; Jill (Bob) Hanna, Jim (Chrissy) Lyons, Jeff (Colleen) Lyons, and Jon (Christy) Lyons, his grandchildren; Brett, Sarah (Bryan), Jake (Lexi), Dylan (Hannah), Lily, Jessie, Sylvia, Jimmy, Joey, Jonny and Casey, his two great grandchildren; Ryley and Ava and his brother Oliver.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Teresa Lyons, his brothers; Denny and Tommy, and his sister Maryellen Palmer.

Friends will be received Tuesday December 9, 2025 from 4:00 pm until the time of a 6:00 pm service at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria with Pastor Tim Scholl officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Shriner's Hospital for Children.

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A Memorial Tree Was Planted For James J. Lyons posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for James J. Lyons We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:55 AM



Anonymous posted:

A dream in pink was purchased for the family of James J. Lyons. Send Flowers All our prayers and love Allan and Linda Fowler

April 22 at 8:55 AM



With Love, The Barlette/Myers Family posted:

White designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of James J. Lyons by With love, the Barlette/Myers Family. Send Flowers

April 22 at 8:55 AM



Alison Taylor And Pete Young posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of James J. Lyons by Alison Taylor and Pete Young. Plant a Tree We enjoyed traveling with Jim and Jan and getting to know them. Our deepest condolences to Jan and all their family. Alison Taylor and Pete Young

April 22 at 8:55 AM



Kelly Adams posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of James J. Lyons by Kelly Adams. Plant a Tree In loving memory of James J. Lyons Love Paul & Kelly Adams Kelly Adams

April 22 at 8:55 AM



Eric And Laura posted:

Medium spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James J. Lyons by Eric and Laura. Send Flowers We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Eric and Laura

April 22 at 8:55 AM



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DA

Dahni posted:

A dream in pink was purchased for the family of James J. Lyons by Dahni. Send Flowers Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Dahni

April 22 at 8:55 AM



Anonymous posted:

Purple radiance was purchased for the family of James J. Lyons. Send Flowers In loving memory of Papa. I hope you enjoy the flowers, they are your favorite color. Hope you're finding time to garden and fish up there. Much love - Brett.

April 22 at 8:55 AM

CJ

Chris And Annie Johns posted:

Well wishes was purchased for the family of James J. Lyons by Chris and Annie Johns. Send Flowers Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of a loving father and grandfather. Jim was truly a great man with an exceptional family. Wishing you comfort during this difficult time. Chris and Annie Johns

April 22 at 8:55 AM

ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

Designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of James J. Lyons. Send Flowers From the families of Susan, Robert Jr, and Stephen Audet, our condolences to the Lyons family on Big Jims passing. So many great memories.

April 22 at 8:55 AM

DP

David Palmer posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of James J. Lyons by David Palmer. Plant a Tree In loving memory of James J. Lyons Jan & Family May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord shine his face on you. May the Lord grant you peace that passes all understanding. Love David Palmer David Palmer

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DP

Derek Palmer posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about Uncle Jimmy passing. My condolences goes out to the family. My thoughts and prayers 🙏 are with Aunt Jane and rest of the family though this difficult time.

December 9 at 5:52 AM

DP

David Palmer posted:

I will always be great full of the sacrifice you and Jim made taking care of Mary Ellen during the summer before her passing and pushing her wheel chair to pick out the boys Christmas presents. It was a labor of love. Thank you.

December 8 at 11:52 AM

DP

David Palmer posted:

So sorry to hear of uncle Jim's passing. I have many fond memories of him . My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

December 7 at 3:49 PM

SS

Sally R.Schwab posted:

A 'Heart' gesture was posted

December 7 at 3:07 PM

DB

Dave And Megan Baeder posted:

To the entire Lyons family, Please accept our deepest sympathy at this time. Always remember the good times!

December 6 at 4:16 AM



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KZ

Kevin Ziegman posted:

My condolences to Jim's entire family I remember Jim from working with him at Worthington Golf starting back in 1981. It was my first major full time job out of high school and Jim gave me a chance and I can say that Jim set an example for me on how to treat people no matter where you were in in the chain of command of a business. I carried this experience throughout my entire career, what may seemed as just a standard way to manage for Jim was one of the most positive experiences for myself as a young man and I will always remember him for this.

December 5 at 7:42 PM

SA

Susan Audet posted:

From the families of Susan, Robert Jr, and Stephen Audet, our condolences to the Lyons family on Big Jim's passing. So many great memories.

December 5 at 3:28 PM

MC

Manuel Costa posted:

My name is Manny Costa and Jim was my boss for a short time at Uniroyal. May his soul rest in peace. I worked there from 67 to 70.

December 5 at 2:32 PM

JS

Judy Smith posted:

Dear Jan, Jim, Jeff, Jon and families, We are so sorry to see that your husband and father has passed away. He and your family were so thoughtful, kind and fun-loving. God bless you all. We remember all the fun our Felton boys has with the Lyons boys, Mom & Dad! Love, Judy & Ken Smith & Felton families (Jeff, Scott and Jon)

December 5 at 1:10 PM

RD

Roger Desilva posted:

Good morning Denny, My condolences to you and your family for the loss of your brother. It brought back memories of practice on the ball field at WVMHS. He was a tough player and hard to bring down. I will keep Jim and your family in my prayers at morning Mass today and next week.

December 4 at 4:42 AM



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CJ

Cheryl Jenness posted:

Jan, Rusty and I were saddened to hear of Jim's passing. When I think of Jim, I always see a handsome man with a beautiful smile and a kind heart. You've both been in my prayers for several years. I will continue to keep you in my prayers for comfort and peace and that you will feel God's loving presence holding you, now and always. I miss seeing you at Bible study and your beautiful, kind, smiling face too, Jan. Sending Love & blessings, Cheryl & Rusty Jenness

December 3 at 1:18 PM

RA

Ray And Pat Allen posted:

Jan and Family:Please accept Pat's and mine condolences. It has been sixty five years since we graduated. We have many great memories to keep the special times we have shared. Please keep in contact.

December 3 at 11:10 AM

SB

Stephen Beers posted:

Many an afternoon cocktail shared at another good friends house on Prudence Island. He will and is missed

December 3 at 9:18 AM

SD

Susan McGarry Dieke posted:

My condolences to you Jan .I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing.Denny and I shared so many happy years together on Prudence Island with you and Jim. My husband Lou passed away on July 30th this year and I am missing him not being with me, as I missed Denny not being with me in January of 2012.My prayers are with you. 🙏

December 2 at 4:19 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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