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James Thaler Obituary

James R. Jim Thaler James (Jim) R. Thaler, 80, died July 1, 2015. Born Christmas Day 1934 in Wilson, New York, Jim was the son of Ida and Clarence Thaler, brother to Donald and Philip (deceased) and is survived by brother Glenn (Doreen). Jim is also survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Joyce Ann (Macy) and treasured son John (Carol), cherished grandchildren Lauren (Noah) and Jeffrey. In 1975, Jim donated a kidney to his son Jeffrey Michael who lost his battle with renal disease in 1981. Brothers and sisters-in-law Ron & Ella Macy, Bob & Eunice Macy, Dan & Sue Macy, Jan Thaler, Pat Thaler, and numerous and much-loved nieces and nephews filled his heart. He loved visiting Tavistock, Ontario to visit his Aunt Frances, sister to his mother Ida, and his cousin Bev. Jim graduated from Riverside High School in Painesville, Ohio, attended Ohio Wesleyan University and ultimately graduated from the Indiana Institute of Technology. He served in the US Navy and spent many years working for Magnavox and Philco Ford in Tennessee and Philadelphia, PA. In Gallipolis, Ohio, in partnership with his brother Don, Jim ran the Thaler Ford, Lincoln, Mercury car dealership. Jim served as Senior Vice President for Invacare Corporation in Elyria, Ohio for 16 years until his retirement. He was a long-time volunteer for the Cape Coral Hospital Auxiliary during Jim and Joyces winters in Florida. Married to his high school sweetheart Joyce, since 1954, they moved 22 times with Jims military service and growth in his professional career. The man who hated yard work, painting and wallpapering married the interior designer who always managed to coax him into helping her with the projects that came with each move. Jims generous spirit and shrewd business mind was a welcome addition to the governing boards of MedMark Technologies, First United Methodist Church in Elyria, Wesleyan Village, Lorain County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services and NPL Homecare. He was active in every community in which he lived and was a member



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of Morning Dawn Lodge #7 F.& A.M. , Gallipolis; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Columbus and Aladdin Temple Shrine, Columbus. For fun, Jim restored Cushman Scooters and many Memorial Day Parades you could find Jim with his grandson Jeff in the sidecar throwing candy to Elyria kids. He loved cars and restoring old cars including a 1955 Thunderbird and a Nash Metropolitan. At one time, he was a pilot and rebuilt a plane in the family garage which he later flew. He kept up with the latest trends in technology. His I-pod was filled with all kinds of music from Frank Sinatra to Avenue Q. Many mornings you would find Jim on the golf course. In 1990, he won the Spring Valley Club Championship. When she was little, he accidentally taught his granddaughter Lauren how to swear at other drivers on the road. Great friends in Ohio and Florida enriched his life in so many ways. For everyone that sought his council he was famous for telling you exactly what he thought without any sugarcoating, although he loved good chocolate and the folks at Susan Ls Chocolates in Elyria knew his order by heart. The staff of NPL will certainly miss his daily office visits where he offered advice, a joke or encouragement as he searched for chocolates. He taught us all not to worry to work the problems as they arise, to be ever mindful of those in need and to be generous with your love. As you go through life make this your goal, look for the doughnut and not the hole. Monday, July 6, 2015 at 11:00 A.M Elyria Chapter #787 will conduct a masonic service at First United Methodist Church, 312 Third St., Elyria followed by a celebration of Jims life with Reverend Dalton D. Love officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church or Stein Hospice, 1200 Sycamore Lane, Sandusky, OH 44807. Arrangements are in the care of Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Elyria. For online condolences, visit www.dickenfuneralhome.com To appear in Saturdays papers C.T. & P.D. w/ photo. D. Dicken440-322-3224

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FS

Fred & Maddie Sousa posted:

You will be deeply missed to us. Our morning coffee together, and our phone greetings. "Is this the party of the first part" Rest in rest. Love Fred &Maddie

July 5 at 8:00 PM

JM

Judy Massey posted:

What an interesting man - that gene was definitely passed down to your family, John. Sounds like he lived life to the fullest. May all those good memories help you find peace in the days ahead. Judy

July 3 at 8:00 PM

KL

Kathie Lanier posted:

Joyce and John, I have missed you all since you moved. Jeff was one of the best friends that I have ever had, I remember driving cars for Jim and he paid us, lol I would have done it for free to get to drive new cars. I still think of Jeff and the whole family frequently my heart is hurting for you and the rest of the family

July 3 at 8:00 PM

GZ

Gary Zwiezinski posted:

I want to send along my condolences to the family. John call if you need anything. GaryZ

July 3 at 8:00 PM

JK

Jeannie Brown Kerns posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He definitely was not one to sugarcoat things for sure and was always a hoot. May God hold you all in the palm of His hand during your time of sorrow.

July 2 at 8:00 PM

TB

Tricia And Larry Bowersox posted:

What a wonderful tribute to your father! It is obvious he was an amazing man and raised a great son! Our sympathy to you and his passing.

July 2 at 8:00 PM



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SH

Steve Harris posted:

John and Family, Saddened by this news and am lifting you all up in prayer. May a Gods peace surround you all. Steve

July 2 at 8:00 PM

GS

Geoffrey Sobeck posted:

John, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

July 2 at 8:00 PM

CC

Claire Cassidy posted:

I will never forget my American dad ...May younow rest in peace x love from your French daughter.
Claire xx

July 2 at 8:00 PM

ML

Mary Lumsden posted:

I was so blessed to have the opportunity to know Jim over these past decades. Always supportive and a pleasure to talk and spend time with - he was straightforward, warm and uplifting. I will miss him even more than he would have guessed. Our conversations were filled with discussions about all of you. He loved you very much and was so proud of the people you are and your accomplishments. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

July 2 at 8:00 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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