



James "Jim" Edward Lozier

April 16, 1949 - July 12, 2024

James "Jim" Edward Lozier Sr., age 75, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 12th, 2024, with his loving family by his side.

Jim is survived by his wife Renee, his son Jim (and wife Amanda), his son Andy (and wife Kate), as well as his five grandchildren – Grace, Camryn, Emerson, Theodore, and Eleanora. He will also be forever remembered by his siblings Tom Lozier, Connie Kuntz (and husband Mike), and Sheri Femia (and husband Rob).

Jim was born on April 16th, 1949 to Edward Lozier and Aloysia Lozier in Jackson, MI. After graduating from St. John's High School in Jackson, he received a Bachelor's Degree magna cum laude from Boston College, where he earned a scholarship as a member of the varsity football team. Jim later went on to earn a Juris Doctorate from Fordham University School of Law. He made a living as a ferocious litigator for over 50 years, providing counsel to railroad companies, product manufacturers, financial institutions, and medical professionals across the country. He was a leader of the Defense Research Institute (DRI) and the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel (MDTC) who bestowed upon him their "Excellence in Defense" award in 2009 – one of many accolades he received over the course of his career. Jim also served his country as a member of the Army National Guard.

While he built his professional reputation as an aggressive, successful attorney, his greatest legacy will be as a thoughtful, generous and loving man. Jim's grandchildren all knew him to be a warm, teddy bear like personality

named “Pops”, who was always up for a swim, a fishing outing, a movie, or an oversized ice cream cone. He adored the love of his life, Renee, who he originally met at Boston College. After marriage, they enjoyed a life together in New Jersey (Jersey City), Michigan (Okemos and Cheboygan) and later in Florida (Bonita Springs). Jim treasured time with his family and always enjoyed having everyone together at a lake or the beach. Forever proud of his sons, he often visited them and their families in Ohio and North Carolina. Jim had an endlessly generous spirit, a sharp sense of humor grounded in a strong set of morals and a desire to help others in challenging situations. Genuine in all his interactions, Jim was known for masterfully meandering through conversations, striving for perfection in lawn maintenance, sharing his love of baked goods with all, as well as curating wonderful experiences and memories with those close to him. Jim spent his life helping people and continued to do so after his retirement through maintaining his bar license to support disadvantaged individuals in difficult legal situations. Jim will be remembered for the love he shared with his friends and family as well as his generosity and resilience. Although he endured a series of medical challenges over the past few years, he fought hard to the very end. There is now an immense rift in the lives of those that Jim knew well. He will be missed dearly.

In accordance with Jim’s wishes, there will not be any formal services at this time, instead the Lozier family will hold a celebration of Jim’s life near his home in Florida later this year.

Tribute Wall

RK

“ I remember Jim as a very strong and kind older cousin. At get togethers he never failed to be warm and somebody to be comfortable with. I hope all his family peace. Cousin Bob Kokoczka

Robert J Kokoczka - July 20, 2024 at 09:06 AM

NC

“ Jim loved his family, his friends and the practice of law. He lived life to the fullest. He was grateful for the opportunities he had to attend great schools and practice law with great colleagues. He was a loyal friend to me for almost 40 years. My condolences to all the Lozier family. You were truly loved by him and your loss is huge. Nan Casey

Nan Casey - July 19, 2024 at 06:53 PM

TC

“ We were very sad to learn of Jim's passing. After 34 years of practice I still don't go more than a few days without thinking of something I learned from Jim during my first few years. When Beth and I think of Jim three things come to mind. He loved his family very much. He was extremely loyal. And, beyond his fierce competitiveness, he had a heart of gold. RIP. Tom and Beth Cooper

tom and beth cooper - July 19, 2024 at 05:00 PM

JM

“ Jim was a man of positive living generously sharing his talents and time with others. May God bless him and his family, and welcome Jim upon his passing.

John McSorley - July 17, 2024 at 03:10 PM

RL

“ I will remember my cousin Jim as a fierce competitor, always striving to be the best. During the annual Lozier Brother's Black Cherry picking day, at Grandma Lozier's house, the Lozier brothers decided they needed some entertainment and put boxing gloves on Jimmy and myself. We were young whipper snappers, just kids and ready to play hard. Suffice it to say I walked away with a bloody nose, a bit of a bruised ego, but none for the worse. We played football against one another during the St. Mary's / St. Johns's annual match-up and he was a tough linemen to block and defend against. Jim will truly be missed by all.
Kathy and I extend our sincerest condolences to Renee and to Jim's entire family. Rest in Peace Jim. Rick and Kathy Lozier

Rick and Kathy Lozier - July 17, 2024 at 11:47 AM



“ Nearly 30 years ago Jim used his charm, a strong adult beverage, and a gorgeous view of the Straits of Mackinaw to convince me to jump on board with MDTC leadership - just one of many ways he unselfishly shared his experience, grace and gifts with all. His wit and warm smile made his fierce advocacy skills that much more effective, and his adversaries knew that if Jim was taking an afternoon dep, they should probably reserve a hotel room. Renee and family - you are blessed to have shared this life with such an incredible man. I am sorry for your loss but know the memories will live on. Joe

Joseph Engel - July 17, 2024 at 11:35 AM

PD

“ The obituary for Jim was spot on. As a lawyer, he was always laser focused on his objective while also displaying fairness and honesty at all times. He will be sorely missed. Peter Dunlap

Peter Dunlap - July 17, 2024 at 11:07 AM

AR

“ Renee, I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Jim from the MDTC. I always remembered him because he reminded me of my uncle. I recall when he invited me and my husband to your lovely home on the lake after an MDTC event. I remember those times fondly. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Allison Reuter - July 17, 2024 at 09:45 AM