



James Douglas Kruse

September 6, 1940 - June 18, 2019

James Douglas Kruse 78, of Ann Arbor, Michigan passed away peacefully on June 18, 2019 with his family by his side. James was born September 6, 1940 to the late Raymond and Maxine (Rivette) Kruse. On September 6, 1969 he married the late Judith (Breining) Kruse. James is survived by his son, Eric (Robyn) Kruse of Saline, and 3 grandchildren; Brandon, Lauryn and Ashley Kruse. He is also survived by his brother Bart (Carolyn) Kruse of St, Joseph, MI. James, or Jim as most people called him, graduated from Ann Arbor high school and later joined the United States Air Force. After leaving the Air Force Jim worked for United Airlines for many years until his retirement. After retirement, Jim worked part time driving the customer shuttle at a local car dealership for several years. Jim and his late wife Judy, enjoyed vacations at Mackinac Island, spoiling their dogs, working in their garden, and eating at favorite restaurants around Ann Arbor. But, most of all Jim enjoyed spending time with his son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. He was so proud of his grandchildren, and would usually get a little emotional when he would talk about their many accomplishments. Jim was a kind and caring man that didn't like to draw attention to himself or have anyone make a fuss about him. As such, Jim's request was not to have a formal funeral service with him as the center of attention. To sign Jim's guestbook, or to share a memory please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Tribute Wall



“ *James Douglas Kruse*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Knew Jim a million years ago. Just saw this obituary. He was one of the nice guys! May he rest in peace.*
Rose Rehbein

Rose Rehbein - September 09, 2019 at 07:34 AM



“ *Grandpa Jim was truly the best grandpa. He always did the most for our family even if he didn't have a lot to give. His sarcasm and endless love/care for our family will be so extremely missed. Christmas Eve and Christmas morning just won't be the same without our grandpa. I am proud to have had such a thoughtful grandfather and I am grateful for all of the laughs we shared, the little holiday cards he sent, and support he showed for my whole family. I'll always love and miss you grandpa.*
-Lola

Lauryn Kruse - September 02, 2019 at 04:31 PM

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“ 20 files added to the album *Jim, Dad, Grandpa*



Eric Kruse - July 08, 2019 at 02:30 PM

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“ *Jim will truly be missed by his family and friends. He loved family traditions, especially Christmas Eve with his son and family. His twice baked potatoes & seven layer dip will carry on ❤️ Most important, Jim was such a proud father and grandfather and enjoyed every moment with them. Love you all- mom/grandma*

Pam Calomeni - June 24, 2019 at 11:51 PM