



James M. "Jim" Stepanski Jr.

June 16, 1966 - November 19, 2016

James M. "Jim" Stepanski Jr. 50, well-known Wysox businessman and resident of Standing Stone Township, PA passed away Saturday, November 19, 2016.

"Jim" as he was known by his family and friends was born in Berwick, PA on June 16, 1966. He was a graduate of Northeast Bradford High School class of 1984 and continued his education receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, PA. He received his Master's Degree from Bloomsburg University and in early years was employed as a certified Microsoft Trainer.

Jim was formerly employed by Craftmaster Corporation in Wysox. Jim operated Only the Best Pizza Shop in Wysox for a number of years until his passing. Jim was a member of the Towanda Area School Board and Roman Lodge No. 418 F. & A.M.

Surviving are his son, William Kerr of Standing Stone, his mother and step father, Kathryn Obert and John Jenkins of Hudson, FL, sister and brother-in-law, Dr. Catherine O'Neil and Dr. Chris O'Neil of Bloomsburg, PA, niece, Maddie O'Neil and nephew, Riley O'Neil, uncle, John Obert of Seattle, WA, aunt, Pat Sick of Florida as well as many cousins in the Berwick, PA and Florida areas.

He was predeceased by his father, James M. Stepanski Sr. on February 8, 2013.

The family will receive friends Friday, November 25, 2016 from 5 to 7 p.m. at

the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. Roman Lodge No. 418 F. & A.M. will hold a Service of Remembrance at the funeral home at 7 p.m. followed by the funeral service.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
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Service

NOV **25**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ James M. "Jim" Stepanski Jr.

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ James M. "Jim" Stepanski Jr.

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ James M. "Jim" Stepanski Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ James M. "Jim" Stepanski Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ James M. "Jim" Stepanski Jr.

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

RS

“ I was in disbelief upon hearing Jim had passed away. I got to know Jim after his father had passed away and Jim took over the Pizza shop. Like his dad he was well versed in the antiques market and we would also converse on the current political issues for which he was always on top of. A trip for a pizza or a sub would always include lengthy conversations as such. I appreciated your intelligent input on those subjects. Jim you will be missed. Sincerely Robert Sutcliffe

robert sutcliffe - December 06, 2016 at 08:14 AM

RK

“ This will be the third time I tried putting in a beautiful memory from His family our son William Michael Kerr aka Billy n myself Rita Kerr. Jim you are my sons father his daddo as I called u n his hero n I have loved u for 16 years as billy has n I always will .Thank u for making our lil boys life so beautiful n you should him wisdom he needed incouragment he deserved n he I were blessed for the better having u in our lives I love u Jim n I know u Know that n u know billy n I always will but we will never say goodbye the body goes but not the soul n I still feel u with us everyday so I love u n don't u worry about billy I will take it the rest of the way thank u for all u have done You did well n thank u for loving us both n we will love u Always with no end Amen I'll be seeing you when u see me n you have billy n I Love for eternity

Rita kerr - November 26, 2016 at 10:21 PM

SH

Beautiful.

Scott Hess - January 15, 2019 at 11:55 AM

RK

“ I wrote a long n beautiful statement from my son Billy n I n for some reason it got erased . Jim I loved u the last 16 years of my life n Billy adores n loves n idolizes u as well. Although we only stayed together for five years never think for one second I didn't love u . The last five months after my mom died u n I talked hours n hours we knew we still loved each other n both we were glad to have the best young man any parent could ever have . I m sorry life wasn't easy after your dad died after your dad died my health went down hill as well n u were depressed I had bad health n poor billy didn't know what was going on. Jim u knew I m strong now although my health is bad You knew I will never let anything bad happen to our son n I truly truly love you n I truly truly miss your laughter although u always made me laugh at myself but u are my friend my sons father n I will never say Goodbye Jim For love never dies the body does not the soul n Billy n I will see u again . Smooth sailing salior I pray your skies are always blue the waters are always still n smooth n I love J n I will never quite let u go never have n near ever will u need me in here praying for u n my heart Billy everyday



Rita kerr - November 26, 2016 at 10:12 PM

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Rita kerr - November 26, 2016 at 09:45 PM

NS

“The last time that we spoke was like every other time that I had wished you good night as I left the office that I occupied in your building, "Have a good night Jimmy! I'll be away for a couple of weeks but will see you when I get back." And as usual you inquired about my trip and we had a pleasant conversation. I wish that I had known then that it would be the last time that I would see you. I wish that I had said something more, something that might have encouraged you. When I got back into the country, just before Thanksgiving, one of the first calls that I received was about your passing. This is what I wrote in response to hearing the sad news.

As I reflect on the eve of the Thanksgiving holiday I was just reminded about the importance of each person who crosses my path. Someone that I spoke to casually several times a week for many years just passed away unexpectedly. As usual death took me by surprise. If had I known I would like to believe that I would have reached out to that person and cared just a little bit more.

The truth is that no matter how divided we are politically or otherwise, every single one of us needs to be loved. Each one of us needs to feel the love and warmth of others. The trick is in extending yourself when you feel like you're running on empty.

But my heart is full. I have so much to be thankful for that I won't even try to list all the blessings that God has put on my plate! One of my greatest blessings is that I'm confident that I am loved by all of the wonderful people in my life but I know that the greatest blessing happens when I give that love away. People cross our paths for a reason. Let them know that you are thankful for each and every one them...

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Dr. Nick Spano

Nick Spano - November 25, 2016 at 11:01 PM

RK

“ *Rita Kerr lit a candle in memory of James M. "Jim" Stepanski Jr.*



Rita kerr - November 25, 2016 at 08:29 AM

LP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. God Bless.*

Lisa Pope - November 25, 2016 at 05:40 AM

JJ

“ *I cannot count the number of laughs Jim created with his sense of humor. Anytime I see a picture of him or think of him, a smile appears almost instantly. Rest in peace Jim.*



Jerry Potts Jr. - November 24, 2016 at 12:18 PM

RM

“ *robert and kathy marston purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Purple for the family of James M. "Jim" Stepanski Jr..*



robert and kathy marston - November 23, 2016 at 02:58 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James M. "Jim" Stepanski Jr..*



November 23, 2016 at 12:32 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Stepanski family.
Rae Lynne Powell and family*

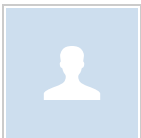


Rae Lynne Powell - November 23, 2016 at 10:56 AM



Jim you were my sons father n I loved u very very much still love u I will watch over are son thank u for all u did for him in life n loving him after death I know u are with Billy n I still I feel u with us always I know u are with your dad know I pray u n your dad have smooth sailing in heaven n I will see u again my love someday down down the road . I love u so n you are dearly missed n dearly loved Billy loves you so n so do I n we both will make u proud I promise .

Rita kerr - November 24, 2016 at 07:28 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of James M. "Jim" Stepanski Jr..*



November 22, 2016 at 03:17 PM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Satin Heart Casket Pillow was purchased for the family of James M. "Jim" Stepanski Jr..*



November 22, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ *Annrae Wheeler Travis lit a candle in memory of James M. "Jim" Stepanski Jr.*



annrae wheeler travis - November 22, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you.
AnnRae Wheeler Travis*

annrae wheeler travis - November 22, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. He and my brother Scott and I rode bikes all over the town Rome. He often came up fishing at our pond and sledding on our hill. I spent many hours of my childhood with Jimmy. We will be in prayer for his family.*

Sincerely,

Ed Ross a fellow kid on West Street in Rome Pennsylvania

Edward Ross - November 22, 2016 at 09:05 AM