



James R. Jaykel

July 27, 1945 - October 9, 2025

James R. Jaykel, age 80, of Lorain, passed away at his residence on the evening of Thursday October 9th, 2025 following an extended illness. He was born in Lorain on July 27, 1945 and remained a life-long resident of the city; Jim was a 1964 graduate of Admiral King High School.

Following graduation, he enrolled in drafting classes at Lorain County Community College while working for Warner and Associates. He later joined the Lorain City Water Department where he was employed as an operator for a number of years prior to the time of his retirement in 2010

Jim was a member of St. Peter Parish. Dedicated to his family, he was well-known for his kindness and boundless generosity which was amplified by his willingness to help anyone who was in need. In his free time he enjoyed playing the accordion and listening to polka music. Additional interests included testing his luck against casino slot machines as well as dining out with Lenoci's and Longhorn Steak House being amongst two of his favorite venues.

Survivors include his son James A. Jaykel (Carol) residing in West Henrietta, New York and daughter Julianne Nau (David) of Elyria. He also leaves his granddaughter Jessica Nau.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Jolynne (nee Zahorec) in 2021, father Edward J. Jaykel in 1983 mother Jessie V. Jaykel (nee Zwolinski) in 1978, and brother Edward Jaykel earlier this year.

Please join his family for the celebration of his Mass of Christian Burial on Friday October 17th at 11:00 a.m. in St. Peter Parish – 3501 Oberlin Avenue, Lorain. The Reverend Craig Hovanec, Pastor of the church will serve as celebrant. Burial will follow in Ridge Hill Memorial Park.

Contributions in Jim's memory are encouraged to St. Peter Parish with a special emphasis toward the maintenance fund.

Cemetery Details

Ridge Hill Memorial Park

44805 N Ridge Rd
Amherst, OH 44001
<https://ridgehillmp.org/>

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter Parish
3501 Oberlin Avenue
Lorain, OH 44053

Tribute Wall

MM

“ Went to St Stanislaus grade school with him - sorry for your loss he was a very nice person

mary ann Krivell Molnar - October 17, 2025 at 10:50 AM

KM

So sad to learn you've left this good earth without being able to say goodbye. Went to Lorain High together and then Jim and Ted went over to the new High School (Akhs). Remained at Lhs. Years passed and Jim asked me to the Akhs prom. We dated a few months and Jim went off to college. Lost track of Jim and wished I could have said goodbye. Fly high with the angels Jim.

Kathi Wilson Macgregor - November 03, 2025 at 12:12 AM

LS

“ Love, Denise, Ted, Billy, Sharon purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James R. Jaykel.



Love, Denise, Ted, Billy, Sharon - October 15, 2025 at 06:04 PM

LW

“ Love, Heather, Kevin, and Caroline Webb purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James R. Jaykel.



Love, Heather, Kevin, and Caroline Webb - October 15, 2025 at 03:56 PM