



James E. Hartman

February 17, 1931 - December 17, 2025

James Edward Hartman, 94, of Lexington, Michigan, passed away on December 17, 2025. Born in Breckenridge, Texas. James lived a long, full life marked by service, devotion to family, and an unwavering work ethic. Right after World War II, at just 17 years old, James enlisted in the United States Air Force. His military service took him from Okinawa to Selfridge Air Force Base near Mt. Clemens, Michigan, where a chance meeting with a young administrative assistant, Mary Schneider, changed the course of his life. The two soon married, beginning a partnership that would span decades and blessing them with five children: Linda, Jim, David, Patricia, and Valerie. After completing his four years of military service, James transitioned into civilian life by joining his father in law in building the family tailoring and dry cleaning business, Schneider's Cleaners. His dedication and steady presence helped the business grow, and he took great pride in contributing to a craft rooted in precision, care, and community trust. James's life also included involvement with the Junior Chamber of Commerce and membership with a scuba diving club in which he served as president of the club. After retirement, James spent a great deal of time mastering the art of woodworking where he was able to create a variety of different furniture items for his children and grandchildren.

James was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary, and by his daughter Patricia. Their memories remained central to his life, and he carried them with him always.

He is survived by his daughters Linda (husband Mike) and Valerie (husband Jason), and his sons Jim and David (wife Debbie). James was a proud grandfather to seven grandchildren — Sara, Stephanie (husband Mike), Jeremy (wife Emily), Luke (wife Sarah), Joshua (wife Lauren), Justin (wife Karley), and Jake — and a great grandfather to fourteen great grandchildren: Weston, Isabelle, Luna, Judah, Abigale, Ruby, Maxwell, Dre, Gabrielle, Silas, Amelia, Colton, Landon and Jack. His legacy lives on in each of them.

James's life was defined by quiet strength, loyalty, and a deep love for his family. He was a man shaped by service — to his country, to his work, and most of all, to the people he loved.

A Memorial Service will be held 4 PM, Sunday, January 11 at the Croswell Wesleyan Church. Visitation will be from 1:30 -4 pm prior to the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Croswell Wesleyan Church
200 Peck Rd.
Croswell, MI 48422
(810) 679-3381

Service

JAN 11. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ In loving memory, RX Family Home Care purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James E. Hartman.



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“ Sorry to hear about Jim's passing. Jim was our neighbor on Union. A great person & a real gentleman.

Richard Stapleton - December 23, 2025 at 06:29 AM