



James Frank Ranii

July 21, 1924 - October 14, 2018

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Of Aspinwall, who invariably called it like he saw it, died October 14, 2018, in his sleep. He was 94.

Jim grew up in Blawnox and graduated from Aspinwall High School before becoming an airplane mechanic with the 305th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force, stationed in England during World War II. After returning from the war he proposed to Lillian Zuccaro on April 1, 1946, but it was no April Fool's joke. She was the love of his life. He had a wide variety of jobs, including stints at Sears, Heppenstall and Portec, and worked two jobs for 12 years to put his three children through college.

Jim was preceded in death by three siblings, Jennie, Carmello and George. He was enormously proud of his family and their accomplishments. Survivors include Lillian and their three children: James Jr. (Miguel), David (Bonnie) and Jan (J. Gary); grandchildren Melina, Anthony, Emily, Natalee and Marcus; and five great-grandchildren.

Service info will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Aspinwall Meals

on Wheels Program, 450 Walnut St., Blawnox, PA 15238

Tribute Wall



“ *James Frank Ranii*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *James Frank Ranii*

October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *I'm so sorry I heard of this so late. I have SOOOOOOOOO many wonderful, FUNNY memories of this guy! He sincerely was one of VERY favorite humans EVER!! He made me laugh so hard with his antics, jokes, etc.. When he and my sweet Daddy were together, they were HILARIOUS! My youth was blessed with laughter because of them. I'm sure they are entertaining the heavens fully once again! On the other hand, he was such a compassionate man, adored his beautiful, sweet wife, Lil and all of his family. They were quite the inspiration to many as a couple, including me. THANK YOU Jim, for ALWAYS being kind, funny and a beautiful friend to me and my family. xoxoxoxo*

PS, do they have puzzles for you in heaven?

Renee Byard - May 18, 2020 at 09:35 AM

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“ Jimmy will always be a favorite of mine in my silver sneakers group exercise program. When I would compliment him on his wonderful balance....He would always remind me that he was my oldest participant We all loved Jimmy , he was very dedicated with his workouts for over 15 years!!!! and I must add best dressed!!!! It is a great pleasure of mine to have known such a wonderful and loving couple Jim and Lil . He will be missed. I sure hope he gets to know my parents up in heaven . Love you my Jimmy-
Kathi

kathi abati - October 16, 2018 at 04:35 PM

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“ We miss our Papap so much already. He always made us laugh and always made us feel loved. I loved the look of joy that took over his face every time he saw his great grandchildren. They are so lucky to have known him so well. Pap welcomed me into the Ranii family as soon as I met him- even though I flooded his basement shower the first time I stayed at his house. Hey Pap- the Steelers pulled out a win for you yesterday! Love you- Lindsay Ranii

Lindsay Ranii - October 15, 2018 at 03:05 PM

JK

So sorry. Lindsay always spoke very well of you guys, and I thank you for being so good to her. May he Rest In Peace.

Jim Knodel - October 15, 2018 at 02:13 PM