



James R. French

April 7, 1938 - October 31, 2018

Jim French, 80, of Toledo, went to be with his wife, on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. He was born April 7, 1938, in Sidney, OH, to Edna and Richard French. He graduated from DeVilbiss High School in 1956 and continued his education at the University of Toledo, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree, with a major in History and a minor in Mathematics. He also earned his Masters Degree in Education while serving in the 555th Air National Guard. Following graduation he taught mathematics, coached hockey and was the “Voice of the Macmen” at Macomber High School, until his retirement in 1991.

Jim enjoyed traveling with his wife Evelyn and visited Hawaii, Alaska, Ireland and Europe, during their many trips. His favorite destination was Las Vegas, or as he called it, “Lost Wages.”

Jim had a love of music and played saxophone (baritone, tenor, alto and soprano), for many years with the “Polish American Concert Band, (PAC Band)”, Dana Dorsey and the Blue Notes, the North Coast Concert Band, North Coast Big Band, Bruce Stevenson, Dr. Chuck Balch, JC Sextet and the 555th Air National Guard Bands. He also sang for many years with the Toledo Swiss Singers and in many local churches.

Jim is survived by his children, Michele (Ken) Lewandowski and Timothy (Patricia) French; grandchildren, Colin, Dylan and Owen French. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Evelyn.

Friends are invited to visit on Sunday, from 1-6 p.m. in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania (between Secor and Douglas Roads), where

funeral services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Williston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Ohio Living Hospice.

We love you, Daddy! Gumball for now.

Cemetery Details

Williston Cemetery

Williston, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember the French's were part of Upton United Methodist Church many decades ago. They were kind friendly people and we enjoyed their Christian fellowship and myself growing up in the Church with their son going on camping trips and other Church activities. Grace and Peace to You Mr. French as you are now back in your eternal home with the Lord and Mrs. French.



David Feltner and Charline

David Feltner - February 25, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ Our family shares the memories of how talented this gentleman was. Loved going to the Christmas concerts as our children grew up enjoying these events....our daughter Bly listens to Christmas music year round and I can attribute this to her fond memories of the concerts that Jim invited us to. What a gift we will never forget!



Teresa McIntire - November 04, 2018 at 09:53 AM

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“ The memory of Uncle Jim that stands out the most to me is one from when I first "officially joined the Boss family". Andrew had proposed Christmas Eve (2012) morning and - per tradition - we all gathered at Uncle Jim's that evening.

We were excited to share our good news with everyone and it was the perfect opportunity since a good chunk of the family was all in one place at the same time!

Andrew was getting ready to tell Dad (Rob) while he was sitting at the dining room table. Someone noticed the ring on my finger and asked what type of ring it was. Uncle Jim said (almost yelled actually, haha) "It looks like Sterling Silver to me!"

Stephanie Boss - November 02, 2018 at 09:30 AM