



# Arthur R. James Sr.

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**A**rthur R. James Sr., age 69, of N. Ridgeville, passed away on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake.

He was born in Fairview and had been a lifelong resident of N. Ridgeville.

Arthur worked as an Asst. Manager for Giant Eagle, retiring in 2017 after 48 years.

He enjoyed racing cars for over 30 years, working on the family farm, old cars and go-cart racing with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Connie (nee Klena); children, Carmen (Beau Sterling) Spitzmesser of Nevada, Ralph (Chris) James of Elyria, AJ (Heather) James of North Ridgeville; grandchildren, Garrett, Cayla, Aiden, Jazlyn, Tyler; stepbrothers, Gary and Dale Pete and aunt, Betty Anne Edwards of Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Pearl James; stepfather Andy Pete; sister Maryann Chambers.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4PM and from 6PM until the time of services at 8PM at Bogner Family Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Road, N. Ridgeville. Rev. Andrew Hoover will officiate.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of the Western Reserve 30080 Hospice Way, Westlake, OH 44145 [www.hospicewr.org](http://www.hospicewr.org)



# Events


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## Visitation

 **Wednesday**, November 6, 2019

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Bogner Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services**

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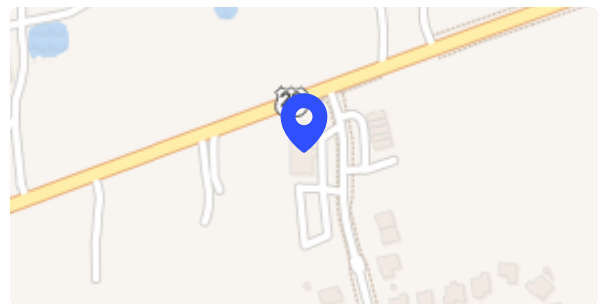
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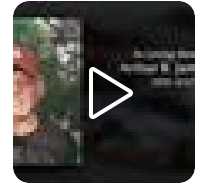
# Tribute Wall

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**Bogner Family Funeral Home And Cremationservices** shared a **Video**.



November 5 at 12:43 PM



**Connie Clark** November 6 at 4:51 AM

WOW! Fantastic Video!! So Many Priceless Memories!!! Art's Smile... ALWAYS will remember is unique "Giggle/Laugh". xoxoxoxo



**Lester Phillip's** November 5 at 4:11 PM

Lots of memories in this video love you Art. And god please be with his family in these sorrow times



**Connie James** posted:

As We are going thru our holidays without Art. We are building a stronger bond between us all, to keep his legacy going for our future and the next generations. You are in Gods hands now, I know you have found the comfort, you were looking for. Watch over us please so we can make you proud! I lov and miss you. Connie

December 22 at 2:20 PM



**Dawn Edwards** lit a candle in honor of Arthur .



December 12 at 7:05 AM



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**Carmen Jones Spitzmesser** posted:

Just four years ago, in 2015, Art received an unexpected phone call from me. Soon thereafter it was confirmed that I was his daughter. I was adopted when I was three months old. Although I grew up in North Ridgeville, so close, I did not know him. And he did not know me—or even of me. Shortly after receiving that phone call, in the summer of 2015, my son Garrett and I traveled back to Ohio. There we met Art, and the James family, for the first time. Everyone welcomed us with open arms and accepted us as part of the family. I can't begin to express the love I felt. Although, we didn't have much time together, I will treasure the memories Art and I made during my visits. One of those memories was when we first met, at Denny's, for breakfast. He brought me purple roses. A kind gesture befitting the man he was. Regretfully, I cannot be with you all at his service, but I have sent purple roses in honor of his memory. Much love, Carmen

November 5 at 3:30 PM



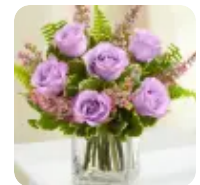
**Donald Cather** posted:

Art you will be missed dearly all i can say is thankyou for your letting my father drive your racecars that brought your family an mine so close to this day and for life i will always think of the james family like my own

November 5 at 2:40 PM



**Love, Carmen** sent a Love's Embrace Roses – Purple to the James family.



November 4 at 6:25 PM



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RC

**Ron Cather** posted:

I first met Art in 1970 at Lorain County Speedway in the pits. He asked me if I would hot lap his car and tell him what I thought. I did and told him what I thought he should do. I thought that was it, but two weeks later Connie called and asked if I would drive their car. That started many years of friendship and brotherhood that ended. Thank you Art for letting me be one of your friends. Rest In Peace my Brother, you deserve it. God's Blessings to you and your family. You will be sadly missed. Ron (Ronnie) Cather

November 4 at 10:54 AM

RC

**Ron Cather** November 4 at 11:10 AM

It should of been "friendship and brotherhood that never ended", sorry I didn't know how to correct the above.

CC

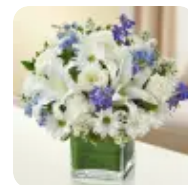
**Connie Clark** posted:

Oh My Goodness! SO many Racing Memories with Artie and my Dad, SO many nights in the Garage, SO many nights at the Track. Years packed full of Wins and Losses, but always hard work, dedication and true desire for the sport! Just a couple guys and their crew of family and friends that lived for Friday or Saturday Nights under the lights. The camaraderie found around the racetrack is something special. For some, racing isn't just a pastime, it's a passion that brings joy and unites generations. I grew up cheering at the Track, hanging out at the Garage and sharing in some of the best times we've all probably ever had. Artie, your Race is Won, you've crossed the Finish Line, you've got the Checkered Flag! Rest in Heavenly Peace!! xoxoxoxo

November 4 at 8:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Healing Tears - Blue and White to the James family.



November 3 at 10:51 AM



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BD

**Betty Bridges-Drennen** lit a candle in honor of Arthur .

I remember Art has Maryann's big brother from school! Every one knew not to mess with her : cause you would have to DEAL with ARTIE! He was such a good guy, When he was the manager at Rini's in N.R. I was working at Rite Aid next door & would always run into him. He was always so kind and gracious. always a smile even if he was having a bad day. Deepest sympathies to his family. Praying you find comfort in knowing he lived such a good life and touched so many in so many different ways. Praying that God gives your strength in the days ahead in this new season of your lives.



November 3 at 6:14 AM

BM

**Bryan Makowski** posted:

Art you will be truly missed. I can still remember the great times we had working at Rini's together and hanging out at your house with Ralph and AJ. I will forever keep your memories alive.

November 3 at 5:17 AM

HL

**Helen Lingruen** posted:

Ken Lingruen has know Art for 50 + years was security at Gaint eagle in north olmsted in late 60s to early 70s lived across the street for a,while had lots of fun with his hot rods,our daughters looks up to him as uncle Ardie,lots of good memories he will be missed.😞

November 2 at 4:45 PM

LP

**Lester J Phillips** posted:

I met art about 1975 threw a gas station I hung around and they sponsored his race team at the time. Art and driver Ron Cathers took me under thier wing and started letting me hang with them and working on the car. Threw out many years of being with him he took to being like my second dad.After I got married and had children he worshipped them to death. He took my boy Brandon under his wing also teaching him many trades out of the AJ Automotive race team teaching him to weld and fabricate which today has help my son being certified in welding and working for ports of authority in flordia Again this man was like a dad and grandfather to my family Uncle Art You'll be forever missed by my family . Loved you dearly. Lester J Phillip's and family

November 2 at 12:44 PM



## Media

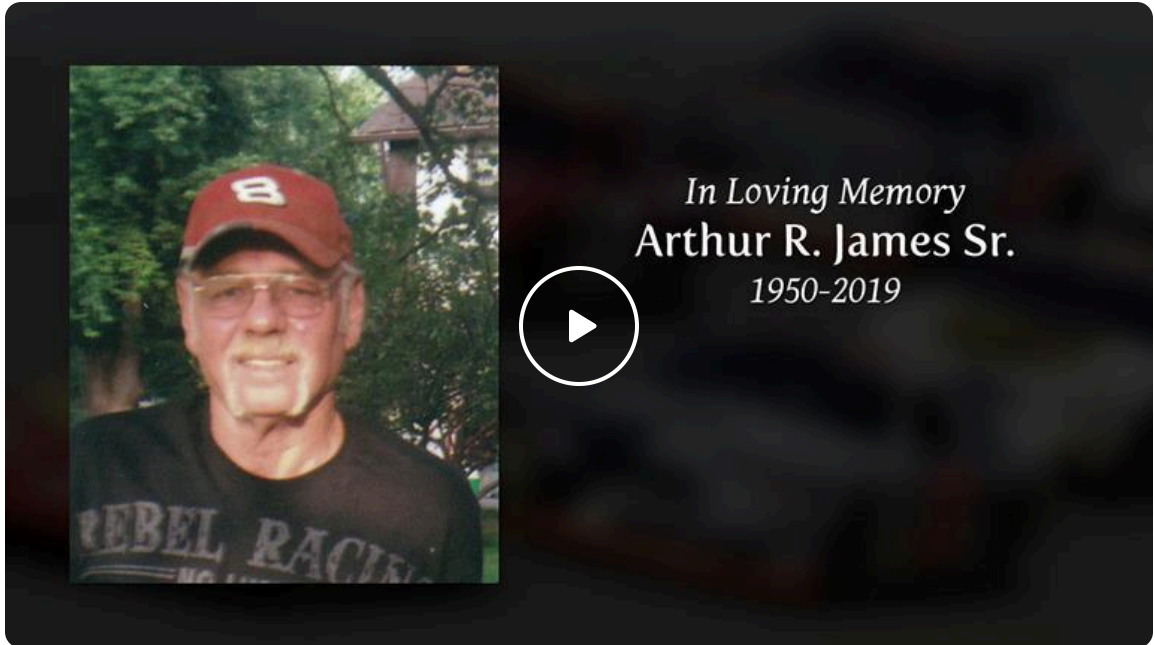
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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Arthur by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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