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James W. “Jim” Rofe Jr., age 57, of Elyria, passed away Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at his home. He was born on September 24, 1967 in Cleveland and has been a resident of Elyria for the past 12 years, moving from North Ridgeville. Jim worked as a truck driver for Estes Trucking for many years. He enjoyed his time driving stock cars at the Lorain County Speedway, participated in many demolition derbies and was a huge fan of Dale Earnhardt. In the summer months, Jim could be found out on the water boating and fishing, and if he wasn’t there, he would be tending to his garden, winning multiple ribbons over the years at the Lorain County Fair for his vegetables.

Jim is survived by his son Austin Rofe of Hawaii; sister Bonnie (Jon) Vincenzo of North Ridgeville; nephews Nicholas and Brandon; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Norma (nee Diederich) and James Rofe Sr.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at the North Ridgeville VFW from 1-4PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a donation in Jim’s name to the National MS Society, P.O. Box 91891, Washington, D.C. 20090-1891.



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Jaime Hawkins & Sebastian Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



July 7 at 9:20 AM



Jaime Hawkins & Sebastian Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Rofe family.



July 7 at 9:20 AM



Danny Ross posted:

I first met Jim in 1994 working at Laurels Restaurant. A lot of good memories. I remember him working on that car with Marty for the races. Haven't talked to him much in the recent years but the memories feel like yesterday. Rest well my friend.

July 6 at 10:22 AM



Brian Stout posted:

I remember when he was just a small boy, not even able to talk yet. Our families were great friends over the years. We shared fishing Adventures and barbecues often. Our parents would stay up late playing cards together. You will be missed brother...🙏🙏🙏🇺🇲

July 6 at 7:57 AM



Robbie posted:

Jim, words cannot express my grief. I only got to meet you about 10 years ago. I always dreamed of having an older brother. Then one day out of the blue, I got you! Now you are gone and, now I do not have an older brother again. I hope that you are up in Heaven walking, running and feeling wonderful again! I will miss our messenger chats! I didn't get to know you long but, I am so glad that you were in my life for the amount of time you were. Rest easy in Heaven big brother! Love and miss you every day, your little sister, Robbie.

July 6 at 3:32 AM



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Melissa Ross posted:

I meant Jim many years ago when I was 18 at a restaurant, I was waitressing at. He was always such a really nice guy. He will definitely be missed. RIH Jim

July 5 at 3:29 PM



Debbie Coon lit a candle in honor of James.

Well Jim, Seems I always bumped into you somewhere along the way. But,, I know your MS was really getting to you, your pain was so bad. I pray you are with Debbie up above, and partying right about now. The best time I will remember is camping Labor Day Weekend in New London; You were partying like a rock star but you never got sick. I never could quite figure it out but you had all the jokes, knew every song the band played and never missed a beat. Debbie & I laughed our asses off all night with you! I hope you're flying high above the sky. Give Deb, a big hug and watch over her! Until we meet again.. As ypu say: Peace Out!



July 5 at 1:30 AM



Terri Z posted:

I will never forget the time we went camping and it rained all weekend. But Jim didn't let the rain stop us from having a great time. Jim you will be missed by many. Soar high above the clouds my friend.

July 4 at 4:07 PM



Marcia Leonard posted:

Jim was a sweet, loving, thoughtful, talented man! We had so much fun with him in Florida during his visits! I'm going to miss you so much!

July 4 at 2:36 PM



John Mackay posted:

A lot of good times partying, concerts, racing, fishing, cookouts. Gonna miss 'The Big Man.'

July 4 at 1:17 PM



Pat Mack July 4 at 3:05 PM

He was a good man will miss him



Memories only last if you share them

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



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