



# James Austin Koran

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**J**ames A. Koran (84) passed away on January 27th. He was preceded in death by his parents Edward and Eleanor, his wife of 58 years, Patricia (ne: Musial) and son Jimmy. He is survived by his children Susan (Jeff), Jan (Chuck), Carrie (Joie), Patrick (Jenny) and Amy (Chris). His greatest legacy are his grandchildren Shelley (Casey), Lindsay, Justin (Jessica), Phillip (Amanda), Tessa, Zachary (Courtney), Alexandra, Courtney, Addie, Larken, Rylie, John and his great grandchildren Kristopher, Emily, Alexis, Beau, Allison, Chase, Henry, Emma and new baby due in Feb.

Jim graduated from Cuyahoga Heights High School, a State of Ohio track champion and attended Ohio University where he ran track and played football. Jim married his high school sweetheart Patsy, was drafted to serve in the US Army, and they started their life together stationed in Germany, an experience they both cherished. He returned home and followed in his father's footsteps as a firefighter. Jim served the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department for 34 years, retiring as Assistant Chief. He went on to lead and build the full-time fire services as Fire Chief of Brimfield Township, OH. Along the way, somewhere in the late 1980's the guy not known for an affinity for animals came home to share, to great surprise by all, that he bought a racehorse, beginning a 30+ year love and passion for these fantastic standardbred athletes, the competitiveness of the sport, and the comradery of his fellow owners, trainers, grooms, drivers and all the people who made the track a special place. His horses won prestigious races across the country and he was a fixture every fall at the Kentucky Horse Sale.

Jim's life was centered on family and he leaves his Irish twin brother Bruce (Joan) and Will (Kathy) and their children, Laurel, Michael, Kathy and Sean, to many more rounds of golf knowing they will always remember his beautiful, monster swing landing the ball a mile down the fairway. The relentless progression of supranuclear palsy did not deter his capacity to express his respect, appreciation and humor to those around him. His friends and team at Sunrise of Parma cannot be thanked enough for stepping in as his surrogate family and the angels at Cypress Hospice for their compassion and care. The family plans to celebrate Jim's life post vaccine in the "Winner



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Circle” at Northfield Park. It will be a fitting tribute to a man who sprinted through life, won often and fought hard through the finish line.



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## Cemetery Details



**All Saints**

480 W Highland Rd, Northfield OH





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**Rosalie Hall** posted:

It has been many years since I interacted with the Koran family while a teacher at Cuyahoga Hts. Eleanor was a wonderful colleague and friend even when I left in 1971. Jan and Carrie were wonderful students who were such a joy. My thoughts go out to you at your loss. I am thankful for your dear family. You are a part of my beautiful memories as a young teacher.

January 31 at 5:35 PM



**Denny Rose** posted:

I only knew Jim through his children, his brother Will and his late mother Eleanor. He did a great job of raising his children to be very responsible adults. To Will, Bruce and family, my sincerest sympathies and prayers. Denny Rose Bellville, OH

January 31 at 3:00 PM



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

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