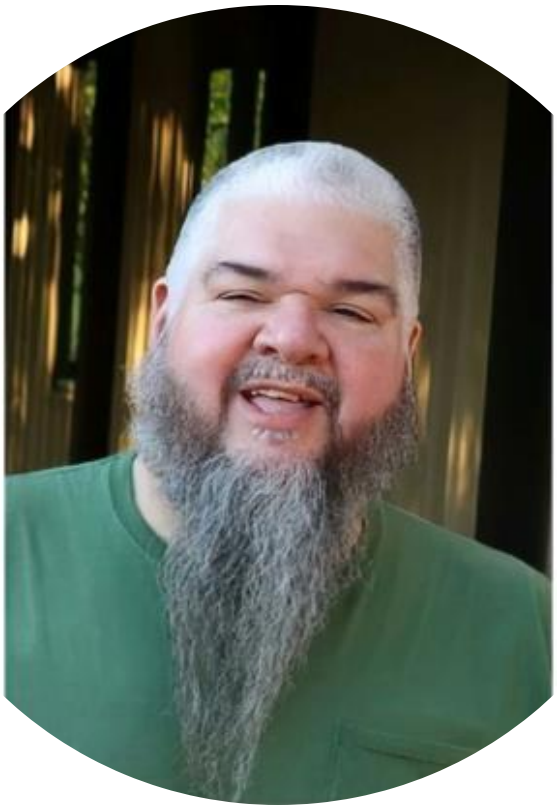

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James Anthony Discenza, age 59, left this world unexpectedly on May 17, 2024. He was the devoted son of John (deceased) and Joan (nee Burk); loving brother of Deborah Discenza, Lisa Buzalka (Peter) and Theresa Pontious (Richard); dear Uncle Jim to Christopher Sokolowski, Nicholas Buzalka (Ficatier), Anthony Buzalka (Michelle), Kimberly Netzband (Jordan), Sandra Leech (Larry) and David Pontious; adoring great-uncle to Michael Sokolowski, Sebastian Netzband and Maximilian Netzband; and leaves behind many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends (especially Michelle Zmarzly). Jim had a large family tree but because of his big heart and willingness to help left an enormous extended family tree of those that considered him one of their own. Jim grew up fascinated by all things mechanical. He was encouraged by his great uncle Wilbur who let him take apart junk cars in his yard in Pennsylvania. He continued this pursuit in a vocational program in High School and upon graduation was hired by Catholic Cemeteries Assoc. - Diocese of Cleveland where he worked as a mechanic for over 40 years. Jim loved animals and was devoted to his dogs. He mourned the passing of Lobo, Sheba, and Frank like they were his children and leaves a bereft Elvira to be a comfort and comforted by his family. Jim loved music, a good drink, Doctor Who, wolves, Nerf gun wars, Sunday breakfast with his mom at L.A. Pete's, visiting his home in Tennessee and most of all his family and friends. Even though James believed in no God and had no children, he showed God's love to All in need and was a father to All who needed one. A Godfather to All who needed one. In lieu of flowers or donations, the family asks to please let Jim's life inspire you and pay forward the kindness that he has shown you.

"A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again."

Please join us on Sunday, August 4th as we come together to celebrate a great soul. We will hold an open house from 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Knights of Columbus Club 4130 - 10806 Granger Rd. Garfield Heights, OH 44125. We will come together to share a meal, raise a glass, tell stories, laugh, cry, and celebrate the blessings that Jim bestowed on us by being a part of our lives. Please feel free to bring pictures and stories to share or just come to support and listen.

If you are unable to make it but would like to share a picture, memory, or words of support, please post to the tribute wall on this obituary page.

Tribute Wall

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JS

Jo Ann Stusek posted:

My Godson and second cousin. My heart is broken that such a beautiful soul has left the world all too soon. I loved to tease you. I always said what happened, I can't hold you in my arms anymore. And your beard, oh how I teased you to cut it off. I would love to pull that beard one more time. RIP sweetheart and know that you will always be in my prayers. Love you, Jo Ann

June 4 at 8:00 PM

LA

Leafie And Greg Andel posted:

Our hearts go out to all of you. He was Big Jim. Big Jim the mechanic. Always had a big heart. Always a story and always helping us out with any questions. Brought us corn on the cob and would welcome you to his shop at any time. Greg Andel worked with Jim over 40 years at CCA. Our hearts are broken. Big hug and prayers to you all.

June 2 at 8:00 PM

DD

Deb Discenza posted:

Herve, thaank you so very much for your love aand emotional support. This means so much to my family and myself.

May 30 at 8:00 PM

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CK

Carolyn (Miller) Kleitsch posted:

To Joan, Deb, Lisa, Theresa, and all who love Jim:I am so very sorry for your loss. As part of JimÃ¢â‚¬â„¢s large family tree, I was fortunate to be able to be with him a few times, mostly at family reunions. A couple of years ago, we had dinner together at a smaller family gathering in Asheville, NC. He was so full of love. His eyes sparkled with joy, and he had a great laugh. I canÃ¢â‚¬â„¢t imagine how difficult his unexpected death is, especially for his Mom, sisters, nieces, and nephews. My love and prayers are with all of you.

May 28 at 8:00 PM

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JK

Jack/Cheryl Kilroy posted:

Terry & familySincere condolences from Jack & Cheryl KilroyPrayers for healing during this time. Hugs my friend.

May 28 at 8:00 PM

DD

Dan Hartness, Cindy Walkowiak, And Joey Bacik (Deceased) We lit a candle in honor of James.

May 28 at 8:00 PM

EO

Eikthyrnir Odinson posted:

I'm sorry, I think very much of the family. My condolences to the family, I am truly sorry for your loss.

May 28 at 8:00 PM

EB

Ermina Burk posted:

Happy go lucky Jim, always smiling and ready to help or give you the shirt. He always baled his Uncle Joe out at family gatherings bidding on things at the picnic that were for sale and not having the money to pay for them, Jim always paid for them. I will miss you Jim but I wonÃ¢â‚¬â„¢t forget you. Love you, Aunt Cookie

May 28 at 8:00 PM

Memories only last if you share them

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

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