



Jay James Jodway

May 24, 1937 - February 16, 2023

Jay James Jodway, 85, was called into heaven Feb 16, 2023 surrounded by his adoring family. He was preceded in death by his parents Victor and Olga, son Keith and sister Jennifer. He is survived by sons Kirk and Jason. Also survived by siblings Joyce Bruno and Jimmy Jodway. He leaves behind grandchildren Jamason, Jenevieve, Juliet, and Micah. His loving nieces and nephews Teni, Ricky, Kelty, Bemie, Joyce, Jay, and Jeffrey; and Gail his loving college wife. He was a lifetime resident of Grosse Pointe. His lifelong artistic talent was a source of pride and incredible achievement throughout his life. He attended Eastern Michigan University earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree and was awarded an MFA graduate degree from the prestigious Cranbrook Academy and was also granted a teaching fellowship at Cranbrook Academy. His love of lithography was showcased in countless museums and traveling shows around the world. He served his country proudly in the United States Air Force where he received many citations of honor. He earned his pilot's license later in life with our small family plane and took great delight soaring with the eagles. Funeral services will be held at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 10 a.m., visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by a ceremonial military burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Jay's philosophy in life was "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened".

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 23. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Hugo of the Hills Church
2215 OPDYKE ROAD
BLOOMFIELD HILLS , MI 48304
<https://www.sthugo.org/>

Funeral Mass

FEB 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

FEB 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery
Holly, MI

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to Jay’s family. I only recently became aware of his passing.. Jay was a longtime friend and colleague. We met in 1963 at Eastern MI.U. We remained friends for decades. He taught with me and for me at Oakland Community College for many years. We shared a history of parallel careers. I have a large woodcut of Jay’s created at EMU. It hangs in a prominent place in my home. He was a talented and gifted person. May He Rest In Peace 🙏

ray katz - March 27, 2023 at 09:33 PM

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“ With deepest sympathy to my Jodway cousins. Jay was such a gifted man with a beautiful smile. May he RIP.

Victoria Ruhf - February 24, 2023 at 10:51 AM

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“ 5 files added to the album Jay



Terri Popilchak - February 24, 2023 at 10:09 AM

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What beautiful family photos!

Victoria Ruhf - February 24, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *I am a first cousin to Jay, our mothers were sisters. I will always remember him as a kind spirited, gentle soul. I went to one of his art shows in Birmingham, Mich and it was incredible. The viewers were all speechless at his beautiful work.*

RIP jay

Emily Valente Bitonti

Emily Bitonti - February 23, 2023 at 12:56 PM

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Thank you Emily

Terri Popilchak - February 24, 2023 at 09:49 AM