



James Goniwiecha

November 13, 1953 - May 10, 2021

James Michael Goniwiecha (aka: Jim, Beep & Papa) age 67 of Ocala, FL peacefully passed away Monday, May 10, 2021 in his home. He was born November 13, 1953 in Detroit, Michigan, to Alfred and Rita Goniwiecha. At 19 years of age Jim married the love of his life, Gail Judith Cralle, age 21 at the time. They complimented each other well for nearly 50 years of marriage raising a family, traveling & caring for others anytime they saw a need. His legacy lives on through the families of his 4 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Daughter - Stacie Eileen (Crandall) Sherman (deceased) married to Robert John Sherman and Grandchildren - Mackenzie Rene, Noah Daniel, Madison Ann and Joshua John, Son - Jason Lee Goniwiecha and Granddaughters - Tiffany Marie (Great-Grandchildren: Noah Lee Goniwiecha, Valentina Marie and Vinny Carter Ondra) and Hannah Rose, Son - Jeremy Wade Goniwiecha married to Sherry Pauline (Smith) and Grandchildren - Tyler Wade, Zackary Michael and Alexis Trinity, Daughter - Sarah Lynn (Goniwiecha) Larkins married to Matthew Keith Larkins and Granddaughter - Alexandra Mizie and through his remaining siblings Lawrence (Ana), Joel, Susan (Jonathan) Sanders, Mark, Steven, Marcia (Gary) Lange, Nancy (Gil) Bourgeois, Robert (Kelly), Julie Yancy, Jon (Yeon), Ruth Yerkes, Janice (Mike) Morefield and Lorene Kline. Jim was welcomed to his eternal home by his LORD & Savior Jesus Christ, both of his parents Alfred Anthony Goniwiecha (age 89) and Rita Magdalene (Bartkowiak) Goniwiecha (age 79), his mother-in-law Mizie L. (Dawson) Cralle (age 63) and father-in-law William Clare Cralle

(age 90) remarried to Irene (Thibert) Morosini-Cralle (age 99), 2 older brothers - Thomas Alfred Goniwiecha (age 75) and Alan Joseph Goniwiecha (age 73), and his daughter Stacie Eileen Sherman (age 46). Jim worked for Chrysler Motor Company and the Center Line, Michigan Public School System before retiring in 2006 at the age of 52, upon which people would often ask him, "So Jim, how are you enjoying your retirement?", and he always grinned giving the same delighted reply, "I highly recommend it!". Jim and Gail spent their retirement years enjoying the great outdoors in Northern MI, Nevada and more recently moved to Ocala, FL where they loved to explore various parks and beaches. He was an accomplished Bible Scholar and Ordained Minister making it his life mission to share The Gospel with everyone he met. He especially loved his family and numerous pets throughout the years, as well as anything nature or wild life related. In his spare time he worked at refining his golf game & wood-working skills, and a favorite pastime was entertaining family and friends with beautiful, and sometimes comical renditions of music that he sung & played on his guitar. The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to Roberts Funeral Home East Chapel 2739 SE Maricamp Rd., Ocala, Fl. 34471. In lieu of flowers, donations to one of Jim's favorite non-profits Bearing Precious Seed Ministries' can be made in his memory at <http://bpslansing.org/donate/> . No formal funeral will take place at this time, but a Celebration of Life will occur at a later date for immediate family as Jim expressed were his wishes.

Tribute Wall

“ When I photographed the wedding of my sister Gail and Jim I thought they might be too young to know what they were doing. It turns out, 48 happy years later, with 3 children and an extended family they knew what they were doing.

Beneath Jim's quiet, humble manner was a steadfast resolve and moral compass to always do what he felt was right. As a responsible individual he took pride in doing a job well, without bragging or complaining.

He could tell jokes with a deadpan tone of voice that always ended with a chuckle. Conversely, he had a flexibility that enabled him to take life's inevitable setbacks in stride, and there certainly were a few.

Seemingly out of character, at least for me, Jim was a natural born trader. He delighted in buying and selling used vehicles on which I'm sure he always made a profit.

And speaking of profit, Jim had a gift for poker. He would modestly rack up winnings at a casino or online that belied belief. I suspect more than once a holiday for him and Gail was financed with his winnings. Given a little more time, Las Vegas might have gained a new owner.

Being adventuresome with food wasn't in the cards for Jim. His preference was simple meat and potatoes, a nod to the solid Polish fare on which he grew up.

Both Gail and Jim found variety in other ways, namely delighting in multiple adventuresome home purchases. Their stomping grounds ranged from Michigan forests (more than once) to Arizona desert and on to a Floridian community which they embraced.

Jim's default character was being good-natured and helpful. Most of all, he was a good husband and loving, charitable father. We will all

remember that.

Gary Crallé - May 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *It was such a pleasure to be in his presence last summer when Mackenzie was in town to visit. I loved talking to him and listening to him tell stories. He also sure was a good corn hole player! I was glad that Mackenzie was able to spend time together with him and you all. Thank you Sarah for having us.*

Sophia Hindmarsh - May 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM