



James W. Reile

July 25, 1937 - February 10, 2026

James W. Reile, age 88, of Upper Sandusky, passed away peacefully at Blanchard Valley Hospital on February 10, 2026. He was born July 25, 1937, to the late Ulrich C. Reile and E. Marjorie (Wyss) Reile Shane. He was also blessed with his stepmother, Cartha (Critchett) Reile, and stepfather, Wilbur Shane.

On July 27, 1957, Jim married the love of his life, Emma H. (Lucius) Reile. Together they shared nearly 69 years of marriage, building a life rooted in faith, family, and hard work. Emma survives at home in Upper Sandusky. Jim is also survived by his children, James (Kathleen) Reile, Randy (Diane) Reile, Patricia (Kenneth) Young, all of Upper Sandusky, Don Reile, of Columbus, and Rachel Kaplan of Maineville; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren, all of whom were a constant source of pride and joy in his life. He is further survived by his sister, Kathleen (Nolan) Green of Texas, and his half-sister, Sandy (Mark) Micheli of Upper Sandusky, whom Jim helped raise and remained very close to throughout his life. He was preceded in death by his stepbrothers, Dallas and Denny Critchett, and a stepsister, Barbara Therlertis.

Jim Graduated from Salem High School with the class of 1955. He was a lifelong farmer, astute business man, and was equally dedicated to serving the Upper Sandusky/Wyandot County community. In addition to farming, he

proudly served on the Wyandot County Sheriff's Department and the Sheriff's Auxiliary for more than 50 years. A member of Transfiguration of the Lord Catholic Church, Jim lived his faith through quiet generosity and kindness. He was a member of the Wyandot County Rod and Gun Club, Moose Lodge 1093, and the Elks Lodge BPOE 83. He served as a board member of Angeline Industries and dedicated 39 years as a board member of First Citizens National Bank. He was also past president of the USHS Rams Boosters and served for many years on the Wyandot County Hall of Fame committee.

Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing (especially trips to Whitefish Falls in Canada), vacations in Las Vegas, and the friendships he built over a lifetime of truly loving people, especially with the local morning breakfast group. Jim was famously known for his gift of storytelling (especially about sports accomplishments in his youth, hunting, fishing, and yes, trips to Las Vegas!). Yet, nothing brought him more joy than sitting in the stands, cheering on his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren at their sporting events. His greatest pride was his family, and he rarely missed an opportunity to support them.

A funeral service will be held Monday, February 16, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph-Salem Heritage Society, 7975 Twp Hwy, 103, Carey, (Wyandot county), Ohio with Father Savio Manavalan OFM Conv. & Deacon Kevin Wintersteller officiating. Visitation will be held at Bringman Clark Funeral Home Sunday, February 15, 2026, from 1 to 4 p.m., with a 4:00 p.m. Catholic Prayer Service.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph/Salem Heritage Society or to the charity of the donor's choice in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home, 226 East Wyandot Ave., Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351. To extend a condolence or share a memory, please visit www.BringmanClark.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery*

Salem Township
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bringman-Clark Funeral Home
226 E. Wyandot Avenue
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351
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<https://www.bringmanclark.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB **16**. 10:30 AM.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Video



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - February 25 at 02:08 PM

KP

“ Sending condolences to Emma and family for the recent passing of Jim. We will miss Jim's friendly wave as he passes our cottage going up the lake to fish. He's one of the last "old boys" left in the bay who enjoyed hunting and fishing for many years. Rest in Peace Jim! Kathryn Perry, and family.

Kathryn Perry - February 17 at 01:05 PM

MP

“ Our thoughts & prayers to the Reile Family.

Mike & Sheryl Pfeifer

Mike & Sheryl Pfeifer - February 16 at 04:13 PM

BO

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Reile family. He was a great man.

Brian & Cheryl Orians - February 15 at 03:57 PM

JL

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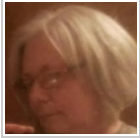


Jeremiah Logsdon - February 14 at 08:38 PM

CB

“ Such great memories with my parents. Loved the times I spent with him in Vegas years ago, he was so funny. Prayers to all the family and cherish the times.

Cory Best - February 14 at 05:36 PM



“ Diane Walton lit a candle in memory of James W. Reile



Diane Walton - February 14 at 12:32 PM

MF

“ Mercy Health Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James W. Reile.



Mercy Health Family - February 14 at 10:58 AM

LF

“ L.T. Distributing/ Larry Taylor Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James W. Reile.



L.T. Distributing/ Larry Taylor Family - February 13 at 06:31 PM

AC

“ Amanda Peirano and Caitlyn purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James W. Reile.



Amanda Peirano and Caitlyn - February 13 at 05:10 PM

AC

“ Amanda Peirano and Caitlyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Reile.

Amanda Peirano and Caitlyn - February 13 at 05:10 PM

RF

“ Renee & the Main Street family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James W. Reile.



Renee & the Main Street family - February 13 at 01:25 PM

RF

“ Renee & the Main Street family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Reile.

Renee & the Main Street family - February 13 at 01:25 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James W. Reile.



February 13 at 01:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James W. Reile.



February 13 at 12:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James W. Reile.

February 13 at 12:14 PM

SG

“ Sincerely, Roger and Marcia Gagnon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James W. Reile.



Sincerely, Roger and Marcia Gagnon - February 13 at 12:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James W. Reile.



February 13 at 10:40 AM

BB

“ Bob& Tammy Buckland purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James W. Reile.



Bob& Tammy Buckland - February 13 at 09:06 AM

BS

“ Brian Stansbery lit a candle in memory of James W. Reile



Brian Stansbery - February 13 at 08:48 AM

JC

“ I am going to miss the Mount Union talks with Jim. Prayers to all of you.

Joe Clark - February 13 at 08:33 AM

BA

“ Uncle Jim, a man whose strong work ethic and dedication to his community were evident in everything he did. His love for his friends and family defined him best. Uncle Jim valued the people in his life above all else, showing his care through kindness, loyalty, and a steady presence that made everyone feel supported. His warmth, generosity, and devotion will remain with us long after today. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.
-Bill Arnold

Bill Arnold - February 12 at 06:30 PM

LL

“ So sorry to hear of Mr Reile's passing. We will miss his visits on Pig Island (Canada) with us and my mom and his waves on his passing by while fishing. Our thoughts are with Emma and his family at this time.
Terry & Linda Lyttle (Perry)

Linda Lyttle - February 12 at 06:05 PM



“ Always by Your Side - Glassware was purchased for the family of James W. Reile.



February 12 at 04:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James W. Reile.*



February 12 at 04:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James W. Reile.

February 12 at 04:01 PM



“ *Love, Gareth and Amy Dolan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James W. Reile.*



Love, Gareth and Amy Dolan - February 12 at 03:10 PM



“ *Ann and Jeff McBride purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James W. Reile.*



Ann and Jeff McBride - February 12 at 03:01 PM



“ *Ann and Jeff McBride planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Reile.*

Ann and Jeff McBride - February 12 at 03:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James W. Reile.*



February 12 at 02:31 PM



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February 12 at 02:31 PM