



James M. Ariel

November 20, 1951 - December 25, 2021

James M. Ariel, age 70 passed away peacefully on December 25, 2021. Beloved husband of Bonita (née Atilano); Loving and Cherished father of Vanessa (Dan) Medlin and Natalie (Nate) Wolfe; Proud Poppa of Issac Daniel and Isabel Marie; Son of the late Robert Ariel and late Pauline Ariel; Dear brother of Karen (Michael) Pritts and Linda (Richard) Reese; Loyal friend, uncle, nephew and cousin to many. James retired in 2011 from the ATU Local 241 where he worked as a CTA bus Mechanic for over 30 years. He still lived in his childhood home, in McKinley Park, where he was a resident for 60 years. He enjoyed The Rolling Stones, NASCAR and spending time outdoors at his vacation home in Michigan. His retirement was spent being a chauffeur for his wife and enjoying every second he could with his grandchildren. "Say not in grief he is no more, but live in thankfulness that he was" ~ Hebrew Proverb

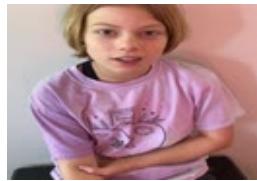
Due to Covid restrictions, all funeral arrangements will be private and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Jude Cancer Research Organization in Jim's honor.

Tribute Wall

VM

“ *Ma, here is the video for daddy's 70th*



Vanessa Ariel Medlin - January 12, 2022 at 08:07 PM

JZ

“ *I remember Jim well from the old neighborhood days. He was passionate about cars and had this exuberance and energy about him that everyone enjoyed. My condolences to the Ariel family.*

John Zasadzinski - January 11, 2022 at 06:37 PM

HF

“ *We are so sorry for your loss we will always miss Jim's energetic personality and unique laugh. We wish your family peace and love at this time.*

Hermanowicz family. - January 06, 2022 at 10:45 AM

DH

“ Jim you were a cranky teenager when I lived downstairs and you lived upstairs...ha ha Even though we graduated Kelly HS at the same time we had our own set of friends and thats okay. Just the same, our families were close and spent lots of time with our other cousins. However, somewhere in those teen years and beyond you melted and became a wonderful husband and father to your girls, and a proud grandpa to your grandchildren. They will all reap the benefit of the love you gave them and take it with them into their own lives. You left a mark on them that they will remember all their lives, and that you can be proud of. You did not deserve to leave this world the way it happened. May you rest in peace and one day I will see you on the other side to rag you about your hidden softer side and how it pulls your family together today and always. Love & Miss You, Cousin Doris Rackley-Hubner

Doris Hubner - January 05, 2022 at 04:05 PM

RW

“ Jim was my brothers best friend. My mom died when I was 6 years old. Jim was there. That was 58 years ago. I sat on his lap and he read me the 3 bears book. I am now 63. Jim and Bonnie Natilie and Vanessa had always been part of our family. Vacations dinners everything. Jim is going to be missed more then anybody knows. Love you Ariels.

Robin Wingate - December 30, 2021 at 11:41 PM

FK

A good man, a good friend ,a good husband and father. We will miss his smile

Frank Kress - December 31, 2021 at 04:12 PM

DR

“ I’ve known Jim and the family for over 50 years. We were neighbors on Wood St. Many memories of both the Ariel and Atilano Family. May He Rest In Peace. And May the Family find Comfort & Peace in knowing He has gone Home. Your Friend Debbie

Debra Radovanovic - December 30, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DR

My dearest cousin Jimmy, you were always such a sweet soul and a good person, son, brother, husband, father and great grandfather. I will miss seeing you at family gatherings. RIP, love you always! Dee Anna

Dee Richardson-Crist - December 30, 2021 at 01:18 PM

CH

“ Jim was a sweetheart A kind person he made me smile when I see him he was a funny guy He’s truly going to be missed my condolences to the family

Christine hypes - December 30, 2021 at 06:45 AM

BV

“ Jim was like family to me and my family. I considered him a dear friend and will miss him greatly. My prayers and support to everyone.
Bob V.

Bob VanWagner - December 29, 2021 at 09:29 PM

BM

“ Jim was one of my best friends growing up and later on in years. He was a great brother in law and uncle to my children. I will never forget growing up in the same hood as Jim, and everyone always counted on his knowledge of auto mechanics when needed. His friendship will be sorely missed. Bonnie, Vanessa, Natalie, and the entire Atilano and Ariel family, my heart is broken and my prayers are for all of you. Until we meet again Jim.....

Bill Marose - December 29, 2021 at 09:28 PM

CR

“ Jim is a wonderful, kind, sweet, loving person. I have not seen him in awhile but will miss knowing he is gone from us.



Carol Rix - December 28, 2021 at 09:06 AM