



James L. Chamberlin

June 12, 1942 - February 5, 2025

James L. Chamberlin, 82, of Estero, FL, passed away on February 5, 2025. Born in Pontiac, Michigan, he was the son of the late James L. and Alice M. (née Holmquist) Chamberlin, Sr.

Jim's passion for engineering and the automotive industry shaped a remarkable career. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from GMI (now Kettering University) in 1965 and later obtained his MBA from the University of Michigan, Dearborn. He began his career at General Motors as a mechanical engineer and worked his way up to Chief Engineer. Over the years, he held leadership and management roles at Chrysler, TRW Automotive, and Textron, dedicating his life's work to advancing the automobile industry.

Jim accomplished his dream of becoming a Florida resident upon his retirement, enjoying many years of golf, sunshine and relaxation.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Debra M. Chamberlin of Estero, FL; his children, Stacey N. Chamberlin of Falls Church, VA and Brian L. Chamberlin (Kelsey) of Estero, FL, his cherished grandson, Whit Chamberlin; and his sister, Charlotte Doud. He was preceded in death by his sister, Beverly TerMarsch who died in December 2018.

Private family services will be held in Michigan at a future date.

Donations in Jim's memory may be made to the D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans) at www.dav.org. Leader Dogs for the Blind at www.Leaderdog.org. or the charity of your choice.

To sign the guest register or leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are under the care of Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, FL 48038-2903

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

BC

“ Jim was a good boss, friend and fellow golf enthusiast. He was a mentor, both in the engineering office and on the golf course. I am so sorry to have heard of his passing. Condolences to his family.
Boyd Cryer

Boyd Cryer - March 24, 2025 at 04:03 AM

YF

“ Your Whittier Park Alley Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James L. Chamberlin.



Your Whittier Park Alley Family - March 15, 2025 at 01:46 PM

LS

“ Debbie, I was so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. My deepest condolences to you, Stacey, Brian, and the rest of your family. ❤️

Linda Daly Stronczer - February 24, 2025 at 05:23 PM

CH

“ A life well lived is a life remembered with love and many fond memories. I spent many hours with Jim generally playing golf and the relaxation time thereafter. To know Jim was to respect him. He will always be in my thoughts. Debra and family please accept our condolences.

Charles Hrdlicka - February 21, 2025 at 09:11 AM

MB

“ It was nice knowing you and enjoyed playing golf with you several times. We will miss you God bless your soul. Bhupen Mepani

Mepani Bhupendra - February 20, 2025 at 10:35 PM

AB

“ To Jim's Family.

I was shocked and saddened to learn of Jim's passing.

We met in Shadow Wood back in 2006. Jim was conducting the annual surveys for the Country Club and because of my Market Research career, we became good friends and first as a helper then after he handed over the responsibility to me I carried on the surveys for several years.

We always had a kind word for each other when we met and I know he was passionate about life, all the things he did, his family and of course his golf -which he was very good at!

He was a lovely person to have known and been linked with. A gentleman in the true sense of the word. I will miss his acknowledgements and his just being here. My sincere condolences to the family.

Allan and Gillian Bowditch.

Allan Bowditch - February 20, 2025 at 02:49 PM



PC

“ Very much enjoyed playing golf with Jim at Shadow. He was always willing you with your swing, but only if you asked. Sympathies and prayers to the family

Peter Cordon - February 20, 2025 at 12:49 PM

TO

“ *Debbie, we are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Our condolences to you and your family. Pat and Tom Ohradzansky*

Tom & Pat Ohradzansky - February 20, 2025 at 11:07 AM

JK

“ *Dear Deb and family. We are so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Our love and compassion.. Judy and Joe Kahl*

Judy Kahl - February 19, 2025 at 01:10 PM