



James Frederick Braun

September 20, 1948 - April 17, 2026

James F. Braun, 77, of Lakeview, OH, passed away 12:57 p.m., Friday April 17, 2026, at Lima Memorial Health System, with his loving family at his side, He was born September 20, 1948, in Lima, OH, the son of the late Louis R. and Ina C. (Koehl) Braun. On February 17, 1968, he married Pamela K. Martin, and she preceded him in death on January 22, 2016.

Survivors include,

5 children, Laccy (Becky Ross) Braun, Liverpool, NY,

Tammy (Bryan) Thomas, Wapakoneta,

James J. Braun, Wapakoneta,

Nathan Braun, Lima,

Sheena Braun, Lakeview, OH;

2 grandchildren, Kayla Burkholder and Jenna Braun;

3 great grandchildren, Austin, Ryleigh, and Jonathon, Jr.;

siblings, Edgar (Betty Ann-deceased) Braun, Homer, NY,

Carol (Tom-deceased) Manger, Wapakoneta,

Robert Braun, Wapakoneta,

Judith-deceased (Ron) Steinke, Botkins, OH,

Barbara (Jerry) Meyers, Delphos, OH,

Joe Braun, Wapakoneta;

numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Jim worked as a welder at Brown Welding in Botkins and later as a security guard at Honda in Marysville. He also spent time working as a mechanic at

Steinke Marathon in Botkins. A graduate of St. Joseph High School in Wapakoneta, Jim proudly served his community as a volunteer firefighter and EMT with the Botkins Fire Department. In his free time, he enjoyed playing computer games, watching TV, trying his luck with lottery tickets, and playing bingo. Jim was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need and was known as the neighborhood handyman. Above all, his life centered around his family, especially his daughter, Sheena.

A Celebration of Jim's life will be 12-3 p.m., Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the Parish Life Center of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta. The entrance is off the west parking lot of the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to a fund to benefit his daughter, Sheena. Arrangements are under the direction of the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta, where condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **25**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Parish Life Center, St. Joseph Catholic Church
309 Perry St.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Tribute Wall

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“ I love you very much Dad and I will miss you forever. You were the best dad a girl could ever have. I'll miss your craziness and your laugh and the love you had for your family and friends. RIH Dad till I see you again. Give mom a hug from me.

Tamara Thomas - 15 hours ago

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“ Eric M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Frederick Braun.

Eric M. - April 24 at 02:42 PM