



## Mr. James J. Beitz of Crystal Lake

June 27, 1954 - September 17, 2023

James J. Beitz, 69, of Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Loving father of Ryan Beitz, Renee Beitz and Nathan Beitz; cherished brother of Bill (Gail) Beitz, Paul (Kathleen) Beitz, Brian (Cheri) Beitz, Eileen (Will) Mandel and Kathy (Bill) Wilson; devoted uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2023 from 3:00 to 9:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 West Hassell Rd., (Northeast corner of Barrington Rd.), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169. Family and Friends will meet Friday, September 29, 2023 for a visitation from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and a funeral service that will begin 11:00 A.M. at Willow Creek Community Church, in Chapel (Bldg. B), 67 East Algonquin Road, South Barrington, Illinois, 60010.

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos. For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences please click on the "Share A Memory" link above and you can leave a message. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o the Family; we will gladly forward it on to the family.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

# Cemetery Details

**The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.**

2550 Hassell Road  
(Northeast corner at Barrington Road)  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
(847) 752-6444  
ross@morizzofuneralhome.com  
<http://MorizzoFuneralHome.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**SEP 28.** 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials  
2550 Hassell Road  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
(847) 752-6444  
ross@morizzofuneralhome.com  
<https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

**SEP 29.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington  
67 Algonquin Road  
South Barrington, IL 60010  
(847) 765-5000  
<http://www.willowcreek.org/>

## Funeral Service

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SEP **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington  
67 Algonquin Road  
South Barrington, IL 60010  
(847) 765-5000  
<http://www.willowcreek.org/>

# Tribute Wall

LN

“ How terribly sad we were to see Jim notice online. It's already five months past. In the 70's we met Jim at Crowley department store (Michigan). He was always so very kind, funny, full of life, and a wonderful friend. We will have the Holy Mass said for the repose of his soul at St. Joseph Chapel and Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary - Pontiac, MI. May his family cherish his good memories .  
Kathleen and Lee Nuttall

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lee and kathleen nuttall - February 27, 2024 at 12:14 PM

ML

“ I met Jim at Willow Creek and only knew him for the last 6 or 7 years of his life but feel like we became pretty good friends during that time. We were in the same "small group" fellowship at Willow for a while. We shared a common background and interest in metallurgy and I can say he was a very knowledgeable, technical expert in that field. My wife is from Pittsburgh so we shared lots of stories and good memories about Steel City also. Looking back, it seems fitting that his career was in the steel industry. In terms of character, he had the strength and integrity of the highest grade stainless steel that can be made. His strength and positive attitude in the face of physical adversity was an inspiration to me. He was always so positive and friendly, and giving of himself. He served as a greeter in our church and as a long term leader in the "Recovery" ministry - constantly helping others. We should all emulate Jim in this regard. I feel blessed to have known him and proud to say we were friends. As Brian said, simply put he was a genuinely wonderful man - and he will be missed. My condolences to his entire family.

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Mark R Little - September 29, 2023 at 09:42 AM

JC

“ Jason C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James J. Beitz.

Jason C. - September 28, 2023 at 09:23 AM

AB

“ Aryn Beitz purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. James J. Beitz of Crystal Lake.



Aryn Beitz - September 27, 2023 at 06:45 PM

AB

“ Aryn Beitz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James J. Beitz.

Aryn Beitz - September 27, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Beitz of Crystal Lake.



September 27, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ 69 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 27, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Beitz of Crystal Lake.*



September 27, 2023 at 11:05 AM



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

September 27, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Beitz of Crystal Lake.*



September 26, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Beitz of Crystal Lake.



September 26, 2023 at 10:08 AM



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

September 26, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ Sharon S. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. James J. Beitz of Crystal Lake.



Sharon S. - September 25, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ Ron &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James J. Beitz.

Ron &. - September 25, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Beitz of Crystal Lake.



September 24, 2023 at 09:47 AM

ME

“ My most sincere condolences to Jim’s children and siblings and their wives, husbands and children. I knew Jim from high school. He was a year ahead of me but we would often exchange messages on Facebook, and he attended one or two multiple class reunions I was involved in. Such a nice guy. We often talked about our parents. He would tell me how much his dad loved the Detroit Tigers. And I would share that my stepdad was a huge Detroit Tigers fan as well. He was always very kind, very intelligent and thoughtful in how he expressed himself. I want to thank his family for posting this on my Facebook so that I was aware. I really appreciate it and I know this is such a difficult time for all of the family and my heart goes out to all of you. ❤️

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**Marcia Elliott** - September 22, 2023 at 09:02 PM

LK

Jim was my first cousin, he was everyone’s favorite; kind, funny, and full of life. My family lived with our grandmother and Jim used to make special trips from Michigan to Buffalo when he was a young man, before he was married, to visit my grandmother and stay with her for a weekend. What 21 year old guy with a job and a girlfriend drives from Michigan to Buffalo to visit his grandmother? That was Jim, he was a real “gem”! He will be missed by so many. Hugs to all of the Beitz’s.

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**Laura Kane** - September 24, 2023 at 10:02 AM

TB

*I just found out about the passing of Jim today. My deepest condolences to his children and siblings. I am a friend from the Bentley High School class of 1972. We were in band class, and played street hockey after school on the Jackson Elementary blacktop. We kept in touch over the years. For the last 15 years, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving was special, as Jim would come to Michigan for his family Thanksgiving, and three ladies also from our class would meet at Macaroni Grill for dinner and laugh at our fun times at Bentley. We would close the place down and they would kick us out after 11. In the last two years, he no longer had family in Michigan, but we still got together with Zoom calls this night to relive old memories. These annual 'reunions' with myself and the ladies from Bentley meant the world to Jim, and he looked forward to this one, special dinner with us every year. Not tonight. I will remember his infectious smile, and his tremendous sense of humor, and deep faith in Christ. Vaya con Dios, my friend.*

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**Ted Bien** - November 22, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Beitz of Crystal Lake.



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September 22, 2023 at 05:25 PM



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

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September 22, 2023 at 05:25 PM

CB

“ 7 files added to the album Jim



Cheri Beitz - September 22, 2023 at 03:43 PM

ME

*These are great photos!!!*

Marcia Elliott - September 22, 2023 at 08:55 PM

RE

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Renee - September 22, 2023 at 03:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Beitz of Crystal Lake.*



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September 22, 2023 at 12:22 PM



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

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September 22, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Our Condolences to You Renee & your family at this Sad Time. May Your Dad RIP. Love Mama Mona & Sib*

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**Ramona Virgilio' Cahill** - September 22, 2023 at 08:31 AM



“ *I am deeply saddened hearing of Jimmy's passing . It's been many years since I last saw Jim but I did enjoy messaging with him via FB. He loved that I love The U of M and most of our chats were about Wolverine football and basketball and the many heartaches they provided. He once wrote " I just realized you're a fan of The Bills and Wolverines... thats rough ! " I will always be grateful for his keeping in touch with my Mom it meant so much to her especially after my Dad passed. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Beitz family . Rest in Peace Jim . Go Blue !! Doug*

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**Doug Boechel** - September 22, 2023 at 05:13 AM

JA

“ Julie A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James J. Beitz.

Julie A. - September 21, 2023 at 10:42 PM

CB

“ 10 files added to the album Jim



Cheri Beitz - September 21, 2023 at 10:20 PM

SK

“ My heart is heavy learning of Jim’s passing. He shared his smile and infectious laugh with many. But his strength and his endless faith in God is what I’ll remember most. Jim counseled me with honest life lessons and encouraged me in more ways that even he didn’t realize. May he rest in peace. My prayers are with the family and all that loved him. We lost a good one, a really good one. - Sue

Sue K. - September 21, 2023 at 09:47 PM

SS

“ Sue, Mary Lou, Geoff, Colleen & John Scott purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. James J. Beitz of Crystal Lake.



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**Sue, Mary Lou, Geoff, Colleen & John Scott** - September 21,  
2023 at 09:30 PM

BB

“My brother Jim was, simply put, a beautiful man and devoted disciple of Christ. When I was a kid, sometimes he would take me along when he was running errands, and I remember how nice he was to everyone he met. A gas station attendant, fast food cashier, any complete stranger, it didn't matter. He'd greet them with a hearty “how ya doin' today?!”. That is just who he was, and he stayed the same through his entire life.

*Jim was born at Mercy Hospital in Buffalo, NY in June of 1954. He spent his early years in Buffalo until Dad moved the family to Livonia, MI to work at Ford headquarters. Jim embraced the change and just recently told again me how much he still loved Michigan and would love to live there if circumstances permitted.*

*He graduated from The University of Michigan at Dearborn and went on to have an incredibly successful career in the steel business. First at Mitsui, a Japanese company, then with stops in Pittsburgh and finally Chicago. His incredible personality and true desire to humbly serve his clients led to great sales success.*

*He always loved University of Michigan sports, especially football. I loved talking to him about the Wolverines' chances or how they played last week. We'd also talk about how the Red Wings might do in the coming year. He had a Michigan block “M” painted for me as a gift, and it still hangs proudly in my den.*

*Jim's love of family was deep. He literally was like a kid traveling to Michigan for Thanksgivings to see everyone. He couldn't wait. He loved his three children with the sacrificial kind of love any parent should aspire to have.*

*Jim was a profile of courage. He was very athletic. He and I used to play basketball on the driveway for hours...first one to 100 wins. He was an excellent softball player, proudly representing the Wintergarden Bar in his earlier years. He and I used to play tennis at his mother-in-law's apartment complex. Then, in the mid 1980s*

*he was diagnosed with MS. He battled it courageously for 40 years and beat the odds in so many ways. As much as it hurts to lose him, when I picture him restored to full wholeness and glory it gives me consolation.*

*Jim was a man of faith. When I was in college, he sent me a Bible with a letter and it helped to kickstart my own journey of faith. His prayer was powerful, and there are many stories of how the Lord heard and answered his prayers to the benefit of his family and friends.*

*Jim, you ran the race well...I'm sure you have been greeted by Christ with "well done, my good and faithful servant". While we are all hurting, it is comforting to know that you are joined once again with Mom and Dad. Please pray for us and soak up your rich rewards in Heaven. I love you brother.*

*Brian*

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**Brian Beitz** - September 21, 2023 at 09:12 PM

LH

“*Oh, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Jim. We shared tears and laughs when we met and became friends at Willow. What a dear man he was. I will remember him always.*

*Lou ann Truty Huber*

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**Lou ann Truty Huber** - September 21, 2023 at 05:57 PM

NB

“ Dear Beitz family. Please accept our deepest sympathy on your loss of a wonderful, father, brother and friend. We knew Jim during his time in Pittsburgh and shared many good stories and memories. I'm sure you've heard some of those stories, especially his time in Wilmerding, our trip to Wildwood, the softball team and our many parties. That would always make him laugh when we'd talk to him and reminisced. We never lost touch with him and he will always be a cherished friend. RIP Jim, you will be missed by all who've met you. 💔

Nadine and Phil Belejchak  
Tampa, FL

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Nadine Belejchak - September 21, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Beitz of Crystal Lake.



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September 20, 2023 at 06:29 PM

KC

“ Kathleen C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James J. Beitz.

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Kathleen C. - September 20, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Beitz of Crystal Lake.*



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September 20, 2023 at 04:15 PM