



James L Horney

July 9, 1947 - January 28, 2026

Jim was born on July 9, 1947, in Blue Island, IL to parents, Henry and Marion Horney.

Jim married Margaret Mayo on April 23, 1977, and together they shared 48 years of marriage and raised their son, Michael.

Jim served in the U.S. Army as a helicopter mechanic and then as a clerk. He served both stateside and in Korea. Following his service, he began a long and fulfilling career in the family retail business, Horney's Dime Store which evolved to Value Village. He owned Radio Shack and Watseka Video in Watseka, IL before he retired. However, the "jobs" that brought him the most joy were being a loving and devoted husband and a great dad.

Jim never knew a stranger. He was somewhat of a gentle giant; always willing to lend a helping hand where needed. He was eager to share details of things he learned, especially how the movie you were currently watching ends! His infectious smile would let you know he was about to tell a funny story. He became the family historian. He always had a story to share. Telling those stories were a way for Jim to pass down guidance, laughter, sometimes sadness, family values, but mostly his love for his family and friends.

Jim is survived by his wife and son Michael (Amanda), Champaign IL. Also

surviving are his siblings Tom (Mary), Ned (Doreen), Ray, Gene, Carol (JR) Kaufmann, Paul (Tammy) along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Penny Sue, sister-in-law Karen and nephew Matt.

We will always remember Jim for his dedication to his family, his service to his country and the quiet impact he had on everyone fortunate enough to know him. In lieu of flowers and in the spirit of Jim's memory, lend a helping hand to someone in need, perform a random act of kindness, or donate to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Hack-Jensen Funeral Home
753 Hodges Street
Beecher, IL 60401
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com
<http://Hackfuneralhome.com>

Celebration of Life

FEB 8. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GS

“ My condolences to Jim's wife and family on his death . I delivered meals on wheels to them , and always enjoyed his upbeat attitude in the face of difficult challenges . After they started as meals clients I made the connection to Horney's Dime store , which I frequented often from my childhood home in Dolton . I am sorry for your loss .

Greg Siefert
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Greg Siefert - February 09 at 02:05 PM

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“ Jim was a funny great guy. Enjoyed his conversations, wit & humor. Along with his genuine caring nature. Sincere condolences to his family & friends ~°•
Shelley Turner



Shelley Turner - February 09 at 07:52 AM

RZ

“ ray mayo & zella planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James L Horney.

ray mayo & zella - February 06 at 12:00 PM

RZ

“ ray mayo & zella purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James L Horney.



ray mayo & zella - February 06 at 12:00 PM

KK

“ When I was 16 I worked with Jim at Value Village and later he provided me a office to operate my newspaper.
Jim was a friend who cared about others

Kevin Keath - February 05 at 08:33 PM

ST

“ Sandra Truitt purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James L Horney.



Sandra Truitt - February 05 at 06:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James L Horney.



February 05 at 04:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James L Horney.*



February 05 at 03:10 PM



“ *The Cleary Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James L Horney.*



The Cleary Family - February 04 at 01:13 PM



“ *Monica & Chris and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James L Horney.*

Monica & Chris and family - February 04 at 10:02 AM



“ *Monica & Chris and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James L Horney.*



Monica & Chris and family - February 04 at 10:02 AM