



## James Michael Couzins

February 14, 1940 - August 28, 2020

James Michael Couzins passed away peacefully on Friday August 28, at the age of 80, with his family by his side. Jim was born on February 14, 1940 in Cincinnati, Ohio to John and Geneva Couzins. The second of five sons, he was preceded in death by his parents and younger brother, Tom. Jim was a graduate of McNicholas High School and earned a master's degree in education from the University of Cincinnati. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and retired from the Ohio State Board of Education. Jim enjoyed both coaching and watching his four boys play sports- and later enjoyed watching his grandchildren's sporting events. He was an avid woodworker and looked forward to spending his winters in Bradenton, Florida. He is survived by his devoted wife of 51 years, Joanne, and their four sons: Jim (Julie) Couzins, Michael (Kelly Kirk) Couzins, John Couzins, Patrick (Brandi) Couzins. He was blessed with many loving grandchildren: Emily, Ryan, Danny and Jake Scianna; Kayla, Holli and Alie Kirk; Joey, Grace and Charlie Couzins. Jim was also survived by siblings: Jack (Pat) Couzins, Jerry (Jone) Couzins and Bill (Mary) Couzins- along with many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Michael's Catholic church in Worthington on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 10 am. A burial service will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Lewis Center. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made in Jim's name to Kobaker House Inpatient Hospice Care or [LUNGeivity.donordrive.com](https://LUNGeivity.donordrive.com) to help the fight against lung cancer. Condolences

may be made to the family at [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street  
Lewis Center, OH 43035

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church  
5750 N. High St.  
Worthington, OH 43085

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Michael Couzins*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Joanne and family,*

*It saddened us to learn of Jim's passing, he was always a delight to chat with, loved his smile and all the good stories he would tell. He will definitely be missed by many at Palma Sola Trace. You will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and in the days to come.*

*Richard and Terri Wurtz  
4059 Overture Circle*

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**Terri Wurtz** - November 25, 2020 at 05:32 PM

RP

“ *Joanne and family,*

*We knew Jim casually and not well but lived just up the street from you in PST. We are a USMC family too and could not help but notice his car plates which proudly declared Semper Fidelis.*


*Jim always had a hello whether sitting out front, from behind his tools in the garage, or out on his bike. When we realized there was a delay in his return FL a year ago we welcomed Jim back shortly after his return. He shared he'd had surgery. He looked great and was his usual good self. We looked forward to seeing him and you this winter but learned of his passing from a neighbor just today. He impressed me as a good man. We will miss him.*

*You have our deepest sympathy for your loss.*

*Roger & Susan Pigg  
Palma Sola Trace and Bettendorf IA*

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**Roger Pigg** - November 25, 2020 at 03:35 PM

 Bruce  
Euans

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I played soccer with Pat & for Coach Cousins for many years of my younger life. Jim was a wonderful Coach, Mentor, Leader & Teacher. I am now coaching my Daughter's soccer team and I think about Coach almost every practice & game. I'd like to think that Coach has helped me out with my athletes. My thoughts and prayers goes out to the whole family. God Bless.*

*Sincerely,*

*Bruce A. Euans*

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**Bruce Euans** - September 07, 2020 at 01:47 PM

HU

“ God Bless and Thank YOU Jim for your service in the Corps.  
RIP.....Semper Fi



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Herb Guyer Sharfenaker USMC - September 03, 2020 at 12:15 PM

DB

“ I worked with Jim for several years at the Division of Special Education. Jim was kind, playful, and generous. He is one of those whom I have thought of often since I left there in 1989. My deepest sympathies to Joanne and family. Jim was a very, very good man.

*Dr. Hal Barker*

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Dr. Hal Barker - September 03, 2020 at 11:18 AM

GF

“ *Joanne and Family,*

*We were so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I (George) was a colleague of his for many years at the Ohio Department of Education and Pat knew him well in her role as Director of Special Education in Marysville School District. When he walked in a room, you knew what a joy it was to have him around. He was one of the "good guys" any where he went. He was devoted to his job and exceptional children everywhere.*

*George and Pat Fichter*

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**George R. Fichter** - September 01, 2020 at 09:18 PM

PM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Couzins family. We're praying for the family during this difficult time. The Motil Family*

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**Patricia Motil** - September 01, 2020 at 07:15 PM



“ *David Darby purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Michael Couzins.*



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**David Darby** - September 01, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I've known the Couzins family for years and they've always been good to me. My thoughts and prayers goes out to the whole family.*

*Sincerely,*

*David Darby*

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**David Darby** - September 01, 2020 at 02:09 PM

RM

“ *ROGER USMC  
IT CANNOT BE INHERITED NOR CAN IT EVER BE PURCHASED.  
YOU AND NO ONE ALIVE CAN BUY IT FOR ANY PRICE.  
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RENT AND CANNOT BE LENT.  
YOU ALONE AND OUR OWN HAVE EARNED IT WITH YOUR  
SWEAT, BLOOD AND LIVES.  
YOU WON IT FOREVER.  
THE TITLE  
UNITED STATES MARINE  
GO WITH GOD MY BROTHER  
SEMPER F*

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**ROGER MALONE** - September 01, 2020 at 11:32 AM

SP

“ *So sorry for your loss. Spending time with the Couzins family will always be some of my best memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult times.*

*Sincerely,*

*Scott Preston*

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**Scott M Preston** - September 01, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Michael Couzins.*



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August 31, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ *Joanne and family-*

*Jim was a pleasure taking care of. I am so thankful for the time he spent with Nate when he was a boy and his beautiful would works. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Praying for you,*

*Dave and Dee McClure*

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**David McClure, MD** - August 31, 2020 at 06:39 AM