

## James Frasca

April 18, 1950 - March 4, 2019

James Carman Frasca, age 68, died March 4, 2019, at his home in Croton, Ohio. He is preceded in death by his parents, Anthony G. Frasca and Ann (Carman) Frasca. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Ellen (Combs) Frasca and sister, Robyn (Frasca) Carson. He will also be missed by his beloved cats: Mittens, Frosty, Molly, Daisy, and Bosco. James was a graduate of Niles McKinley High School and Kent State University. He was a nationally known purveyor of military antiques, with an emphasis on the Civil War. Visiting hours will be Friday, March 22, 5-7 p.m., and Saturday, March 23, 2-3 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life service, at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street in Worthington, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cozy Cat Cottage Adoption Center in Powell, Ohio 43065 or the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association (GBPA), P.O.Box 4087, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Condolences to [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
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Worthington, OH 43085  
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## Visitation

MAR **23**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

MAR **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James Frasca*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



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**Elizabeth Topping** - March 04, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ *It has been two long and difficult years since you left so suddenly, James Frasca. My only regret is that we did not meet sooner so I could have loved you longer. You are in my thoughts and heart every day. Rest well, my love.*



**Elizabeth Topping** - March 04, 2021 at 08:15 AM

DS

“ I work part-time at the Ohio History Connection, formerly the Ohio Historical Society. In 2003 our staff photographer and I visited the Frasca home near Croton to photograph items from Jim's Civil War collections for a story in *Timeline*, our popular history journal then in production. I was saddened recently to learn of Jim's death. He was always a wealth of information and enthusiastic in his sharing of knowledge. He welcomed our intrusion into his home and allowed us to use his collection while demanding nothing in return. We still have the images we took of his collection items, including both paper and clothing. We have no immediate plans to publish them again but wondered if you would be willing to allow us to do that in the future if the need should arise.

Best wishes,  
David Simmons  
Senior Editor

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David A. Simmons - April 15, 2019 at 01:31 PM

MS

“ Jim will be missed! His great sense of humor and willingness to listen and share his knowledge were some of his caring trademarks! Rest if Peace Jim!

Mark Sherman

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MARK SHERMAN - March 25, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ Beyond Jimmy’s incalculable knowledge of federal Civil War insignia, headgear and uniforms, he also possessed that rare and God given gift to make you laugh. I could always depend upon him to make me cry with laughter and almost wet my trousers. His stories, antidotes and overall outlandish sense of humor will be sorely missed. He was one of a kind, and I am richer for my 25 year friendship with him, both professionally and personally. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Bruce Hermann** - March 10, 2019 at 10:12 PM

MM

“ Jim was a "rara avis" - a truly one-of-a-kind individual. He was smart as a whip, funny, and yes, even snarky - with as Don called it, "a biting wit". I learned buckets from him about CW artifacts, and will always be grateful that he took me under his wing and introduced me to fellow CW collectors from across the country. I will miss our long phone conversations, and his infallible ability to make me laugh with one of his witty comments.  
Ellen, I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed greatly and his loss will reverberate among his friends for years to come.

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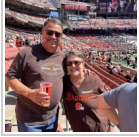
**Melanie Martin** - March 10, 2019 at 05:20 PM

DT

“ My close pal for over 40 years. A truly great guy in every respect , I considered him another brother. I'm going to miss his keen insight and biting wit. The collecting community has lost it's most knowledgeable member. Rest in Peace good buddy.

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**Don Troiani** - March 10, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ *Ellen, Although it has been many years since we have seen each other, you have ever been in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry Love always, Tammy*

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**Tamara Stanley** - March 10, 2019 at 03:11 PM



“ *You will be missed so much. Thanks for all the laughs. Love Patty and Gary Lee Amorine II.*

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**Patty Amorine** - March 10, 2019 at 01:36 PM



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**ET** - March 09, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ *Jim was the Dean of Civil War Federal insignia, headgear and uniform collectors. His discernment was outstanding, his taste was impeccable and his willingness to share his insights was bountiful. We exchanged observations and stories for 40 years, and I will miss him immensely.*

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**Michael Cunningham** - March 08, 2019 at 07:25 PM

CL

*It is difficult trying to find all the adjectives needed to fully describe this great guy. Witty, insightful, engaging, authoritative, smiling, generous...all these just scratch the surface. I was truly blessed to have had a friendship with Jim that spanned more than four decades and my life in the world of Civil War collecting was made far richer and more enjoyable having him as a friend and unending source of knowledge. He will truly be missed by us all. Ellen, you are in our prayers.*

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**C. Paul Loane** - March 10, 2019 at 08:52 PM

TO

“*Jim was a great guy he loved to joke with you in conversation. I had many talks with Jim over the years when I was there to mow his lawn.He will be missed very much.and I know Ellen will miss him.Look to God Ellen for your strength and peace.You will be in my prayers and I will pray God will be with you during this difficult time.Love and prayers Tim and Glenda Owens*

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**Timothy Owens** - March 07, 2019 at 04:53 PM