



Howard James "Jim" Ruziska

February 5, 1933 - April 4, 2017

H. James "Jim" Ruziska, 84, of St. Albans, passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at home.

Jim was born, February 5, 1933 in Morgantown to the late Norbert J. Ruziska and Elizabeth K. Ruziska; he was also preceded in death by his wife Martha Ruziska, and his sister; Norita Hopkins.

Jim was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church and a member of the choir. He was also involved in the St. Francis Catholic War Veterans. He was a Mountaineer and Steelers fan, and avid musician, an accomplished woodworker, making many dulcimers.

He is survived by his daughter, Ann E. Ruziska McCormick (Jeremiah) of St. Albans; son, Vincent James Ruziska of St Albans; and brother, Thomas L. Ruziska of Clarksburg.

Memorial Mass will be at 11:00 am, Saturday, April 8, 2017 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, St. Albans. Burial will be private at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 525 Holley St. St. Albans WV, 25177.

Visit his tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com to share memories with

the family.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Ruziska family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard James "Jim" Ruziska*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. This was such sad news.*

In 1977, I first met Jim when I worked a week-long temporary job at his company. They had just hired a girl to fill that position, but she couldn't start until the following week. Some years later, my parents, Herman and Nadene Lewis, were talking about a new dulcimer player they had a met at one of the festivals, and it turned out to be Jim. They were surprised when I told them that I knew who he was. I was lucky to see him and hear him play at a number of festivals after that. Jim was such a kind man, and I know he's going to be missed by many.

Daphne Lewis

Daphne Lewis - April 10, 2017 at 11:46 PM



“ *Dear Ann and Vince, We are so sorry for your loss. It is always to soon to lose your parent. Uncle Jim was always larger than life, loud and loving. He was always the "fun uncle" when we would visit or when he and Aunt Martha would come to visit Maryland. I am so glad Bob and I got to see him a few years ago. Please accept our sympathies and you are in our prayers. May your memories make you smile and may the Lord hold your heart. Love Margaret & Bob Kimmel and Jean Wolf*

Margaret Kimmel - April 08, 2017 at 09:07 AM

DG

“ So sorry to hear of Jims passing. I offer my condolences to the family.
I have many great memories of playing music with him. I also have one of his dulcimers, #47, made in 1994. May he rest in peace,
David Gladkosky

David Gladkosky - April 07, 2017 at 03:56 PM

 Sally Beck

“ My husband and I lived in WV from 1993-1997. During that time we had the pleasure of meeting Jim through music, and I am the fortunate owner of one of his dulcimers. Please know that he lives on on the joy this instrument brings me. May God comfort you in this time.

Sally Beck

Sally Beck - April 07, 2017 at 03:05 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear we've lost Jim. Playing dulcimer is a decades-long obsession for me, still using the basic playing style which he taught me -- playing almost altogether using the noter! And now using primarily my two Ruziska dulcimers, his #9 dated Jan. 84, and his #99 dated Jul. 99. Blessings and peace to you in your time of loss.
John Goodman

John Goodman - April 07, 2017 at 01:51 PM

CQ

“ To the Ruziska family: , I'm so sorry for your loss. I can still hear and visualize Mr.Ruziska playing his Dulcimer for hours on end! Or perhaps when he was learning to play the Banjo! The entire neighborhood got entertained! May he rest in peace.

Craig Quick - April 07, 2017 at 08:35 AM

DD

“ *Ann, I just wanted to tell you how sorry I am to hear about your dad's passing-Dave Dailey (SAHS 77)*

Dave Dailey - April 07, 2017 at 06:31 AM

TP

“ *To the entire Jim Ruziska family. My deepest condolences to all of you. May God keep you strong over the next several days. Love to all Tony*

Tony Petrucci - April 06, 2017 at 02:48 PM