



James C. Nowaczewski

April 30, 1962 - December 1, 2025

December 01, 2025, age 63, unexpectedly, of Cheektowaga, NY. Beloved husband of Charlene (nee Krasuski) Nowaczewski; loving father of James S. (Kelly) Nowaczewski, Stephen (Veronica) Nowaczewski, and Jennifer (Ben) Marquart; cherished grandfather of Micah, Joseph, and Noah; dearest son of Mary Ann (nee Zielinski) and the late Ronald Nowaczewski; devoted brother of Ronald Nowaczewski and Joeleene (Jeffrey) Manhardt; dear son-in-law of Patricia and the late John Krasuski; brother-in-law of Anne Marie (Gregory) Gifford and Jennifer Krasuski; also survived by nieces, nephews, and many friends. Jim was the singer and trumpet player for Phocus, Happy Richie, and the Skylarks Polka Bands. He was a very loving husband, father, grandfather and enjoyed being around his family. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Friday December 5th from 3-7PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.) where a prayer service will be held at 6:45PM. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made in Jim's name to St Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please leave condolences online at www.SmolarekCares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227
(716) 668-3122
<https://smolarekfh.com/>

Prayer Service

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Tribute Wall

MV

“ I had the opportunity to reconnect with nova we lost touch with each other however we started off just like we never missed a beat laughing and joking with each other!! He was a friend that I miss greatly everyday!! We would talk and he always had my laughing just like when we worked together back in the iimak days !!! I'm still in shock with this loss and it hurts and I'm sure he is getting along well up there and making everyone laugh!!!! Mark V

mark vacanti - December 26, 2025 at 11:04 AM

RS

“ We were fortunate to know Jimmy. He was a good man and a great musician. We loved seeing him both on and off the bandstand. He will be missed. Our prayers are with Charlene and his family during this difficult time.

Richie & Melanie Schuler - December 05, 2025 at 10:17 AM

FW

“ Jim , I am still in shock to hear of your passing seems like yesterday when I was talking to you Ken macelski's wake but then I had hip replacement surgery and it sidelined me longer than they said now that I was better I wanted to hear you and phocus play but now that will never happen rest in peace jim till we meet again sincerely frank witkowski

Frank witkowski - December 05, 2025 at 12:04 AM

MM

“ Charlene and family. My deepest condolences. He was a great musician and friend.

Mary Melymuka - December 04, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James C. Nowaczewski.*



December 04, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James C. Nowaczewski.*



December 04, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ *Charlene, I am so sorry to hear of Jims passing. He was such a friendly guy always a hello with a hug and kiss. He was so concerned about Tom talking to him at the picnic., telling him I hope you get better. Now they are both in that Polka band in Heaven. I know how much your heart is broken right now, there just aren't any words. Please rely on your family and friends, for all the support you need. We are all here for you. Cherish every memory... Love to you..Sharon Goldyn*

Sharon Wrobel Goldyn - December 04, 2025 at 03:50 AM



“ *Love Mom purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James C. Nowaczewski.*



Love Mom - December 03, 2025 at 03:47 PM

LM

“ Love Mom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James C. Nowaczewski.

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MF

“ Manhardt Family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of James C. Nowaczewski.



Manhardt Family - December 03, 2025 at 03:34 PM

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LS

“ Jimmy you will be missed, fun timtimes in the garage. Many laughs we all had with you. RIP



Lorraine Stachelski - December 03, 2025 at 02:38 PM