



James Cvetic

September 8, 1949 - February 15, 2019

JAMES M. CVETIC (Jimmy) OBITUARY

Jimmy Cvetic, 69, passed February 15, 2019. An Air Force Security Officer in Vietnam, he was instrumental in building the Black Granite Vietnam Memorial in downtown Pittsburgh. For almost 30 years he was an Allegheny County police officer as a homicide and narcotics detective and as Officer Friendly. As a Boxing Mentor he has established ten gyms to help kids to find purpose and discipline as well as attain physical fitness at no charge. A new gym has been opened for women Only in Monroeville. He was in Esquire Networks "White Collar Brawlers". He was a Golden Gloves Boxing Promoter and honorary inductee into the Pittsburgh Boxing Hall of Fame. He was a prolific poet and founder of Hemingway's Summer Poetry Series. He has written several poetry books including his latest "Dog is a Love from Hell". He has created several Poetry Events which include symphonies, rock bands, dancers, artists and performed them throughout the country. The Evidence Room, In Defense of Gravity, The Wall, Dog Days, Day of the Dog: An Art and Poetry Exhibition, subtitled "A Fundraising Event and Celebration of the Poetry and the Extraordinary Life of Jimmy Cvetic. He was a humanitarian and founder of the Three Rivers Peace Project and founder of Western Pennsylvania Police Athletic League. As Grand Elf he collected hundreds of thousands of toys that were distributed by 47 Police Departments across Western Pennsylvania. His altruism created lasting bonds between local community children and law

enforcement. Master of "Making The World A Better Place"; "Always For The Kids".

Beloved son of the late George and Barbara Cvetic. Preceded by Georgeann Amodeo, Carole Grimm, and Charlene Cvetic.

Survived by his beloved wife, Gloria Sztukowski; Daughter, Jaime Cvetic; Son-in-law, Mark Wojciechowski, Granddaughter Sophia Wojciechowski.

Siblings: Maryann Tumolo, husband, Richard; Bob Cvetic, wife Betsy; Chrissy DeHart; Ray Cvetic, wife Patty. Mildred Sztukowski (Mrs. S - HoneyMum) and Clyde Sztukowski.

Jimmy requested no service at this time. In lieu of flowers, all donations may be made to Western Pennsylvania Police Athletic League. Mail checks to 231 Monroeville Mall, Monroeville, PA 15146.

A CELEBRATION OF JIMMY'S LIFE will be on March 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM. at Monroeville Convention Center. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Open to the public.

Professional services trusted to D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY LTD., (Lawrenceville).

The family request that there be NO floral donations at this time.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 18. 5:00 PM (CT)

Monroeville Convention Center

Tribute Wall



“ James Cvetic

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ Tiffany sent a virtual gift in memory of James Cvetic



tiffany - November 08, 2022 at 04:37 PM



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tiffany - November 08, 2022 at 04:34 PM

PM

“ I met Jimmy and Gloria when they were looking for space to work their small catering service in the Father Ryan Arts Center in McKees Rocks. What a "stand up" guy who was very giving and wholesome. His gruff voice deceived you by his gentle demeanor and loving and caring personality. I will remember the laughs and kindness that you and Gloria gave to many an event at the Arts Center. It was my honor to have met you and share some stories and laughs with you. May the angels lead you into paradise my friend. . . God is there waiting with open arms!

a friend,
Pat Moran

Patricia Moran - March 20, 2019 at 04:05 PM

SF

“ Steel City Boxing Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Cvetic.



Steel City Boxing Family - February 19, 2019 at 06:30 AM

BB

“ It is with a very heavy heart that I send my deepest sympathy to the family & friends of Jimmy. He was a Dynamic person & Police Officer who policed from his big heart with unparalleled care & compassion “Always for the Kids “ . As a Deputy Sheriff for 32 years our paths crossed frequently in the area of proactive law enforcement in the community especially with the kids . Did you know that while working with Jimmy he helped me sponser a PAL soccer team ! Add that to the long list of “ Adventures with the MAD DOG ! You will be missed & forever remembered Jimmy . Your friend Bob Brasso .” Lawrenceville forever “

Bob Brasso - February 18, 2019 at 03:51 PM

JC

Thank you for the kind words

jaime cvetic - February 19, 2019 at 04:47 AM

OF

“ *My Sincere Condolences to the Family, Fellow Officers, and Friends, FOR YOUR LOSS. Jimmy was one of the Best;... in His Military and Police Service, and His boxing career. He helped, and had guided more youths to be some of the Best Citizens of today than anyone that I can recall lately. Jimmy was a Dedicated Man For Sure. He was Loyal and Helpful to Everyone in His Path of Life. I remember Jimmy during our Police Academy Days back in 1973. As I watched and enjoyed his brotherly friendship then... I knew that He was going to be a "Shining Star" in His life and in "His Future" activities. HE WAS SPECIAL INDEED! As All of You, I will sorely miss Him! Know that He is in a Better Place Now.... enjoying His Reward in Heaven. As our Lord has stated,. "Help Our Little Ones, Especially Those In Need",..... "Jimmy did that"... "for all kids", "without exception". Again, He Was One of a Kind! He Served His Community, and His Nation, "Above and Beyond". I Pray that we all get through this trying time in losing a Devoted Husband, Dad, Son, and the many kids that He Inspired; a dedicated Brother Officer, and a dedicated Brother Military Veteran. "THE REAL THING"! REST IN PEACE MY BROTHER, YOU MADE A BETTER PLACE IN "THIS" WORLD FOR "ALL OF US".*

Respectfully, and with Sympathy,

Ret. Ofc. Elmer Falcione



OFC ELMER FALCIONE - February 18, 2019 at 09:28 AM

FA

*With Heartfelt Sympathy to the Cvetic Family. Jimmy was so kind to me when we first met on the Allegheny County Police Department. He was such a gentleman and always wanted to help me in anyway he could. He was an awesome and wonderful friend to many of my family members especially the ones he trained in boxing. He was always there during our time of bereavement. I will always remember the tremendous support you showed when I suffered my loss. I am glad we were able to spend some time together last year.
Rest in Peace My Brother.
Faith - Retired ACP*

Faith - February 18, 2019 at 01:36 PM

ST

*Among my earliest memories is being on the floor coloring. The adults who were with me were a man named Frank Coleman and Jimmy Cvetic. Uncle Cvetic taught me to color inside the lines. He was always a part of my life cheering me on, encouraging me and helping me throughout my career. Like my father, Frank Haynes, Uncle Cvetic seemed invincible. They both have taught me the meaning of love and the importance of inspiring others to rise above their circumstances. Uncle Jimmy, I am forever grateful for you. Rest in peace.
Sonya*

Sonya Toler - February 18, 2019 at 04:21 PM

JM

Jimmy, was one of our best friends. It still doesn't seem real that he is gone. He definitely made our life more interesting and fun! Thanks Jimmy for your great friendship. Love, Rich & Janet Mackey

Janet Mackey - February 18, 2019 at 11:53 PM