



## James R Osborne

July 9, 1926 - November 6, 2016

At the age of 90, James “Ozzy” Osborne passed away days after fulfilling a lifelong dream of witnessing his beloved Cubs win the World Series. The only thing that topped his love for his Cubbies was his love for his family. His beloved wife, Aline Osborne (nee Auld) preceded him in death October 5, 2009. His family remains to celebrate a life filled with love; six children Cathy Zabinski (nee Osborne) & the late Harry Zabinski, Drs. Maureen Osborne & Charles “Topper” Roth, Colleen Osborne, Lori Osborne, Erin Eileen Osborne, and Timothy Osborne; 7 grandchildren Heather Nelson (nee Zabinski) & Charles Nelson and their son Cooper, Roxanne Saia (nee Zabinski) and her sons Preston Saia & Logan Klinger, Sabreena Osborne, Margaret “Maggie” Roth & fiancée Karti Subramanian, Holly Osborne & Kyle Schmitt, Colin Roth and Jared Osborne.

James was born in Decatur, Illinois to Chester and Margaret Osborne (nee McMahan). His brother Earl “Mike” Osborne preceded him in death and was sorely missed for years by his big brother. He enjoyed his love of Chicago sports and jazz music enthusiastically his entire life. Among his many accomplishments were serving in the Navy, playing semi-pro baseball, and being a Yardmaster at Inland Steel. He also made an indelible mark on the lives of the many people to whom he became a surrogate “Papa”.

Visitation for James will be Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 5-7:00 p.m., at

Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart, with a Memorial Service beginning at 6:30 p.m., Fr. Thomas Mischler officiating. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James R Osborne.



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November 12, 2016 at 12:27 PM



“ *Lynsey Memon lit a candle in memory of James R Osborne*



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**Lynsey Memon** - November 12, 2016 at 11:45 AM



“ *Maggie Osborne-Carter purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of James R Osborne.*



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**Maggie Osborne-Carter** - November 12, 2016 at 10:11 AM

KM

“ I don't think words can express what is in my heart concerning the life of Jim Osborne. I have priceless precious memories of him and his family that will never be forgotten. I am thinking on them today and never forgetting Jim's winning ways and big smiles. I wish I could be there to say goodbye to him and give his family many hugs filled with lots of love, straight from my heart. I will leave with them these words, and pray God will comfort them all and fill all their homes with His peace. Jim was one in a million, but then I know that you all know that, too!  
Love, cousin Kaye



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**Kaye Harkins McClintock** - November 10, 2016 at 09:34 AM

HN

“ Heather Nelson lit a candle in memory of James R Osborne



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**Heather Nelson** - November 09, 2016 at 11:33 AM

RS

“ Hello, This is Bobby Smith son of Al and Mary Smith. Don't know if you remember me. My condolences to the family on Jim passing away. I rember him when I use to visit there with my dad. He was a nice person. Unfortunately I missed your mom (my half sistet) passing . no one told me about it until later and I was going through a rough divorce at the time . God Bless you all and someday I would like to get together with all of you.  
Again, I'm sorry about Jim . May he RIP.  
Love Uncle Bobby  
Rgsmith88@hotmail.com

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**Robert G Smith** - November 08, 2016 at 03:16 PM

MA

“ Brought tears to read about a man who taught this young neighbor boy so much. Made me feel like family, and yeah, how to root for the Cubs. Used to love helping unload the station wagon of groceries because he'd wrestle around and tickle me in appreciation. Such a great family. I'm grieving with you all. Hey Jim? Say hi to everybody, will ya? From the neighbor kid, marty? Love....

Marty Andrews - November 08, 2016 at 02:30 PM

MC

“ Maureen, Topper, Maggie and Colin purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James R Osborne.



Maureen, Topper, Maggie and Colin - November 08, 2016 at 01:41 PM

CS

“ What a beautiful picture of a man who had a heart of gold. Jim was always happy and loved everyone. He was and will till be a cubs fan from heaven now.

candy sentell - November 08, 2016 at 01:25 PM

TH

“ The Schmitt family--Gary, Nancy, Kyle and Holly purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of James R Osborne.



The Schmitt family--Gary, Nancy, Kyle and Holly - November 08, 2016 at 12:09 PM