



James P. Mazzara

June 20, 2026

James Mazzara passed away on June 19, 2026. He had a wonderful family of siblings who loved him and remained supportive of his life, past and present, and his transition at the end of his life journey. James is survived by three brothers, Andrew Mazzara of Fayetteville, NC, Richard Mazzara of Sandy, Oregon, and Gerard Mazzara of Hackensack, NJ. He is also survived by three loving sisters, Cynthia Mazzara of Kirkland, Washington, Jeanne Metz of Frederick, Maryland, and Anne Mazzara of Pasadena, Maryland, and numerous nieces and nephews. He loved his wife Janet, who dedicated her love, her life and work to him so very much as she preceded him in death November 18, 2008.

James was born to the late Dr. James Richard and Ruth Fleming Mazzara, June 16, 1956, in Teaneck, New Jersey at Holy Name Hospital which was so connected to him and his family. Jim graduated in 1974 from Teaneck High School and went right to work in various jobs in the Teaneck area. He loved picking up different additional work dressing as Santa Claus during the holidays and Herman Munster for Halloween. Christmas and Halloween were his two favorite holidays.

While James, or Jim, as most people called him, struggled throughout his life with a medical condition, he seldom reflected on it and just kept a smile on his face and a very friendly, caring personality with everyone he met. He also grew up loving the Beatles and spent countless hours practicing on his drums preparing to be the next Ringo Starr. He listened to the Beatles often even to

his last day with us. Jim was a special individual who could warm the hearts of all whom he met, even strangers he encountered across several nursing centers and assisted living facilities. They all grew to love him as his family did. A final thought:

Those we love don't go away

They walk beside us every day.

Unseen, unheard, but always near,

Still loved, still missed and forever dear

A simple memorial service and celebration of his life will be held in the near future in the Bergen County area.