



## Jim Castello

November 16, 1951 - February 21, 2020

James Lee Castello, 68, of Napoleon, Ohio, died Friday evening, February 21, 2020, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Perrysburg, surrounded and held by his loving wife and daughters.

Jim was born November 16, 1951, in Sandusky Ohio, the son of the late Leo and Margaret (age 96) Castello. He was the third of eight siblings. On December 18, 1976, he married Carol Brown, who survives.

He graduated from Perkins High School in Sandusky in 1970 and from Bowling Green State University in 1975. In 1976, he returned to Bowling Green for further teaching certification and met Carol Jean Brown, whom he married. He was store director of Peaches Records and Tapes in Toledo from 1977 to 1979, when he entered Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus. Jim graduated from seminary on May 21, 1983 and was ordained on May 29. Jim served as pastor at St. John-St. Paul Lutheran Churches, Patricksburg, Indiana, for his year of internship; Heron Lake Evangelical and Delafield Lutheran Churches, Heron Lake and Wilder, Minnesota, from June 1983 to August 1986; Trinity and St. Matthew's Lutheran Churches, Pittsburg and Ithaca, Ohio from August 1986 to November 2004; and Emanuel Lutheran Church in Napoleon, Ohio from November 2004 until his retirement in June of 2018. In retirement, he served as pulpit supply at various congregations in northwest Ohio, including part-time interim at Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

Okolona, Ohio.

Jim is survived by his wife, Carol, of Napoleon; daughters Becky (Andy) Aelker, Gibsonburg; Emily (Jason) Jordan, Perrysburg, and Rachel (Kevin) Castello Dunn, Dillwyn, Virginia; eight grandchildren - Zachary, Jacob, and Lucas Aelker; Hannah and Noah Jordan; and Nora, Grayson, and Lily Dunn; his mother, Margaret Castello; seven siblings; four sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews and "flocks". He was preceded in death by his father, Leo Castello; sister-in-law, Marcia Castello; and his father and mother-in-law, John and Elinor Brown. Jim was a beloved pastor, mentor, friend, brother, son, grandpa, father, and husband.

The family will receive visitors at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, from 2 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25. A Memorial service will be held on Wednesday, February 26, at 11 a.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Napoleon, with Bishop Daniel Beaudoin officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives, ELCA World Hunger, or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Well done, good and faithful servant. As Jim himself would say, "It's been a blast!"

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545  
(419) 592-2333  
help@rodenbergergray.com

## Memorial Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Tribute Wall

SO

“ We enjoyed having Jim as our pastor at Heron Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church. May memories of Jim and the love of your family give you strength in the days ahead.  
*Sue, Dick, Chris & Jeff Orcutt*

Sue Orcutt - February 27, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jim Castello.



February 25, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Video



Rodenberger Funeral Home - February 25, 2020 at 01:26 PM

LN

“ Lew & Judi Norris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jim Castello.



Lew & Judi Norris - February 25, 2020 at 07:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jim Castello.*



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February 24, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ *Sympathies from St. Paul Lutheran, P emberville, OH*

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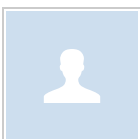
**James Frobose** - February 24, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ *Pastor Jim helped heal our family, after the loss of Jeff. We were overcome and, he was there for us. Pastor Jim has influenced the lives of so many people. He will be sorely missed in our lives, especially Tessa. She adored Pastor Jim. His contagious smile, his wit and humor will be sorely missed. Pastor Jim lives on through all the lives he influenced. What a wonderful legacy he has given us. Peace be with Carol and her family. Rest easy Pastor Jim, rest easy. Your faithful parishioner. Mary Eickhoff*

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**Mary Eickhoff** - February 24, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jim Castello.*



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February 24, 2020 at 01:44 PM

RW

“ My deepest sympathy to to Carol and family and to Emmanuel Lutheran Church I always enjoyed Pastor’s humor Pastor Richard Weaver May the power of our Lord’s Resurrection comfort all who Mourn

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**Rev Richard Weaver** - February 24, 2020 at 11:42 AM

SM

“ Pastor Castello was always so nice and welcoming to everyone he met. I am so sad to hear about his passing. I am praying for peace to the family.

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**Sarah Maham** - February 24, 2020 at 09:48 AM

FC

“ The members of Faith Lutheran Church pray for the family of Jim Castello. Our prays are with you.  
God Bless  
Faith

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**Faith Lutheran Church** - February 24, 2020 at 09:23 AM

SA

“ PastorJim meant so much to the Archer family. He married David and Mendy, baptized the children, officiated at my parents funerals, held my hand in the hospital many times. He held me up when bad news came but always encouraged me to trust God. He led by example. My memories are many, but the biggest one will always be his kindness, and his humbleness. Thank you Pastor for touching so many.

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**Sharon Archer** - February 24, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jim Castello.*



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February 23, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ *What a Great Human being. He always saw the good in people and projected that into the world. He made you feel good about yourself and never expected anything in return. It was a privileged to share what time I did with him! He will definitely be missed!*

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**Mitch Delaney** - February 23, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jim Castello.*



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February 23, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ *Jim was an influential man in my life, along with my dad, George (Joe) Mills and Mr. Rogers. They taught me to love and how to treat others.*

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**Linda Mills Holt** - February 23, 2020 at 03:11 AM

BB

“ Absolutely enjoyed the services he did at Bethlehem Okolona. His sense of humor brought the lessons home. We will miss him.

Beth Behrman - February 22, 2020 at 08:44 PM

DB

“ Pastor Castello, Seriously, I remember the laughter we shared over the years...especially during those really terrific church council meetings. You would say, STOP! I would just giggle more. Yes. that was wrong. Definitely wrong. Our many conversations, your messages have lead me deeper in faith. Thank you. You shared wise words and comfort at my lowest of lows and lifted our family with His Grace. Every home visit was greeted with an offer of Zumba, Yoga or basic training. You would laugh. Jay and I love you and Carol as dear friends. So my dear friend Carol. There are no words. There are memories to be treasured. Trusting His Care. Peace to you and your family at this most difficult time.

Darlene Bostelman - February 22, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Castello.



February 22, 2020 at 06:51 PM

NS

“ *What a great picture! Had trouble picturing a beard but it looked good on him! Always that look of mischief though. So sad for all of you, words never sufficient. Will never forget the years we had with Pastor and all of you at Emanuel. He was just always there and that was enough. Knew from the first time I met him and" his wife Carol " in our call committee interview that THEY WERE IT! and I never changed my mind on that. We never had deep conversations but I always felt he knew me. And we shared the favorite color orange ! A lot happened in our family over the years we shared and Pastor was always there in his "so real" way! He frustrated the heck out of me when I'd ask " how are you" and he'd say "not as good as you" and I'd think We may be in trouble here! (Smiley face) But we can all be sure today he's better off than all of us as he now knows EVERYTHING! True Joy!!!*

Nanette J Schwab - February 22, 2020 at 05:18 PM

PC

“ *Pam Castello lit a candle in memory of Jim Castello*



Pam Castello - February 22, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Castello.*



February 22, 2020 at 04:46 PM

JH

“ *Jennifer Hallock lit a candle in memory of Jim  
Castello*



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**Jennifer Hallock** - February 22, 2020 at 04:30 PM