



James Marion Velloff

February 5, 1938 - April 18, 2017

Dateline: Alton

James M. Velloff, 79, died at 12:35 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at his home in Alton. Born February 5, 1938 in Alton, he was the son of Marion S. and Agnes (Budde) Velloff. Mr. Velloff graduated from Marquette High School in 1956. He earned his B.S. in math and minors in education and philosophy from St. Louis University in 1960, and his Masters degree in math from Southern Illinois University in 1968. He taught high school math at Southwestern High School from 1960-1965, and Roxana High School from 1965-1993. He was also a business partner with his brother, Marion at Velloff's Power Equipment in Alton from 1970-2015. Mr. Velloff enjoyed hunting, fishing, card playing, especially bridge and pinochle, traveling and camping with family. On November 24, 1960 he married the former Rita Terlisner, his love and partner for life. She survives. Also surviving are four children, James (Christine) Velloff of Alton, Beth (Dennis) Young of Carlinville, Michael (Beverly) Velloff of Alton, and Richard (Heather) Velloff of Milton, GA, 11 grandchildren, Joe, Brian, Renee and Ellen Young, Erin and Kylee Velloff, Clara and Cain Velloff, R.J., Clayton and Patrick Velloff, four brothers, Marion Velloff of Jerseyville, Michael (Terrah) Velloff of Godfrey, Thomas (Carole) Velloff of Irving, TX, and Christopher (Sharon) Velloff of Godfrey, and a sister, Pauline Rathgeb of Alton. Visitation will be from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, April 21, 2017 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at

10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 22, 2017 at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton. Father Jason Stone will officiate. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, BJC Hospice, or the Crisis Food Center. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

2801 Greenwood Lane
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Alton, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *James Marion Velloff*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *James Marion Velloff*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*
- SunTrust Robinson Humphrey Teammates

SunTrust Robinson Humphrey Teammates - April 23, 2017 at 07:15 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy from Mike Chontofalsky & Family.*

Mike Chontofalsky - April 22, 2017 at 10:20 AM



“ *Mr Vellof was one of my favorite teachers. I was a member of the 1978 Calculus Club road trip to Washington DC. He was very brave to take us. We put a few gray hairs on his head. I think of him when I eat gummie bears because we sold so much candy for the trip. RIP Mr. V. From Shelley Heigert*

Shelley Heigert - April 21, 2017 at 09:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Marion Velloff.*



April 21, 2017 at 04:18 PM



“ *Sending our deepest sympathy, love and prayers to the entire Velloff family. Jim was a such a kind and thoughtful person to all who were privileged to know him. He will be dearly missed. Always enjoyed his sense of humor and love for learning and teaching.*

Cara & Marty Armstead - April 21, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ *Terrible loss! Mr. Velloff was simply one of the best teachers we had at RHS. He cared and showed his heart to his students. I'm blessed to have gotten to know him (and his brother) again later in life through his lawn mower repair business. My condolences.*

Bryan Roady - April 20, 2017 at 10:52 PM



“ *Mr. Velloff was a very good teacher. I really enjoyed his classes for Geometry and Algebra II. He always was calm and collected. He was always approachable when extra help was needed. If there were more teachers like him more students would be better at math. Rest in Peace, sir.*

*Randy Hedges
Roxana '69*

Randy Hedges - April 20, 2017 at 06:24 PM

GC

“ Thoughts and prayers to Aunt Rita and the family during this tough time.

Greg & Kellie Croxton (son and daughter in law of Timothy & Christine Croxton)

Gregory Croxton - April 20, 2017 at 05:36 PM



“ I was so sad to see this. Mr. Veloff was one of my two favorite teachers EVER. So nice and funny and great at teaching. He made my favorite subject even better if that is possible. He also chaperoned our calculus trip to Washington DC. So sad for his family. I will remember him fondly forever. Great, great man and teacher!! :)

Barb Lynn Matson - April 20, 2017 at 05:29 PM

AK

“ Mr. Veloff was one of the kindest teaches at RHS! He was a great teacher who took extra time to help the students when needed. I still remember when I would go up to his desk to ask a question, he always rubbed his knuckles on the side of his desk:) IPrayers for his family and friends!

Amy Baum Kirchner - April 20, 2017 at 05:25 PM

LN

“ *Mr. Velloff was one of my favorite teachers in high school. I had him for geometry and bless his heart he had his work cut out with me. I just could not get it. There were several of us that would stay after school for extra help. He always made time to help his students. Never heard a cross word or seen him lose his temper. My prayers are with his family at this time. I thank you for sharing him with his students all those years.*

Lorna Caldwell Neal, Roxana High School, Class of 1970

Lorna Caldwell Neal - April 20, 2017 at 05:02 PM

NE

“ *Uncle Jim - Thank you for all the kindness and love you gave to everyone. You were a wonderful uncle and always there to lend a listening ear or a helping hand. I am blessed with wonderful memories of family campouts, card parties, and seeing you and your siblings gather together so often. Like so many of us, I'm really going to miss you.*

Nancy (Velloff) Elizondo - April 20, 2017 at 04:41 PM

TS

“ *To the Velloff family, I had Mr Velloff for two years at Roxana High. He will always be one of the most respected teachers I ever had and he definitely made me understand all the math courses he taught. I have recently retired but I will always be thankful to him for what he taught me and I know his teaching helped me through my working career.
I am sorry for your loss.*

Tom Stalcup, Roxana Class of 1972

Tom Stalcup - April 20, 2017 at 12:12 PM

AN

“ Beth,
Thinking of you and your family, sending prayers.
Ann (Lorsbach) Duckworth

Ann - April 20, 2017 at 08:02 AM

LU

“ Lori U. purchased a sympathy card for the family of
James Marion Velloff.



Lori U. - April 19, 2017 at 10:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
James Marion Velloff.



April 19, 2017 at 07:52 PM