



## Mrs. Corinne E. James

February 22, 1933 - March 23, 2020

Corinne E. James (née O'Brien), age 87, the oldest of four daughters born to Martin and Helen O'Brien, born and raised in River Forest, passed away peacefully on March 23, 2020 at her home in Melrose Park. A dedicated life-long teacher and dearly beloved wife of Daniel H. James for almost 66 years, Corinne loved music, sports, travel, hosting, gardening and attending daily mass. She cherished her friends and adored her family. She, in turn, was loved by all and will be truly missed. She was a loving mother of seven children, Mark (Linda), Daniel Jr. (Jean), Julie (Terry) O'Brien, Carol (Jeff) Lemke, Margaret Reedy, Anne (Tom) Ruedi and Mary (Jim) Paschall. Devoted grandmother of 26 grandchildren, Kelly, Matthew, Brian, Erin, Jennifer, Kevin, Therese, Patrick, Christopher, Nicolas, Noah, Alex, Danielle, Harry, Grace, Clare, Catherine, Daniel, Joseph, Elizabeth, Bridget, James, Theresa, Joseph, Maria and Andrew. Proud great-grandmother of Oliver, Sadie, Hudson, Lily, Elizabeth, Corinne, Santiago and Aleksander. Dear sister of Judy (the late Harrison) Nordstrom, Carol (the late Gene) Connerty and Susie (the late Tom) Cunningham. Cherished sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Corinne spent most of her years in the western suburbs of Chicago receiving the sacraments and attending grade school at St. Luke's Parish, attending Trinity High School and Rosary College in River Forest. After their storybook wedding in July, 1954, Corinne and Dan lived at Fort Eustis Army Base in Newport News, Virginia where their first-born son arrived. 20 years and six more children later, Corinne completed her teaching degree at Dominican University. Corinne taught 1st grade for many years and eventually became a music teacher for the Archdiocese of Chicago. In retirement, she taught music at Embers Academy in ParkRidge where her grandchildren attended. She will be remembered for bringing her love of music to many children, her gracious hospitality and for always putting others first. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Corinne's name to Misericordia or Alzheimer's Association. As a result of the recent pandemic, all services and the funeral are private. A celebration of life mass will be scheduled at a later time.

# Comments

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“ I loved Mrs. James. She was my first grade teacher at St. James. Many of the songs she taught us in class are the foundation for my love of music. May God rest her soul.

James McCurtis Jr.  
St. James alum

James McCurtis Jr. - April 23 at 09:52 PM

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“ Mrs. James was such a lovely, caring person. At St. James she was always so positive. Prayers for her family

Ursula Bryant - April 10 at 02:15 PM

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“ Mrs. James was my teacher at St. James School in Maywood. (I graduated from 8th grade in 1979). It seems like a lifetime ago but I still remember her beautiful face and loving spirit decades later! I absolutely adored her. She was so dedicated and devoted to her students, and she was so encouraging. I still have papers from elementary school that she graded...she always inspired me to keep writing and to continue to be creative and active in the fine arts (which I have done to this day). My deepest condolences to her family and friends. God bless you all.



Renee Stewart - April 10 at 12:52 PM

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“ My dear mother! We will miss your smile, your calls, your concern for well being each day. You gave everything you had to all of your children. You always wanted to help whenever there was a need. When each of us had children, you were there to help us recover and get rest. You will be missed by so many. Thank you for being a wonderful mom and showing me from a young age how to love children! I wish we had more time together. Til we meet again.

Thank you to everyone who has shared their kind words, prayers and memories of Corinne. May God bless you all during this difficult uncertain time.

Love  
Mary



**Mary Paschall** - April 06 at 08:44 PM



“ Dear Mary,

May God give you and your family strength, understanding, compassion, and great memories of your Mom. May she be in God's good graces.

Sincerely,  
Don Richter

**Donald Richter** - April 14 at 12:32 AM

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“ The Bourjaily Family is sending sympathy and prayers to the entire James family. Rita and Lou, life long friends to Corinne and Dan, are heartbroken at the loss of such a beautiful lover of life and family and wonderful friend. God bless you all. Ann Bourjaily-Maney

**Ann Bourjaily-Maney** - March 28 at 11:08 AM

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“ Mark James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Corinne E. James



**Mark James** - March 26 at 08:22 PM



“ I Love and Miss you Mom. God Bless You!

**Mark James** - March 26 at 08:23 PM

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“ Ronald J. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Corinne E. James.



**Ronald J.** - March 26 at 11:58 AM

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“ Corinne was the embodiment of a loving mother and wife. Her genuine interest in people was so unreal that at times I wished she was my mom. Her love and devotion to her family was truly inspirational and it revealed itself in her children. I'm so proud to have been her nephew. We celebrate her life today and look forward to joining her in God's kingdom.

**Ronald James** - March 26 at 11:49 AM

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“ I'm grateful to Mr. and Mrs. James for raising such a loving family. Kind, fun, and generous, she always made Mary's friends feel so welcome in her home. She lives on in these ways in her children and many grandchildren. Peace, love, and comfort to you in the time ahead. Annie Darley



**Annie Darley** - March 26 at 08:24 AM

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“ Corinne was a joy to know and a ray of sunshine. As we're related to her son-in-law Jim, she was gracious and made us feel welcome and like an extended part of the family.  
(When she thought I knew something about Mary, Jim, and/or the kids, she didn't mind asking me questions.) She will be greatly missed.  
May our Lord comfort her entire family.  
Beverly Paschall Quinn

**Beverly Quinn** - March 25 at 09:08 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Corinne was always a pleasure to talk to. My husband, years ago knew her from her orders to Stammers Market in Elmwood Park. My son, Mario went to Sacred Heart School with some of her children. My prayers are with you all.  
Linda DalCerro

**Linda DalCerro** - March 25 at 02:01 PM

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“ Prayers for all of you at this time!

**Kenost Family** - March 25 at 01:58 PM

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“ We are all praying for the James Family !!  
God Bless all of you !!  
Love, The Kuzuharas

**Fernanda Kuzuhara** - March 25 at 11:58 AM

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“ Praying for the entire James family.

**Katie stangel** - March 25 at 11:41 AM

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“ The Willows family is praying for your family during this time!

**Jaime Vasquez** - March 25 at 10:50 AM

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“ We are praying for Mrs. James and the family. Our children have fond memories of her teaching music at Embers. Her affection for her grandchildren is even remembered by our children who remember when she gave her grandson 'birthday spankings' in front of the whole class! May God grant her eternal rest

**Tim and Odile and the Glatz Family** - March 24 at 06:26 PM

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“ Stan Johnson Company, Prop. Marketing Dept. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Corinne E. James.



**Stan Johnson Company, Prop. Marketing Dept.** - March 24 at 06:07 PM

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“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Corinne since 1975 when I was principal at st James in Maywood. She always was full of life and full of energy. She was present at my priestly ordination and she was thrilled to be there. She was always interested in what I was doing and she was very proud of her family and always talked about what was happening in the family. May God grant her eternal rest

**Fr Tom Unz** - March 24 at 04:41 PM



“ Corinne's spirit was contagious and her memory will live forever. May warm memories live within your hearts and may Faith guide you and help you find strength. With our Deepest condolences to the James Family. Armando and Mercedes Freire

**Mercedes N Freire** - March 26 at 02:13 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire James Family. Corrine was always volunteering at Sacred Heart Church. We appreciate her time in our Taste of Melrose Park Booth helping to sell the trays, with every time saying, "Make sure you call me next year". A gentle, caring and loving woman. God Bless you always, Corrine. Our prayers for you and your family will continue. Diane and Jeff Trusco and Family

**Diane Trusco** - March 28 at 06:44 PM