



James A Cruse Sr.

November 4, 1935 - July 14, 2025

On 07/14/2025, James A. Cruse Sr., passed away peacefully at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital.

Born on Monday 11/04/1935, James arrived the same day the “Yankee Hurricane” hit South Florida and the Bahamas. You could say two historical events happened that day as his late parents, Arthur and Mabel Cruse welcomed their beautiful baby boy into the world. Growing up, James was a proud member of the boy scouts and led his troops with pride. He enjoyed camping as a boy scout, and his love of camping continued throughout his entire life, as he and his wife camped every year at Evergreen Trails in Angelica, NY. He brought his family on family vacations to Alleghany, and soon his grandkids were camping on the weekends as well. His love of camping was spread throughout his entire family.

He also had a love of wood working and ceramics. He made family members Christmas Ornaments every year, along with clocks and napkin holders. He loved watching birds, so he also began to build bird houses and bird feeders for them! He was also an avid golfer, bowler, and a huge Yankees fan. He was on a weekly bowling team for many years, as well as a golfing team! He was extremely active and thoroughly enjoyed bowling with his son Jim.

Family was extremely important to him. He was involved in all of his grandchildren’s lives. Going to dance recitals, baseball games, and even babysitting when he could. He looked forward to Christmas parties every year, and enjoyed every chance he could get together with family.

James is survived by his wife Gloria Cruse, sister Nancy Allen, children James Cruse Jr.

(Jo), Sue Andalora (Michael) and Kathleen Benham (Jeffrey). Grandchildren Matthew, Joe

(Katie), Andrew (Mackenzie), David (Alice), and Cindy. He also has many great-grandchildren

as well.

It is always sad when one leaves his loved ones on earth. But in Heaven, there was a

huge celebration as he reunited with loved ones long gone. Death provides an opportunity to

reflect on and appreciate one another. Although Jame's physical presence may no longer be

with us, his impact on our lives will continue to inspire and uplift us.

Services will be held at North Presbyterian Church at 168 Payne Ave in North Tonawanda on Monday 07/21/2025 at 11:00am.

Cemetery Details

Acacia Park Cemetery

4215 Tonawanda Creek Rd N.
North Tonawanda, NY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

North Presbyterian Church
168 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *I,m sorry for your loss..Gloria..you and your family took such good care of him thru the last few years..and surely how proud he was of all of you doing all you did..he was a wonderful husband and caring father..you were blessed ..*

sandy benham - July 17, 2025 at 07:41 PM