



## James P. Bruno

January 25, 1928 - January 3, 2019

### Jim Bruno Memories

Born January 25, 1928 In Steger, Illinois. Died January 3, 2019 in Redondo Beach, California.

Jim was the son of Italian immigrants, Perry Bruno and Loretta Onofrio, who had come to Steger, Illinois to work at the Steger Piano factory. He was the youngest of their children – he had two older sisters Ann and Virginia. After serving in the Navy at the end of WWII, he returned to the Midwest to attend college at Indiana State (then Indiana State Teachers College) where he met Faye, the love of his life and his wife of 56 years. After a short stay in Newman, Illinois, where Jim was a teacher and assistant coach, and after the birth of his two daughters, Janet and Jennifer, they all moved to California, following in his sisters' footsteps, chasing the dream of year-round sunshine and citrus. He then became a business education teacher at Mira Costa HS. During a summer break, discovered the real estate business. In the early 60's, he began his real estate career, first as an agent for other brokers, but soon embraced his entrepreneurial spirit and became a broker himself creating Continental Realty. In the 1990's, easing back on the real estate business, he and Faye began to travel the world. Photo albums filled up quickly. Over time they accumulated over 25 cruises, along with other trips, to every part of the world (except Australia).

Throughout his life, he remained curious. He embraced technology, Facetime chatting with family and friends regularly. He remained lifelong friends with his Steger, IL high school and ISTC college buddies, though they all spread across the country and world. He loved Google – any question could be answered instantly, any wondering could be satisfied.

Jim leaves behind his daughters, Janet and Jennifer, their husbands, Bill and Gary, along with three grandchildren... Jim, Jake and Julie, as well as six great-grandchildren... Cate, Kyle, Cara, Maddie, Amelie, and Elyse.

# Cemetery

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## Green Hills Memorial Park

27501 S. Western Ave.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA,  
90275

# Events

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## Graveside Service

12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Julie Sowa lit a candle in memory of James P. Bruno



**Julie Sowa** - January 17, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ Janet and Jennifer I am sorry this is so late but I just found out about the passing of your parents.. I remember Faye and Jim fondly oh, they were both great people and when for parents to you girls. Please accept my deepest sympathy.Stephen Analco

**S. Analco** - March 17 at 06:41 PM



“ I'm sorry, the text should have read wonderful parents to your girls

**S. Analco** - March 17 at 06:43 PM

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“ Dear Bruno Family,

My deepest condolences on the recent passing of Jim and my thoughts are with your family at this time. I was so fortunate to meet Jim just last year to help him with the sale of his condo, and it was the most uplifting experience of my career in real estate. Jim shared many stories of his time in the Midwest, his travels around the world and of course his passion for real estate. I admire his achievements but more importantly is how well he treated people and looked after them. I wish more realtors were like Jim.

Jim had a passion for adventure and amazed me last year with a train ride to Texas to visit family, not bad for 93 years old! And of course he never lost his love for real Italian food. I'm going to miss visiting Jim, a true gentleman.

Blessings to you all  
Rick Wilkinson

**Rick Wilkinson** - January 14, 2019 at 08:32 PM

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“ Dear Janet, Jim and family,

Hope I'm not too late to add a note to this tribute page. Beyond what I said in my January 7th e-mail I can only add that I know one of his children very well (Jim was my best friend in High School and we continue to have a strong bond to this day). What I know is that Jim has many accomplishments that he can be proud of. As we used to say, he was 'a good kid' and whenever there is a good kid it's important to remember to compliment the parents. (I preach on this all the time that good parents translate to good kids).

Will stay in touch always, Bob (aka Antoine).

Bob Scheid - January 11, 2019 at 12:43 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James P. Bruno.



January 09, 2019 at 11:09 AM

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“ 15 files added to the album Memories



Green Hills Mortuary & Memorial Chapel - January 08, 2019 at 10:58 AM