James J. Groth

1943-2010

WARREN — James J. Groth, 67, of Warren was called to eternal life Friday, May 21, 2010, at his home.

A lifelong resident of Warren, he was born Feb. 6, 1943, a son of Joseph and Ann Groth.

He graduated from Warren St. Mary High School where he was the drummer of the award-winning dance band-jazz ensemble that performed onstage with Sammy Davis Jr. at the Vienna Air Reserve Station. He was president of his senior class of 1960.

James received a bachelor of Business Administration from Youngstown State University where he continued his passion for music as the drummer with the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Big Band Jazz Ensemble. He went on to receive his master of business administration degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

James worked for the law firm of Nader and Nader while attending college and was a licensed real estate agent. Throughout these years, he continued to pursue his musical talent and performed in the bands of his father, Joseph Groth; his brother, Thomas Groth; the Sam D'Angelo Trio; the Joe Augustine Trio; and numerous jazz groups throughout the area. He also taught private drum lessons for many years.



TOGETHER AGAIN

He served as president of the Warren Federation of Musicians, Local 118, with a dedicated focus on promoting the performance of live music. He created and oversaw countless programs featuring local musicians and their bands through the Music Performance Trust Fund of the Recording Industries, which successfully presented musical and entertainment packages of every variety to the area's audiences, hospitals, schools and concert halls. Through his desire for the best in live entertainment, James brought the Stan Kenton Orchestra to Warren where they performed for the membership of the musicians union.

He was employed by the Trumbull County Treasurer's Office where he leaves behind many dear friends and colleagues.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Minie Dalton Groth, and his parents, Joseph and Ann Groth.

He is survived by his sister, Marea Holko and husband, Joseph; his brother, Thomas and wife, Brenda; his godson and nephew, Bradley Holko; his father- and mother-in-law, George and Josephine Dalton; his brothers-in-law, Garry Dalton and Gilbert Dalton and wife, Kathy; his sister-in-law, Karen Westfall and husband, Rick; and his niece and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial by the Rev. Fr. Charles Crumbley will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. James Catholic Church, 2532 Burton S.E., Warren, followed by graveside services and interment at All Souls Cemetery. Family and friends may call one hour prior to Mass at the church. Arrangements are by Peter Rossi & Son Memorial Chapel, Warren.



A Renaissance Man in the truest sense, James embodied the notion that "a man can do all things well if he will" and demonstrated it in all areas of knowledge, in social achievements and in the arts. For all of us who knew him, our world will forever be less melodic, our conversations less witty and eloquent and our surroundings less dashingly well dressed.

In memoriam of James and his life, the family asks only that you take a moment to appreciate someone in your own life — send flowers to a loved one "just because," offer a helping hand or kind word to someone who needs it, cherish those around you and hold them close.

For as a plaque that James kept on his refrigerator door and knew well, reads:

The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more,
To lose one's soul is such a loss
That no man can restore.
The present only is our own,
So Live, Love, toil with a will —
Place no faith in 'Tomorrow' —
For the clock may then be still.

(special notice)



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