



## James L. Drozd

July 24, 1980 - July 21, 2023

James "Jimmy" Drozd passed away on Friday July 21, 2023, at his home in New Lenox.

He is preceded in death by his father, James; and his sister, Christie.

Jimmy is survived by his mom, Pat; brother, Danny (Kirsha); children, Colin, Ashton, and Rhyse; his best friend, Daniele; brother-in-law, Jeremy; and his nephew and nieces, Jack, Quinn and Breck.

He was born on July 24, 1980, in Blue Island, to James and Patricia Drozd.

Jimmy grew up in Peotone, which is where his love for all things on two wheels began .... from BMX to dirt bikes to Harleys - he could do a wheelie on anything! He raced motocross competitively and was one of the best. Jimmy became a Local 1 Ironworker after high school, in which he was also one of the best. He was so proud to be an Ironworker and loved to show his kids the buildings on Chicagos skyline that he worked on.

In 2005, he became a dad to his son, Colin, whom he adored. In 2007, he married Daniele, and they had two children, Ashton and Rhyse, who he adored as well. Although they didn't stay married, Jimmy and Daniele remained best friends and parented the children together with so much love.

Everywhere that Jimmy went, he brought smiles and laughter to whoever he would meet.

Visitation for Jimmy will be held at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home in Manteno on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, from 4:00PM - 8:00PM. Funeral Mass will be held the following day at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Manteno at 10:00AM. Burial will immediately follow at Peotone Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity of choice or towards his three children.

# Cemetery Details

## Peotone Cemetery

Peotone, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 26. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Jensen Funeral Home  
21 N Main St  
Manteno, IL 60950

## Mass

JUL 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
207 S. Main  
Manteno, IL 60950

# Tribute Wall



“ *James L. Drozd*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Damn, Jim was an awesome guy. I remember when I was in high school, he was taking a sweatshirt off and he had a Fugazi shirt on, the one that said "This is Not a Fugazi T-Shirt". I was pretty shocked, I didn't know he liked them. A terrible loss. RIP.*

**Bryan Croxen** - September 02, 2023 at 07:09 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James L. Drozd.*

July 28, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *I remember Jimmy when he was a kid in Peotone. Summers playing baseball, and dirtbikes of course. My two oldest sons were friends of his, Eric and Brent. My heart hurts for his mom and family. Memories help and they will be with you forever. God Bless. Jill Kleinfelder Holzaepfel*

**Jill** - July 27, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James L. Drozd.*

July 26, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James L. Drozd.



July 26, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James L. Drozd.

July 26, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James L. Drozd.



July 26, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ My deepest sympathy and condolences are with the entire family. My thoughts, prayers and blessings are with you all. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us EVERYDAY unheard, unseen, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. May God provide you with his blessings and strength. With love, Mary Previs



Mary Previs - July 26, 2023 at 01:02 PM

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*Dear Mary, Jimmy was my nephew born to my brother Jim and sister in law Pat Drozd.*

*Thank you for the beautiful sentiment you wrote. I remember Jimmy as always smiling when he was a child as well into adulthood. He will be greatly missed.*

*God Bless You, Lori Drozd 🙏*

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**Lora Drozd** - July 28, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of James L. Drozd.*



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July 26, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James L. Drozd.*



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July 25, 2023 at 09:44 PM

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“ *Bill & Debbie Izzi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James L. Drozd.*

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**Bill & Debbie Izzi** - July 25, 2023 at 07:32 PM

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“ Bill & Debbie Izzi purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James L. Drozd.



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Bill & Debbie Izzi - July 25, 2023 at 07:32 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James L. Drozd.



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July 25, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James L. Drozd.



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July 25, 2023 at 03:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James L. Drozd.

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July 25, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James L. Drozd.*



July 25, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James L. Drozd.

July 25, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James L. Drozd.*



July 25, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ *Daniele and the Drozd Family, We would like to express our sincere condolences to you on the passing of Jimmy. We were so fortunate to meet you guys through Ashton's hockey. We always looked forward to take road trips from Michigan to spend a weekend with the hockey families. We know he's in a better place, but he was taken way to early. He was a good man. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you guys through these difficult times. Stay safe and strong. Focus on all the positive memories and great stories you created. He'll be greatly loved and missed. Cheers Jimmy, our friend. RIP Bob & Sandra Dubskey 🙏🍺🇺🇸*

**Bob Dubskey** - July 25, 2023 at 06:35 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James L. Drozd.*



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July 24, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ *I have raised Colin to be a wonderful young man. I wish you could be still here to see that.  
RIP Jimmy.*

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**Stephanie Moore** - July 24, 2023 at 09:50 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences to the Drozd Family.  
Prayers for strength and comfort. Jan Wahlen*

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**Jan Wahlen** - July 24, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss You are in my thoughts and prayers Rita Miller (Cro club )*

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**Rita Miller** - July 24, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James L. Drozd.*



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July 24, 2023 at 07:32 PM