



James Peter Panico

April 14, 1936 - April 29, 2026

James P. Panico (90) of Maitland, FL passed peacefully on the 29th of April, 2026 surrounded by family.

James was born on April 14th, 1936 in New Haven, Connecticut. He was raised in the Branford-New Haven, CT area alongside his sister, Marie Wishau and brother, Anthony Panico, and graduated from Branford High School. He then went on to earn his undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut. Later, he attended law school at the University of Florida and earned his Juris Doctor in 1967.

In 1961, James married the love of his life, Rose Ellen (Spellman) Panico, whom he was happily married to for 65 years. Rose and Jim were blessed with two beautiful children, Kevin and Mark Panico. He had three granddaughters, Tara (Lance) Henson, Kara (Stephen) Panico, and Sara Panico; and four great-grandchildren, Lane Henson, Lauren Henson, Levi Panico Kostoff, and Trillium Panico Kostoff.

Jim practiced law for over 60 years in Maitland and surrounding areas. During his time in Maitland, Jim was an active member of the community and served on the Maitland City Council, the Rotary, and the Diocese of Orlando Department of Education. He was a devout member of Saint Mary Magdalen

Catholic Church where he served as an Lector and Knights of Columbus. Jim was an avid Gator fan, and spent most of his Saturdays in the Swamp cheering on his alma mater.

Jim was a dependable, loving, and caring brother, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, relative, and friend and will be dearly missed by so many.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - Maitland Chapel, 9001 N. Orlando Ave, Maitland.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 12:00 pm at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 861 Maitland Ave Altamonte Springs.

Interment will follow the mass at Queen of Angels Cemetery, 1901 Queen of Angels Dr, Winter Park, FL.

Cemetery Details

Queen of Angels Catholic Cemetery

1901 Queen of Angels Drive
Winter Park, FL 32792

Previous Events

Public Visitation & Wake Service

MAY 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Ave
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Tribute Wall

ME

“ We share the loss of a wonderful man, role model, and leader in our city, with the Panico family. There is no one to replace him (as Rosy knows) because they stopped making people with the intellectual honesty, character, and kindness of Jim Panico 90 years ago.

Mark Estrin - May 05 at 06:05 PM

JM

“ John and Joyce McLane purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Peter Panico.



John and Joyce McLane - May 05 at 04:10 PM

JM

“ John and Joyce McLane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Peter Panico.

John and Joyce McLane - May 05 at 04:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Peter Panico.



May 05 at 03:44 PM



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

May 05 at 03:44 PM



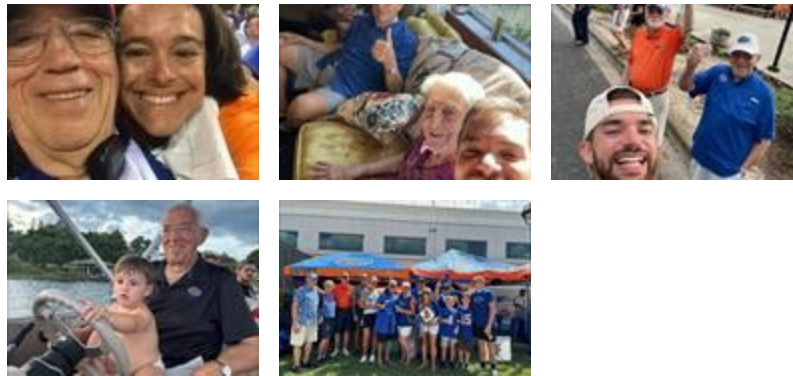
“ Karen G. purchased a sympathy card for the family of James Peter Panico.



Karen G. - May 05 at 12:49 PM



“ 75 files added to the tribute wall



Kara Panico - May 04 at 09:50 PM

KP

“ 2 files added to the album James Panico



Kara Panico - May 04 at 09:05 PM

KP

“ 1 file added to the album James Panico



Kara Panico - May 04 at 09:01 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Peter Panico.



May 04 at 06:28 PM



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

May 04 at 06:28 PM

PD

“ Peggy Decker purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Peter Panico.



Peggy Decker - May 04 at 04:54 PM

PD

“ Peggy Decker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Peter Panico.

Peggy Decker - May 04 at 04:54 PM

LH

“ Love, Sue and Chrissy Hampton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Peter Panico.



Love, Sue and Chrissy Hampton - May 04 at 01:17 PM

LH

“ Love, Sue and Chrissy Hampton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Peter Panico.

Love, Sue and Chrissy Hampton - May 04 at 01:17 PM

MC

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” Jim epitomized 2 Timothy 4:7 Your memory will live on rest well.

Marnie Connor - May 04 at 12:35 PM



“Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of James Peter Panico.



May 04 at 12:19 PM



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

May 04 at 12:19 PM

TC

“Thank you for all the great memories Love, Debbie, Bob, Candy, Kelly, Dempsey and Camden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Peter Panico.

Thank you for all the great memories Love, Debbie, Bob, Candy, Kelly, Dempsey and Camden - May 04 at 10:17 AM

LJ

“ Love, Roger, Jan, Jack, Jan&Families purchased the Fairest of All for the family of James Peter Panico.



Love, Roger, Jan, Jack, Jan&Families - May 04 at 09:25 AM

LJ

“ Love, Roger, Jan, Jack, Jan&Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Peter Panico.

Love, Roger, Jan, Jack, Jan&Families - May 04 at 09:25 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Peter Panico.



May 04 at 07:45 AM



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

May 04 at 07:45 AM

NH

“ I feel so grateful to have been welcomed into your family with such warmth and love. You made me feel at home from the very beginning, and I will always cherish that. I'll miss cheering on the Gators with you, your incredible sense of humor, and the kindness you showed so effortlessly. You were truly a wonderful man, and I will miss you deeply. 💙💙💙



Nikki Hallam - May 03 at 07:12 PM

LS

“ Lenny and JoJo, Shawn Ashia & Salvatore purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Peter Panico.



Lenny and JoJo, Shawn Ashia & Salvatore - May 03 at 11:01 AM

LS

“ Lenny and JoJo, Shawn Ashia & Salvatore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Peter Panico.

Lenny and JoJo, Shawn Ashia & Salvatore - May 03 at 11:01 AM

NH

“ Nikki Hallam sent a virtual gift in memory of James Panico



Nikki Hallam - May 03 at 10:06 AM

NH

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Nikki Hallam - May 03 at 09:55 AM