



James E. Toncre

February 24, 1930 - February 6, 2017

ADRIAN – James E. Toncre, age 86 of Adrian, passed away Monday, February 6, 2017 at Charlotte Stephenson Manor.

He was born February 24, 1930, in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Raymond and Eleanor (Granger) Toncre. After graduating from Willoughby Union High School, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree from Kent State University. He also graduated from Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University and Commercial Lending School at Oklahoma University. On December 20, 1952, he married Ilo Worcester, and they have shared 64 years together.

Jim's career in the financial sector began when he served in the Finance Corps of the United States Army from 1952-1954. After working for Shell Oil Company, he went into banking working as Vice President at Lake County National Bank. As President and CEO he worked at Michigan Bank Mid-South, and most recently, Adrian State Bank, now Huntington Bank. In 1995 he established The Toncre Agency where he was President until his retirement in 2016.

Jim was Master Counselor of Order of DeMolay 1946 Willoughby Chapter, a charter member of the Mentor, Ohio Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Mason for over 50 years. He was honored with the DeMolay Legion of Honor Award. Jim was named as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1965, and in 2000 he was inducted into the Willoughby-Eastlake Distinguished Alumni Hall of

Fame. Jim was instrumental in the founding of the city of Mentor, Ohio which was accomplished by joining the Village of Mentor and Mentor Township. In 1972, he authored "Industrial Development in a Rapidly Growing Community". Jim was committed to the communities in which he lived, serving on the Board of Education in Mentor, Ohio, on the Advisory Board of Adrian College, and as President and Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Mentor, Ohio, as well as Adrian, Michigan. He also served as Director and President of the Board of Hospice of Lenawee and was an Adrian Symphony Orchestra board member for over 20 years. Jim was a member of the First United Methodist Church. In addition to his wife, Ilo, he is survived by his sons, Scott Toncre of Adrian and Craig (Kelly) Toncre of Maumee, OH; grandchildren, Kari and Eric; and a brother Emery Toncre of New Jersey.

Funeral services will take place at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 11, 2017, at Adrian First United Methodist Church with Rev. Christopher Brundage officiating. Burial will take place at Mentor Cemetery in Mentor, Ohio, Monday, February 13, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will be held at Wagley Funeral Home on Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Jim are suggested to Adrian Symphony Orchestra or Hospice of Lenawee. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
1245 West Maple Avenue
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Toncre*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Mrs. Toncre - You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. Toncre was one of my "fathers" over the years and I truly appreciate having you both in our lives.*

Susan Siler - February 11, 2017 at 01:48 PM



“ *No words can express the sorrow I feel for you all. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you*

Doug & Kelly Baer

Doug & Kelly Baer - February 10, 2017 at 07:45 AM



“ *Ilo, Scott, and family: we wish you strength and peace at this difficult time.*

We are proud to have known Jim; both as customers of his and him as a customer of ours. He was such a great professional in addition to being so personable. Our business is stronger and better because of him!

Dan & Barb Hacker

Dan Hacker - February 09, 2017 at 12:42 PM

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“ *Dana Incorporated - LVD Global Sales Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James E. Toncre.*



Dana Incorporated - LVD Global Sales Team - February 09, 2017 at 08:51 AM

JW

“ *Dear Ilo, please know my thoughts and prayers are with you, Scott and Craig. Jim was a great friend and mentor to me and I owe a great deal of "thanks" to him for helping me grow as a person and a banker. I will always treasure my trips to his office for conversation and coaching. He was a true gentleman to everyone. I appreciated his great love and admiration for his family. We will miss his physical presence, but he will always be with us in spirit. Our personal lives and community are better because of Jim. God bless, Joe Williams*

Joe Williams - February 09, 2017 at 07:58 AM

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“ *Jim and I were on the Hospice board together years ago. He was always a good friend to me; and a great supporter of the community. He will be badly missed.*

Steven Sherman, M.D.

Steven Sherman - February 08, 2017 at 05:47 PM

AH

“ Dear Mrs. Toncre - I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Jim was always a positive voice at the ASO Board Meetings and I learned a great deal from him as he shared his personal experiences and efforts. He has left a legacy in this community and we are thankful for his gift of community service.

Most sincerely,
Ann Hinsdale-Knisel
ASO Board

Ann Hinsdale-Knisel - February 08, 2017 at 03:23 PM



Cheryl Lee

Scott, our prayers are with you and your mother. Love, Dennis & Cheryl Lee fellow ASO volunteers

Cheryl Lee - February 08, 2017 at 07:14 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James E. Toncre.



February 08, 2017 at 12:32 PM

KF

“ Scott, so sorry to hear of your loss.

Kay Fabiano



Kay Fabiano - February 08, 2017 at 11:16 AM