



## E. Jay Olivares

December 26, 1948 - August 6, 2014

HAMILTON LAKES- Ernest Jay Olivares age 65 of Hamilton Lakes, passed away Wednesday, August 6, 2014, at his home with his loving wife, Sheila at his side.

Jay was born in Detroit, on December 26, 1948 the son of the late Ernest and Mary (Brennan) Olivares and was the oldest of 7 children.

He graduated with his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Northern and then continued to pursue one of his passions – receiving a Juris Doctor Degree from Wayne State University in 1975.

During this pursuit in law school, he met Sheila Scrafano, they married on May 10, 1975 in St. Clair Shores, and they were happily married for 39 years.

Jay and Sheila relocated to Norway, MI in 1977 where Jay proudly served the Norway community as city attorney and also opened his private law practice in 1977.

In Jay's free time, he pursued another of his passions – playing the drums, which is how he made his way through college and spent his weekends, when he wasn't playing basketball with his son, Justin, who meant the world to him.

Jay is survived by his wife Sheila and their son, Justin (Beth) Olivares; and 6 brothers and sisters, Larry (Darlene), Keith (Brenda), Mark (Carol), Theresa, Frannie (Victor), and John (Amy).

He will be forever missed and loved.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 10 from 11-3 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

Funeral Services will be held on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home.

Interment will be held at the Norway Township Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ So sorry to learn of Jay's passing in the State Bar Journal. We attended WSU law together and were good friends. My deepest sympathies to the family on the loss of a fine man.

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**Toni Spencer-Beatty** - December 18, 2014 at 10:37 AM

RS

*Oh, my, what an unpleasant surprise. I was just trying Jay's office number, and it was disconnected. I then went online and found out that he had died. I talked to him this past summer, and we were going to try and connect, but then I didn't hear from him. So sad. Great memories, though, of him from the Norway Centennial Celebration that we worked on together and his fun comments about my friend, Monique, whom he referred to as Monacue or some such. I'm so sorry for you, Sheila, and for Justin. Jay was such a treasure. Ron Sonntag of Milwaukee*

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**Ron Sonntag** - January 06, 2015 at 04:02 PM

GM

“ May God grant him every happiness of Heaven.

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**Gary J. Mallast** - December 18, 2014 at 10:36 AM

HS

“ Jay - Herb and I will never forget you for so many things. What stands out for me (Bobbie) the most, besides your amazing sense of humor, is the fact that the morning the Marines showed up at my home (the first time) to tell me (Herb was on the road) that Eric was missing in Iraq, and I called you and Sheila - you were at my home by 6 a.m. and I live in Spread Eagle. You even stopped by my house a time or two during the 9 days it took the Marines to find Eric's body just to check on how I was doing. You are a very special man and now you are with my beloved Eric...cutting it up for sure! May God continue to bless you and keep Sheila and Justin wrapped in your loving arms of comfort and compassion as He has for us these last 8 years. Hugs and more hugs..xxxooo

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**Herb and Bobbie Samme'** - December 18, 2014 at 10:36 AM

SC

“ Sheila, I am sorry to hear of Jay's passing. I used to work at Peking and I remember you guys coming in quite often and Jay was always had a joke. When I'd take your drink order, he'd always say, "I'll take a 'Diet something brown'". Again, so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts.

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**Sue Ellen Ciepalowicz** - December 18, 2014 at 10:36 AM

AF

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. O. I will always remember talking about basketball with him. He always had great things to say about the sport. Thoughts and prayers to all the family.

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**Al Trudeau and family** - December 18, 2014 at 10:36 AM

TD

“ I am saddened by the passing of Jay. He was always a gentleman in the courtroom where we saw him with some regularity in Marinette County. He always treated everyone with dignity and respect. We need more attorneys like Jay.

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**Tim Duket** - December 18, 2014 at 10:35 AM

MH

“ My condolence to the Jay Olivares family, my heart is heavy for all of you. Jay was a very special, positive man, and he will be missed by many. I felt very special being able to be a part of his life, and the honor of caring for such a wonderful, important man in the community. I enjoyed all of our special conversations, visits, and being a special neighbor when needed. Thank you Sheila for letting me care for Jay, I will always remember him... Sheila please call if you ever need anything, after all that is what neighbors are for. May God bless you and your whole family during this time off sorrow.

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**Mary Lou Hudson** - December 18, 2014 at 10:35 AM

SE

“ I didn't know Jay as a drummer, I knew him as a great man who was helping me through a hard time in my life. He was a great man and always had such a positive attitude about his illness and so did his wife Sheila who is a wonderful woman to who greeted me with a smile each time I seen her. Jay will truly be missed by so many people. He was a great husband and father and I know when I got a call about his loss it hit me very hard. My heart goes out to his family and friends.

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**Sandy Edick** - December 18, 2014 at 10:35 AM

JN

“ So very sad to hear about Jay's passing. Jay took my spot as drummer for *The Prophets of Doom* when I went away to collage. I met Jay through friendship with his brother Larry, who played guitar for our band. Larry was a wonderful friend and I was always amazed at Jay's talent as a drummer. He was amazing. My thoughts are with Larry and Jay's family.

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**Jim Nelson** - December 18, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CR

“ Sorry to hear about Jay's passing. I knew Jay as a member of the *Prophets* and always appreciated the joy he brought to every performance. I did not get to play with Jay because I was in the service before he became a member, but enjoyed seeing him as part of the group when I was on leave. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you during this time of loss.

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**Calvin Rose** - December 18, 2014 at 10:30 AM

JE

“ When I worked at the Dickinson county Courthouse I came to know and like Jay very much. He was always pleasant to work with and very cooperative. Afterwards, whenever I saw him he always had a smile and something to say. I will miss him.

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**Joyce Erickson** - December 18, 2014 at 10:30 AM

KL

“ Sheila and Justin, So very sorry for your loss. Jay was such a wonderful, kind, and charismatic man. He will be greatly missed. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during the difficult time.

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**Kristen LaValley** - December 18, 2014 at 10:29 AM

SJ

“ My heart is aching for you both, what an uplifting, funny great guy! How missed he will be. I will always hold all the fun memories we all had together. Mike has his bestest buddy with him "the uper". My prayers are with you both. May God Bless you and give you strength. I love you ... Holly

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**Sheila & Justin** - December 18, 2014 at 10:29 AM

JS

“ We are truly saddened to hear of Jay's passing, and our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. His cheerful presence and legal acumen (and love of music) will be sorely missed. God Bless!

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**jane Krueger Smith and Gifford D Smith** - December 18, 2014 at 10:29 AM

KS

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Olivares Family, Sheila and Justin at the loss of our Great Friend, husband and father Ernie J. He always lit up the room, was a delight to be around, and will be missed by all. He has fought the good fight, kept the Faith, and now a crown of righteousness is laid up before him. I like that song , I gonna take a trip on the Good ole Gospel Ship, far beyond the sky, Well my friend has taken that flight. Cant wait to see him again, and I am positive I will. God bless all dealing with this loss and may He comfort you and guide you in the days ahead. Love Seavy and Karen and Matt

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**Karen and Seavy** - December 18, 2014 at 10:28 AM

MK

“ Oh, Jay. You were a fine man who left his mark wherever he went. Thank you for always being so kind. Your loss is keenly felt. My heartfelt condolences to Sheila, Justin, and your extended family. P.S. - The boys said to tell you that you left your mark with them, too. You taught them how to mix their soda and tell a good story. You created the desire to learn an instrument, and they often think of you promising to don a ski-mask for a little light-hearted naughtiness. :-) You will be missed.

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**Mikel Klossner** - December 18, 2014 at 10:27 AM

JM

“ No finer gentleman than Jay. This is a tremendous loss to the legal community as well as to his family.

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**Jim Morrison** - December 18, 2014 at 10:27 AM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss he was a fantastic drummer. Another one of the band members gone to heaven. 3 members gone in just under a year and all 65 or under. You are all in my prayers and thoughts.

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**Betty Watchorn** - December 18, 2014 at 10:27 AM