



## James W. Ryan III

August 29, 1966 - November 27, 2021

Loudonville-James W. Ryan III entered Eternal Life Saturday, November 27, 2021. He was the beloved son of the late James W. Ryan Jr and Jane Pedlow Ryan.

James graduated from Christian Brothers Academy, Siena College, and Albany Law School. He had a long career with New York State as an attorney and judge. He was currently serving as Principal Hearing Officer for the New York State Office of Administrative Hearings. Jim was a longtime communicant of St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY.

He was the cousin Mary Griffin-McDonald, Anthony Pacelli, Father John Kirwin, and the Hughes brothers, Bobby, Frank, Ray, Larry, Peter and Stephen; dear friend of Joan Curry and Kay Connolly.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jim's family Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway. Unvaccinated individuals must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Funeral services Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 10:00 am at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Please only enter the church from the front doorway; church ambassadors will be available to help with seating and questions; if vaccinated, please seat yourselves in main section of the Church (masks optional and no social distancing); if unvaccinated or are uncomfortable not social distancing, the two sides of Church are available where social distancing and masks will be required; and please attempt to arrive 15 minutes before. The Mass can be viewed at <https://www.stpiusxloudonville.org/new-live-videos/>

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Mass.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery

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## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY,

# Events

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**DEC** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

**1**

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St, Albany, NY, US, 12206

**DEC** **Service** 10:00AM

**2**

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St. Pius X Church  
23 Crumitie Rd, Loudonville, NY, US, 12211

# Comments

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“ Extending to Jim’s family and friends my heartfelt condolences. I was honored and privileged to have Jim as my supervisor in two different positions over the last few years. He was the kind of supervisor everyone would want to have. He was professional, knowledgeable, and extremely good at his. More importantly, he was thoughtful, caring, supportive, and always there for you. I’m deeply grateful that I had had the opportunity to work closely with him. I enjoyed the morning chats with him on topics ranging from complicated Medicaid cases to classic fashion trends. My heart breaks with his passing. Rest In Peace, Jim. Yi Lu



Yi Lu - December 02, 2021 at 01:45 PM

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“ It was a pleasure to work with Jim. An excellent lawyer, he was unfailingly kind and thoughtful, always a real gentleman. So sorry that he is gone so young. May he rest in peace.

Susan Grimes - December 02, 2021 at 10:08 AM

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“ So sad to hear that Jim has passed. He was a truly kind and caring man. He was my supervisor for several years and he taught and guided me in a supportive, professional, knowledgeable and caring way. He respected others and others respected him. Rest In Peace, Jim

susan lerner - December 02, 2021 at 08:41 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Jim. He was always kind and nice to everyone. He truly had an “open door policy.” I never hesitated to ask for his help or advice. OAH has lost not only a valuable co-worker but also a gentle soul that was loved by so many of us.

Chelsea Nash

Chelsea Nash - December 01, 2021 at 08:48 PM

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“ There are not enough words to describe the impact of Jim's death. We relied on him at OTDA for legal wisdom. He always responded promptly to our questions, no matter how unusual the questions might have been. He was always available to help, even to assist us in far off downtown Brooklyn! His kindness and dry wit were greatly appreciated. He always managed to converse diplomatically, even when interacting with those who were less diplomatic. He enjoyed reading the crazier stories about NYC in the NY Post, and we shared some "can you really believe this" laughs over the years about some of the headlines. We will greatly miss him!

Betsy Segal

Betsy Segal - December 01, 2021 at 05:58 PM

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“ In my last communication with Jim, just two weeks ago, he displayed the usual wit and humor which I had come to associate with knowing him. He was a tall figure in the annals of OTDA and his absence will leave a huge void in the day-to-day running of this organization. Personally, I will miss hearing his voice at the Thursday am statewide Medicaid meetings, but I will always fondly remember his sweet demeanor and his shining humility when interacting with his colleagues. Paul Prentiss, Supervising Hearing Officer, Brooklyn office of OTDA.

Paul Prentiss - December 01, 2021 at 08:20 AM



“ i in late in finding out about Jim's passing. I have known Jim for over 30 years and will miss his humor and wit. He was a very special human being.

Beth Nardacci - January 28 at 02:24 PM

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“ What can be said about Jim that everyone who met him didn't already know? He was kind, generous, thoughtful, easy to talk to, and understanding. At work when things weren't too busy, he and I would talk on a myriad of topics. For me I loved talking to him about old Albany, mostly the political and religious aspects, both of us being good Irish Catholic boys raised in the area. For him it was juicy gossip around the office, anything having to do with Great Britain, and of course classical music. I had the privilege to work side by side with him nearly everyday for the better part of a decade. He was my mentor, my supervisor, my friend. He is sorely missed. I am honored to have had so much time with him.

**Ryan Allen** - November 30, 2021 at 03:27 PM

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“ I was very sad to hear the news of my childhood friend's passing, who I always knew as Jimmy Ryan. We became friends in kindergarten at St. Pius X and were classmates and friends throughout grammar school and high school. I always enjoyed seeing Jimmy and his parents who were the loveliest couple and who adored their son. I know he is looking down on his family and friends in peace after being reunited with his loving parents.

Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Jacqueline D'Alleva Lange  
Greenwich, Connecticut

**Jacqueline D'Alleva lange** - November 30, 2021 at 12:07 PM

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“ Sending my condolences to Jim's family and friends. I worked with Jim for almost 10 years. He was extremely knowledgeable and always willing to help me or others when needed. He was kind and generous. He was welcoming if he saw you pass by his office, always inviting you in. The world has lost a wonderful soul.

**Christina Cronin** - November 30, 2021 at 11:31 AM

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“ Jim continuously showed not only how much he loved his work, but also how much he cared about the people who worked at the Office of Administrative Hearings for OTDA, sharing his knowledge and helping to solve problems whenever they arose and for whoever they arose. He was quick to answer a call or email even from here in Brooklyn, finding the answer to any question one would have, and appreciating the opportunity to serve his colleagues. He knew the importance of the work we do for those in NYS who have the biggest needs, but also cared about the people who took care of these people, the ones in the trenches serving the Appellants every day. Jim, as a man of faith, you showed your love for all, and for the blessing you were, we can say “Well done good and faithful servant.” Matthew 25:23.

Mickey Heller, ALJ  
14 Boerum Place  
Brooklyn, NY

**Mickey Heller** - November 30, 2021 at 09:31 AM

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“ My deepest condolences. I was privileged to work with Jim these past 5 years or so. He was unfailingly kind, wise, knowledgeable and helpful whenever I sought his advice. He was truly beloved by friends and coworkers and was a true light in our world. May his memory be for a blessing.

**Jennifer Catherine** - November 30, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ I extend my heartfelt condolences to all the family and friends of Jim Ryan III. Heaven has gained another jewel. I have known Jim since I joined OTDA in 1998. I got to know him better when I relocated to the Albany office. He was my “go to” guy until the day I retired. He was accessible, knowledgeable, kind and always helpful. A valued colleague is more valuable than silver and gold. But most valuable are those who die in Christ. as the Bible says, “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. Family and friends find comfort in biblical truth.

~ Rev. Vera Johnson

**Vera Johnson** - November 30, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ Jim was quite simply unfailingly kind. I join friends, colleagues and well wishers in extending my heartfelt condolences to Jim's family and to all of us for this enormous loss. May the family and all of us bear this loss with fortitude, knowing that we had the privilege of crossing paths with someone as inspiring in all spheres of humanity as Jim had been. He was celestial in his presentation because it is so very difficult for us humans to be as unfailingly kind as he was.

Antonia Ezechi.

**Antonia Ezechi** - December 01, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Jim's family and friends. I worked with Jim for a number of years. He had such a good heart, and was generous, kind and compassionate not only with the clients we deal with, but with his coworkers as well. His passing will leave a tremendous void in all of our lives. I always looked forward to my conversations with him (with the ubiquitous classical music playing in the background, of course). I was always in a better mood after speaking with him. Jim will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

Darla Oto

**Darla Oto** - December 01, 2021 at 11:50 AM

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“ Jim was a true gentleman and a caring individual. Jim and my husband were friends since they were 7 years old, I got the pleasure of knowing him via their friendship and while working together at OTDA. Jim became a beloved friend of our whole family. Rest in Peace Jim.

**Tina Browne** - November 29, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ I never got to say goodbye. Jim became such a good friend to me over the years. We talked about everything. He liked to cook and I was always giving him new ideas. He loved fresh flowers in his home it seemed to lift his spirits. He was very special, so very kind, and a true gentleman. I will miss him. You were taken to soon Jim. You left alot of good friends and co workers who cared deeply for you. I know God was waiting with open arms. Rest in peace. Gone but not forgotten

**Joan Curry** - November 29, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ Rest In Peace, Jim. We (your OTDA family) miss you already.

**Wendy** - November 30, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ Rest In Peace. Thank you for all you did for us at OTDA from the bottom of our hearts at 14 BP.

**Anonymous** - November 30, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ It was a true privilege to work with Jim. It was always a pleasure to talk with him whether about OTDA work issues or personal matters. He was a dedicated, caring, and thoughtful gentleman. My deepest condolences to his family.

**Victoria Fiorino** - November 30, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ I am thankful that Jim came over to visit with me Thursday morning. We had a wonderful visit reminiscing about all the dinners we had here with his parents and Dorothy. He put an app on my cell phone and told me he loved all this tech stuff. He was going to look online and order me a radio like his. Jim was like a "nephew" to me since I have known and loved him all his life. Our birthdays are two days apart. I treasured and will miss my 6:40 p.m. nightly phone call, my title "Aunt" Kay, and with his recent house renovation "Project Manager."

**Kay A. Connolly** - November 30, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ My condolences to Jim's family and friends. I knew him for many years at work and never was there a harder worker. Sorry to hear of his untimely passing.

**Orrie Eihacker** - November 30, 2021 at 07:27 PM