



## Gregory Murray O'Dea

January 17, 1950 - January 24, 2018

Albany-Gregory Murray O'Dea, 68, of Central Bridge. Son of Leo J. O'Dea, of Guilderland and the late Ethel E.(Betty) Murray O'Dea.

Greg is Survived by his brother Bruce P. O'Dea and sister Sharon (Robert) Leddick, in addition to his devoted nephew and niece, Darron Leddick and Meghan Leddick and a large extended family. Gregory was predeceased by his wife, Eileen (Evans) O'Dea.

Gregory was a US Army Veteran who served during Vietnam and was recognized as a skilled sharpshooter. He was honorably discharged after his years of service.

Greg was a highly skilled mechanic, with many special certifications. He was very well known as a master transmission expert. He worked for New York State for over 25 years, retiring from the New York State Canals, in Waterford.

Gregory had a unique ability to teach himself highly technical skills such as computer building and repairs in addition to all the mechanical operations of heavy equipment. One of the things he was most proud of, was his ability to learn how to self administer, home dialysis. He did this for over 7 years, running dialysis overnight while working full time days. He never lost hope that one day he would get a kidney transplant. He travelled to Mt. Sinai hospital, in

NYC, multiple times a year, to consult with his team of Dr's. Finally, in April of 2017, he received a new kidney. He fought valiantly, suffering many setbacks, including rejection and infections. Greg remained hopeful that he would overcome all the obstacles, and return home. Sadly, his body was no longer able to recover and the drugs stopped working. He was told that the fight was over. He had won many battles between both mind and body, but the war was lost. He will be remembered as the guy who never, ever gave up.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Greg's family Sunday, January 28, 2018 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY.

Funeral services Monday, January 29, 2018 at 9:45 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 10:30 am where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave  
Albany, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

JAN 29. 10:30 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church  
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory Murray O'Dea*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *sad time.  
We read of Gregory's Passing. Our prayers and condolence to you  
and your family. May the Lord bless and console you all at this sad  
time. Peace to you all.  
Tony and Sue Rossi*

**Anthony Rossi** - January 29, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ *My sincere condolences in the loss of Greg. I was the nurse that  
trained and followed Greg with home dialysis, along with the rest of  
the team. He was a good man, and it was a privelege to get to know  
him. He did take great pride in being able to perform his treatments  
and did them well. It was challengeing but he was successful and  
an inspiration. I am truly sorry for your loss. Cathy Pothier*

**Cathy Pothier** - January 28, 2018 at 12:41 PM



“ *Leo,*

*So sorry to hear this news. Hope you are doing OK. I'll certainly  
keep you and yours in my prayers.*

*Jack Beckett  
Holy Cross Golf*

**Jack Beckett** - January 27, 2018 at 09:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gregory Murray O'Dea.*



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January 27, 2018 at 09:54 AM



“ *Leo, Sharon and Bruce, we are so very sorry of the passing of Greg. Our thoughts and prayers are for you and the family at this sad time. We are unable to travel now, but are with you in spirit. Love and Peace. Larry and Mary Galarneau*

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**mary galarneau** - January 26, 2018 at 05:10 PM