



James J. "Jim" Girvin

August 24, 1928 - February 23, 2023

Albany, NY-James J. "Jim" Girvin, 94, passed away on Thursday, February 23.

A lifelong resident of the city of Albany, he was the son of the late William H. and Mary O'Malley Girvin.

Jim graduated from CBA as cadet colonel of the class of 1946. He was All-Albany in track, City Hurdle Champion in both his junior and senior years, co-captaining the team as a senior. Jim graduated from Siena College in 1951 and received his master's degree from SUNY Oneonta.

Jim began his teaching career at Philip Livingston Junior High School in 1952 as a science teacher, with his next assignment at the Altamont school from 1955-1958. He then transferred to the North Colonie School District as a teacher and then appointed principal in 1970. In the North Colonie School District he enjoyed 32 years within three schools: Blue Creek, Southgate, and Boght Hills, retiring in 1990, and then began travelling extensively with family and friends.

Jim is survived by his wife of 71 years, the love of his life, Joan Haggerty Girvin, and his beloved children, of whom he was so proud; Linda Willigan (John), Jay Girvin (Theresa), Jill Gambacorta (Bernie), Todd Girvin (Kristi Fragnoli). He was predeceased by his oldest son Mark (Colleen), and his big

brother Bill.

Jim was the devoted and loving “Poppa” to his 14 grandchildren: Sean, Brendan, Brigid and Shannon Willigan, Marci Girvin, James, Kevin and Kelly Girvin, Michael, Amy, Mark and Brian Gambacorta, and Kyle Girvin Fragnoli and Casie Girvin and his 7 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by several cousins and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was an ardent and vocal supporter of Siena basketball, enjoying attending games for many years with friends.

His family would like to thank Dr. Bill Caramore for his many years of dedication, care and commitment.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jim’s family Sunday, February 26, 2023 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY. Please enter the church from the Parish Life Center doors.

Funeral services Monday, February 27, 2023 at 10:00 am at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Mass can be viewed at

<https://stpiusxloudonville.org/livestream/current-livestreams/>

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

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Girvin Family Scholarship at

Siena College by contacting (518) 783-2432 or mailing to Siena College, Attn: Development Office, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY 12211 or by going to siena.edu/makeagiftonline or emailing onlinegifts@siena.edu or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
23 Crumitie Rd
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518) 462-1336

Service

FEB 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James J. "Jim" Girvin*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Mr. Girvin was such a wonderful man. I loved his sense of humor and his dedication and caring for the students of Boght Hills. I was employed at Boght Hills and will always remember him fondly. I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Donna Ellrott*

Donna L. Ellrott - February 28, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Joan and family*
Many years and many happy memories since my family landed on Shaker Park Drive - two houses away from the Girvin family. Driving by their house you could often see Jimmy sitting on his front lawn pulling up what could be a weed and making sure every blade of grass stood at attention. He definitely had the best lawn on the street, but never too busy to wave and smile. Shaker Park was where neighbors became friends. Bless you Jim, and say Hello to Pete when you get there. He'll probably ask you what took so long Pat Blanchfield

Pat Blanchfield - February 26, 2023 at 03:35 PM

SL

“ Jim was the Principal of Southgate School when I was a sixth grade teacher. He was always supportive of the learning activities for our students which helped them grow since he, too, had been a sixth grade teacher and understood very well their developmental needs. I am reminded of Jim’s sense of humor and kindness to me. May he rest in peace. Sheelah Lucier

Sheelah Lucier - February 25, 2023 at 04:33 PM

KD

“ Jimmy was the quintessential gentleman. Always caring, loving and kind with a wave and a smile. We are all so fortunate to have had his company for this long. Love to Joanie and the family. Kim Dolan

kimberly dolan - February 25, 2023 at 06:21 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James J. "Jim" Girvin.



February 24, 2023 at 05:29 PM

LA

“ Lavonia Astacio lit a candle in memory of James J. "Jim" Girvin



Lavonia Astacio - February 24, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of James J. "Jim" Girvin.



February 24, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James J. "Jim" Girvin.



February 24, 2023 at 02:14 PM