



## James "Jimmy" William Larson

November 19, 1947 - April 16, 2024

Albany, NY-James "Jimmy" William Larson, 76, a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, friend to many, and retired Chief of the Albany Fire Department, entered Eternal Life Tuesday, April 16th, 2024. He left us surrounded by his loved ones.

Born in Albany, Jim was the cherished son of James S. and Julia Quinn Larson.

Chief Larson was appointed as a Fire Fighter in the Albany Fire Department in November of 1968, becoming a charter member of the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 2007, founded in 1970. His happiest days were riding the Rescue Squad as a firefighter, Lieutenant, and finally Captain. Jim rose through the ranks being appointed Deputy Chief in 1985 and then Chief of the Department in 1987, serving from that December to November 2000, serving under two mayors.

After retirement, Jim's truly best days became caring for his wife and family, especially his grandchildren who became his world, Jack, Sean, Matty, Brian, and Keira. Along with collecting numerous BBQ cookers, sharing his vast knowledge of restaurant kitchens, and inventing recipes, his competitive spirit was channeled into growing garlic, tomatoes, potatoes, and basil plants so large and flavorful that he would bring them to a local Italian import store in

September of each year. His favorite time of year was when The Shed could be opened and many good hours and meals were spent in that labor of love that he constructed with his family and close friends. After Jim had to give up Budweiser, his love of Diet Coke only grew and grew. Jim's life-long love of trains, both model scale and watching the trains at the Voorheesville crossing provided much joy to both he and his wife Molly.

He was the beloved husband for 52 years of Molly Phinney Larson; loved and cherished father of James Arthur Larson, Christopher William Larson (Una) and the late Molly Quinn Duffy; father in law of Bernard Duffy; dear brother of Laura Tumonis (Joe), Lynn Quadrini (late Dennis) and the late Julia M. McManus (late Neil); he is survived by his grand children, many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and brotherhood of firefighters.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jim's family Sunday, April 21, 2024, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Monday, Monday 22, 2024 at 10:30 am at the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

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)

In lieu of flowers, to honor Jim's love of cooking and feeding his community, the family requests that donations be made in Jim's honor to The FOCUS Churches Food Pantry, 275 State St, Albany, NY.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **21**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

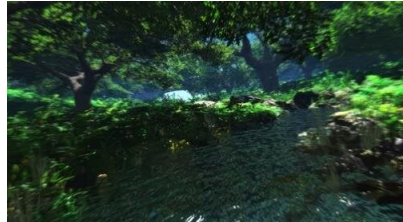
APR **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell St  
Albany, NY 12208-1505  
(518) 489-3204

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jimmy" William Larson*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 19, 2024 at 01:15 PM

TC

“ *Just found this tribute to Jim. As a Malone cousin, my first memory of Jim was as a child, with he all decked out in his formal Fire Dept attire. It was then I felt firefighters were superheroes. His height, his stature, his welcoming smile, and how he cared for cousin Molly, offered a sense of safety and peace. Quite a legacy, Molly and Jim, left us all by their children and grandchildren. Thank you.*

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**Tracy Malone Christiansen** - July 08, 2025 at 03:24 PM

DM

“ *Molly, Jim, Chris and entire family, Our deepest and sincere condolences on the passing Jim. A loving husband, father and grandfather. A great public servant for many years serving as firefighter to the position Chief of the Albany Fire Department. Enjoyed fond memories of our times together at Pinewood Ave. He will be missed by all!*

*Dave Marcy & Barbara Lett*

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**Dave Marcy** - April 23, 2024 at 11:49 AM

BL

“ Molly, my dear friend,  
I remember all the good times with laughs and pizza. You were a wonderful wife, and I will sorely miss Jimmy.  
Sincerely,  
Ben Labunski

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**Ben Labunski** - April 23, 2024 at 10:23 AM

WO

“ Molley and family so sorry for your loss. Bill and Dianne Oliver.

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**Willard J Oliver** - April 22, 2024 at 04:19 PM

DM

“ I am so sorry to learn of Jim's death. I met Jim at Weight Watcher's. Jim was so well liked by all of our group. When COVID caused our group to go on line Jim quit. When Our group returned we were all missing Jim. He was a wonderful person. I have since quit the group but I have kept in contact with quite a few members. We all were so fond of Jim. He was a special person. May he rest in peace.

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**Dona Marie Munro** - April 21, 2024 at 09:16 PM

AM

“ Angela Megas-Wattenberg lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" William Larson



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**Angela Megas-Wattenberg** - April 21, 2024 at 02:40 PM

AM

“ I wish Jim peace and prayers for his family. I was Deputy Chief Bob Lynch secretary from 1986 to 1988. It was like working with a family.

Angela Megas-Wattenberg - April 21, 2024 at 02:39 PM

PT

“ Jim was always one of my favorite people to see at the campground. He was always so happy being around the people he loved and making something delicious for us all to enjoy. He will be sorely missed and my heart goes out to everyone carrying on his memory.

Patrick T. - April 21, 2024 at 02:06 PM

CT

“ Colleen T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jimmy" William Larson.

Colleen T. - April 21, 2024 at 09:55 AM

MM

“ So sorry for your the loss of a devoted and beloved firefighter. May he rest in peace.

Maura Farrell Miller - April 20, 2024 at 09:52 PM

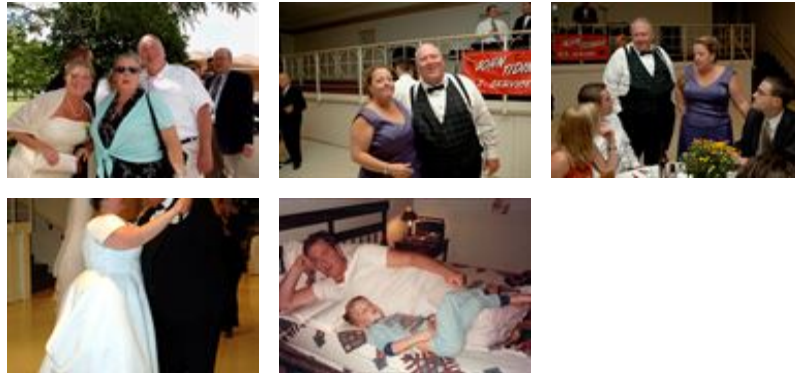
BM

“ Jimmy and I were classmates at St. Teresa of Avila Grammar School. I found him to be funny, witty and always very caring to me and all of the other school children and teachers. Later on in life our paths crossed again when my trucking company employed many of the Albany Fireman as part time U.S. Mail drivers. My prayers are with the family. May Jimmy rest in peace.

Beverly Huba McCasland - April 19, 2024 at 07:22 PM



“ 312 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - April 19, 2024 at 01:09 PM

AW

“ *Mr. Larson was such an amazing person with the greatest sense of humor and contagious laugh. My deepest condolences to all of you Mrs. Larson, Jim, Chris and your families.*

Allyson (Dawes) White - April 19, 2024 at 11:54 AM

MB

“ *My husband Charles Bender was with AFD & liked James as Chief, had a great deal of respect for him. He will be there to welcome James into Heaven. My deepest sympathy to his beautiful family, his many friends & co-workers. God bless his soul , may he Rest In Peace.*

Mary Bender - April 19, 2024 at 10:25 AM

PL

“ *Sending love to you and your family, Molly. Your South Pine Avenue neighbor Paul.*

Paul Lamar - April 19, 2024 at 08:07 AM