



James J. Leonard

April 5, 1937 - November 22, 2024

James Joseph Leonard passed away peacefully on November 22, 2024. Jim was born on April 5, 1937 in Albany, NY to the late Denis and Celia Leonard. He was the second oldest of eight siblings: Mike (Mary), Anne (Jim), Denis (Nora), John, Cecilia, Kevin (Cathy) and Bill.

After graduating High School from Vincentian Institute (VI), he started working with the NYS Department of Transportation. Shortly after, he joined the United States Army where he was a radio technician and was stationed in Germany for part of his service. After leaving the Army, Jim went on to work for the NYS Thruway Authority until retiring.

Jim married his wife of 50 years, Bernadette (Jasinski), in May 1964. He was the loving and cherished father of Keith, Kerry, David (Kristen) and Stephen (Rachael). He was proud grandfather to Allison, Patrick, Ryan, Cameron, Micaela, Grace, Charlie and Hazel who brought immense joy to his life.

Throughout his years, Jim found great joy in spending time with his family and friends playing golf, camping, and boating on the lake. Jim and Bernie spent several winters in the sunshine of Florida where they enjoyed time on the beach, picking up seashells and time with family and friends. After spending years coaching and cheering on his children at sporting events, he continued the same for his grandkids. He was their biggest fan!

Jim's joy, kindness, and laughter touched the lives of many, leaving an unforgettable mark on his family and friends.

A devoted father and grandfather, Jim leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jim's family Monday, December 2, 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 Tuesday December 3, 2024 at 11:30 am at Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way), Albany, NY 12208 where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

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

Those wishing to remember James J. Leonard in a special way may send a contribution to either Community Hospice of Saratoga, 179 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 or Father Peyton, Holy Cross Family Ministries, 518 Washington Street, North Easton MA 02356.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

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Funeral Mass

DEC 3. 11:30 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 J. Leonard*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - November 27, 2024 at 09:53 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Jim's death; I apologize for not making it up from Brooklyn for the services. He was a good man; all the Leonards have great smiles and laughs but no one could compare to Jimmy.*

Bill- I remember a few times when we went to Bernadette and Jim's place. They sure did treat us great, yeah?

My condolences and all my love to the Leonard family. Larry

Larry Frank - December 06, 2024 at 10:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James J. Leonard.*



December 01, 2024 at 02:20 PM



“ John, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. I know how close your family is and I'll keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. I hope you can be comforted by the many years you had together. May James rest in peace.
Sharon Weinlein

Sharon Conboy Weinlein - December 01, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James J. Leonard.



December 01, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James J. Leonard.

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James J. Leonard.



November 30, 2024 at 09:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James J. Leonard.

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“ I had the very good fortune to work with Jim on the Washington Ave Extension Project back in the early 70's. He was about as nice a person as one could hope to meet. The word earnest comes to mind when I think of him
We are all diminished by his passing.

Paul Mack....NYSDOT Deputy Chief Engineer (retired)

Paul Mack - November 29, 2024 at 11:18 AM



“ John, We were so very sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. We hope your many wonderful memories of him will help you through your loss. You and your family are in our prayers. God Bless KK and Mike Hoblock

Karen Hoblocfk - November 29, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James J. Leonard.



November 29, 2024 at 09:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James J. Leonard.

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“ The Pietrowski Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of James J. Leonard.



The Pietrowski Family - November 28, 2024 at 08:18 PM



“ 142 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - November 27, 2024 at 04:50 PM