



## James P. O'Hare

May 26, 1951 - August 29, 2023

Albany, NY-James P. "Jim" O'Hare – 72 of Colonie, entered into eternal life on August 29, 2023 after a brief illness surrounded by his family and friends.

Jim was born May 26, 1951 in Albany to the late John C. Sr. and Myrtle E. (Green) O'Hare.

Jim attended the Vincentian Institute, graduating in 1969 and went on to join the New York Telephone Company (eventually becoming Verizon) where he worked for 50 years and its union, the Upstate Telephone Employees Association.

Jim was a Veteran of the United States Army, serving in Alaska, after which he joined the Communication Workers of America where he moved up through the ranks becoming Vice President of the Local in 1983 and President in 1985. He held the position of president for 20 years until his retirement in December 2005. In 1993, Jim was responsible for the Albany portion of a PT Phone Home program that installed phones in the VA hospital for use by Veterans.

Starting in his youth, Jim loved to serve his community. Teaching swimming lessons, helping with disaster relief efforts at the Albany Chapter of the Red Cross, serving as the 2003 Labor Co-Chairman and later the Board of Director for United Way of Northeast New York. He supported Local 1118's

participation in the Walk America for the March of Dimes and the Breast Cancer Walk. He also supported the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Capital District and was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, among many more organizations.

Jim was a life member of the Fuller Road Fire Department where he served for 50 years and was named Fire Fighter of the year in 1976. At different times during his years with the department he had served as Truck Captain, Rescue Squad Captain, was a drill team member and a member of the Funsters.

Besides his parents, Jim was pre-deceased by his siblings, Jayne, Michael, Brian, and Mary Ellen.

Jim is survived by his 3 children, Patrick and his wife Val of Altamont, Ryan and his wife Jen of Niskayuna, Kerry, and her husband Bill of Colonie. His 5 cherished grandchildren, Shane, Kaitlyn, Ella, Liam, and Colin. His former wife Sue O'Hare of Colonie, his siblings; Jack O'Hare, Dennis (Barbara) O'Hare, Pat Casey, Dottie O'Hare, Nancy Jensen, Ginger (Mike) Fisher, Joe (Patty) O'Hare and brother-in-law Edward Cross.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jim's family Monday, September 4, 2023 4:00 pm to 7:00 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, September 5, 2023 at 11:00 am at St. Vincent De Paul Church, 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.co](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.co)

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In keeping with Jim's spirit of giving, in lieu of flowers donations can be made to; Boys and Girls Club, United Way, Equinox, or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 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

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Vincent De Paul Church  
900 Madison Ave.  
Albany, NY 12208

# Tribute Wall



“ *James P. O'Hare*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *What a very sad day --to lose a wonderful man !!*

**Terrell Lawrence Howard** - September 14, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ *I was saddened and sorry for the loss of James. He was a generous and kind human being. He left us a better world.*

**Laura B McCormick** - September 11, 2023 at 09:17 PM



“ *This will sound redundant, but, I have never met a nicer guy. Dave T.*

**Dave T.** - September 05, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a great gentleman, & a true leader of the CWA Local #1118, & entire Organized Labor Movement, in general! He will be missed by many, & my heartfelt condolences go out to his family, & friends!*

*Mark Gerling*

**Mark Gerling** - September 04, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James P. O'Hare.*



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September 04, 2023 at 01:09 AM



“ *My sincere and profound sympathies and condolences to the O'Hare family. I didn't know Jim well, but I'm sure he was like the rest of the O'Hare siblings...caring, loving, smart, funny, and many other terrific attributes that would be too numerous to list here.*

*Lord, grant to Jim eternal rest and let light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.*

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**Jill Hayes** - September 03, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ *I met Jim in '65 freshman year at VI. He was a great friend and a good soul. Condolences to his family.  
Gold bless him.  
Mike Aloisi*

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**Mike Aloisi** - September 02, 2023 at 09:48 PM



*My sincere and deepest condolence to the O'Hara family. Jim and I went to VI grade school and High school together, as was mentioned, he was a great friend. We kept in touch once in awhile for coffee when he was Union president of phone company. He will be greatly miss. God bless him and family.*

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**Ralph B Commisso** - September 04, 2023 at 07:50 AM

GM

“ Sending condolences to the great and abiding O'Hare clan on the occasion of the death of your husband father brother uncle etc. I never knew Jim well but remember him being part of that grand encampment of O'Hare's on Quail Street, was it. Prayers and blessings upon him and upon you all. Gregory Maguire

Gregory Maguire - September 02, 2023 at 08:21 PM

BY

“ Upmost respect for Jim over the many years at the phone company. When it came time to raise donations for United Way, not many worked harder than Jim. After reading his obituary, Jim's father Jack and my Father In Law John Fitzgibbons were good friends but never realized Jack was Jim's Dad. Our community is in a better place because of Jim. Bob Yager

Bob Yager - September 02, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ Jimmy was a great union brother and leader but most important he was a great person. Got to know Jim through the Union. Jim and myself rode together to many union meetings in the the city. We of course talked union but many times the discussions led to life and our families. Jim lead by example and always was a good friend to me and my union local . Every once in a while you meet a truly great person. Jimmy was one of those people and was fortunate to know him . RIP my Union Brother and sincere condolences to his family .



Patrick Affourtit - September 02, 2023 at 08:16 AM

TL

“ Jim was always the neighborhood Dad. We all loved spending time at the O’Hare house with Pat, Ryan and Kerry. He always had a smile on his face, and he always made the Kids on the block feel included. I’ve known Jim since I was five years old (1982), and I know that he will be sorely missed by not only his children and grandchildren, but also by the numerous members of the Fuller Road firehouse, those he worked with in the telephone company over the years, but also by the children of Oak Street and Pine Avenue who he watched grow into strong men and women, who now have children of their own.



*May you find peace in knowing your father/grandfather was an amazing man that meant the world to so many...*

TD

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Tracy L. DuShane, LL.M - September 01, 2023 at 03:01 PM

DS

“ Rest in peace my friend. Jim was a GREAT union leader that knew how to rally the troops. During one strike he asked members to clean up a little mess at Wards Lane, no problem Jim. Company took offense to our method & we had a few casualties. Jim, our brothers & sisters supported us till everyone was back working again. A true & patient leader. One of few people that stand out in my life.

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Don Schinnerer - September 01, 2023 at 02:01 PM

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“ *Jim O'Hare was the best of the best. A true gentleman, he was a widely respected union leader. He was a great supporter of the American Labor Studies Center and the Kate Mullany House. He will be missed by all.*

*Paul Cole*

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**Paul Cole** - September 01, 2023 at 06:59 AM

JU

“ *Jim was a great guy. I enjoyed sitting and talking with him laughing with him while we smoked a cigar. Shared great time with him at a few events. I know that he will definitely be missed by his family. I know he loved grandchildren because ever time we talked his grandchildren always came up Jim until next time may you Rest In Peace. Your friend Jonathan Urgo*



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**Jonathan Urgo** - September 01, 2023 at 01:33 AM

BR

“ *Rest in Peace Jimmy. Will always remember the time I spent with you around the firehouse.*



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**Bill Russo** - August 31, 2023 at 06:51 PM

MW

“ RIP President Jimmy O'Hare,

*Thank you for all you have done for me and my Union Sisters and Brother. You will always be remembered.*

*Matt Williams*

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**Matthew Williams** - August 31, 2023 at 03:40 PM

PK

*Thank you Jim for all the times you stopped into Troy just to say hi and see if I needed anything talking to me like I was on your level. Rest in peace! Peter Korkemaz*

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**Peter Korkemaz** - August 31, 2023 at 06:16 PM

JL

*To the O'Hare Family. My condolences to you all. Jim and I became friends because of CWA. I was President of Local 1127 in Glens Falls. We made many trips to meetings together with him and other Presidents. Jim's heart was always in the Union. Jim was a gentleman and a great human being. May God look over him RIP.*

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**John Lyford** - September 03, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James P. O'Hare.

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August 31, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James P. O'Hare.



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August 31, 2023 at 02:38 PM