



Dr. James Harry Puleo

December 20, 1934 - December 4, 2016

Albany- James Harry Puleo, 81, was born into Eternal Life on Sunday December 4, 2016 at Memorial Hospital with his family at his bedside. Born in Brooklyn, New York, he was the son of the late Mr. James V. and Grace Floyd Puleo. He is the former husband of the late Evelyn J. Paliotta, AFSC for 44 years of marriage. He is currently married to Lucille Salamida.

Dr. Puleo practiced internal medicine and gastroenterology in the Albany area for 46 years, barring two years when he served as a Captain in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968.

He attended and graduated from Our Lady of Angels, Christian Brothers Academy, Manhattan College, and The Albany Medical College. He received academic honors of Cum Laude, Epsilon Sigma Pi Honor Society, and Alpha Omega Alpha from his respective academic institutions. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine, as well as his fellowship in gastroenterology all at The Albany Medical Center.

Dr. Puleo was most proud to be recognized by the American College of Physicians in 2006 as a Laureate Awardee. He also received the following prestigious awards including The Physician of the Year for The Capital District Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, The Meritorious Service Award for The Albany Medical College Alumni Association, Physician of the Year for Albany Visiting

Nurses Association, Senior Services Award of Albany, Man of the Year for the Center of Disability, Founders Award - Capital District Physicians Health Plan, Northeast Health Founders Award, Distinguished Alumnus Award of the Christian Brothers Academy. He was graciously bestowed the Affiliation of the Christian Brothers (AFSC), and vested into The Knights of Malta.

Dr. Puleo was honored through the years to serve on the following committees which include The Albany Medical Alumni Association for which he served two terms as President, President of the Albany County Medical Society, a Founding Member of the Original Board of the Capital District Physicians Health Plan, Upstate Medical Director for IPRO, Upstate New York Governor in The American College of Gastroenterologists, He served on the board of The Albany Medical Center, St Peter's Health Care Partners, and Northeast Health Foundation Board, Chief of Medicine and Gastroenterology at both Memorial and St Peter's Hospitals, Board of Trustees of The Fort Orange Club, Member of Wolfert's Roost Country Club, and Christian Brothers Academy Board of Trustees(Chairman for 10 years)

Dr. Puleo was truly a patient advocate. This was evident by his commitment to quality of care. Throughout his career and even following retirement he remained involved and provided guidance to the Quality of Care Boards to ensure patient care at any expense.

Dr. Puleo's widely respected and long medical career is only surpassed by the love and esteem in which he was held by his family and innumerable friends. He had a great love for playing bridge, D'Raymond's on Monday nights, and most of all, summers at his home on Cape Cod.

Dr. Puleo is survived by his five children and ten grandchildren, Michele O'Hare (Charles), Alicia Smith (David), Stephanie Mastrianni (Michael), Jennifer Gibson, and James V. Puleo II, M.D. (Erin). His grandchildren Kayla

and Morgan O'Hare, Lauren and Madison Smith, Luke and James Mastrianni, Abigail Gibson, Brigid, Jay, and Sean Puleo. He is also survived by his three step-children, Raymond, Maria, and Gregory and their children. In addition, he is survived by his sister-in-law Regina (Joseph) Moller, cousin Marilyn (Kurt) Wallach and many nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to Father Michael Farano, Father Edward Michelini, Brother Gregory Myles FSC for their spiritual guidance, as well as the staff at Albany Memorial Hospital and Our Lady Of Mercy Life Center.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Dr. Puleo's family Friday, December 9, 2016 4:00 to 7:00 pm at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville (please enter from the Chapel Entrance).

Funeral services Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 10:00 am at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville where a Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Interment will immediately follow the Mass at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Those wishing to remember Dr. Puleo in a special way may send a contribution to either the Albany Medical College, 47 New Scotland Ave., Albany, NY 12208 or Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany, 301 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12206

To leave a message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
23 Crumitie Road
Loudonville, NY

Service

DEC **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
23 Crumitie Road
Loudonville, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. James Harry Puleo*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 08, 2016 at 09:48 AM

AA

Dr. Puleo was a great example to me as a young physician, was a kind neighbor to me in my childhood (I remember Tuxedo, and I remember being babysat by Stephanie), and will be missed. My sympathies to Jim and to the entire Puleo family.
-Andy Alpart

Andy Alpart - December 12, 2016 at 09:03 PM



“ *Dr. James Harry Puleo*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

MO

“ *My sincere condolences to you and your family during this difficult time, may the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort "He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces"*

Montana - December 31, 2016 at 12:06 AM

UC

“ *Llon Michele,*

The Utica Lions Club wishes to send our condolences to you and the family . We are sorry to hear of the passing of your father.

With Deepest Sympathy,

The Utica Lions Club



Utica Lions Club - December 20, 2016 at 10:03 AM

JL

“ *I had been a pt. of Dr. Puleo for 40 yrs. He was so kind and caring when he would call me at 11 pm when I was ill. He was so dedicated to helping people to get well. Dr. Puleo also came to my wedding and had a wonderful time. For years I waited in his waiting room for hours to see him--he was "the best". I will never forget him.*

My condolences to Dr. Puleo Jr. and his family.

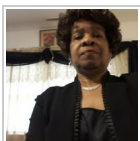
Joanne Laduke

Joanne Laduke - December 14, 2016 at 08:32 PM

NG

“ I've worked at St. Peter's since I was 19 and I remember Dr Puleo's dedication to his patients. Even when you knew he wasn't feeling well he still took time to see his patients. Many years ago when I went to Academy of the Holy Names with the Puleo girls, I remember the generous gifts Dr. and Mrs. Puleo gave to the school. The beautiful velvet curtains for the stage and so many more contributions to CBA as well.

Nancy Gallitelli - December 09, 2016 at 07:01 PM



“ To the Puleo family I was saddened to hear of the passing of my favorite doctor. We had a special relationship during my 13 years as his receptionist. My condolences and prayers for all of you.



Carrington Dorothy - December 09, 2016 at 05:53 PM

MD

“ I was a patient of Dr. Puleo's for forty years. I will always be grateful for his care, compassion and kindness.

With deepest sympathy, Marilyn Donah

Marilyn Donah - December 09, 2016 at 02:12 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. James Harry Puleo.



December 08, 2016 at 05:06 PM

MF

“ *Mary Femia, RN lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Harry Puleo*



mary femia,RN - December 08, 2016 at 02:15 PM

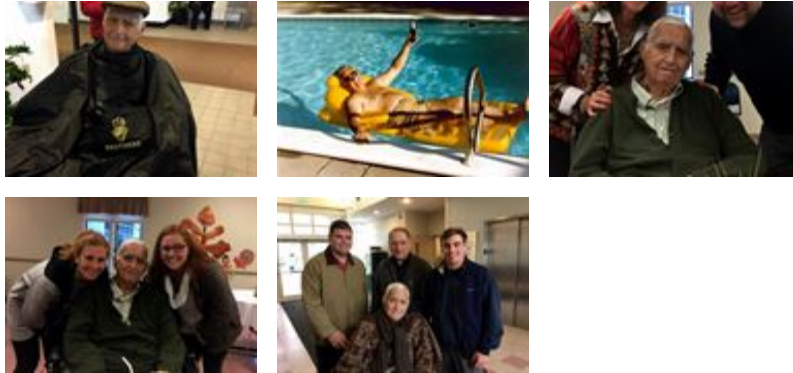
KB

*I first met Dr. Puleo in his office 50 years ago. There has never been a more caring and hard working doctor than him. He has called me a 12:30 at night and at 6:00 in the morning with test results. He always made sure his patient came first. He will be missed by all who knew him. My condolences to Dr Puleo, Jr and his family.
Kathleen Brandon- December 20, 2016*

Kathleen Brandon - December 20, 2016 at 02:00 PM

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“ *53 files added to the album Life Tributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 08, 2016 at 09:38 AM

EM

“ Lucille,

My sincere sympathy goes out to you and your family for your great loss and all the Puleo family.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Moore

Evelyn Moore - December 08, 2016 at 07:23 AM

JW

“ *Condolences to Dr. Puleo's family. As a teenager suffering from Crohn's disease, I and my family were looking for help. Dr. Puleo helped us to live and live well with the disease. Through three surgeries and numerous other ups and downs, Dr. Puleo was a constant and calming influence. I will forever be grateful for the excellent compassionate care he extended to me and my family. He also treated my sister and late mother with the same medical care and compassionate bedside manner. He will be greatly missed. I am sure that he is helping and healing in heaven.*

Jeffrey Winig - December 08, 2016 at 07:12 AM

TF

“ *Christmas 1989, Uncle Jim took one look at me and said "Honey, you need to sit down and put your feet up. Then he turned to James and said "We better leave soon because she is having that baby tonight and we might have to help deliver it!" Uncle Jim was right. Aly was born a few hours later! uncle Jim alwYs made everyone feel welcome and a part of the family. I will miss you, Uncle Jim! 🙏❤️*

tricia flint - December 06, 2016 at 07:25 PM

GS

“ Jim was a great guy in medical school. Always friendly and always smiling. I saw him last May at our class reunion at Albany Medical College. 55 years went by quickly.

My deepest condolences to the entire Puleo family.

George E Sims MD, Class 1961 AMC

George E SimsMD - December 06, 2016 at 05:38 PM

LK

*Jim Puleo kept our Class together and connected to AMC. A class act.
Len Kirschner AMC 1961*

Len Kirschner - December 06, 2016 at 08:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. James Harry Puleo.



December 06, 2016 at 11:47 AM

MD

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire Puleo family for the loss of your father, grandfather, mentor and friend. I have many fond memories of this jovial force of life, specifically his signature bow ties!!! His presence was in the room before he walked into it and his laughter echoed long after he left. May Dr. Puleo lay peacefully next to his beloved Evelyn, and may all of his children and grandchildren find grace and love in the fact that your parents are reunited.*

With a heavy heart,

Marita R. Driscoll

Gabriella and Dylan Marone

Marita R Driscoll - December 06, 2016 at 08:01 AM

DT

“ *To Dr Puleo and Family,
So sorry for your loss, I had the honor of working with your father for 44 years, it was a pleasure-taught us all so much with his unique style.*

He will truly be missed by all !! He is and was one of a kind.

At times he was gentle gaint-loved by all. Great memories forever!

Debbie Tremblay RN

Debbie Tremblay - December 06, 2016 at 07:47 AM

LQ

“ *The Town of Hoosick Lions Club wishes to send our sympathy to the family of Dr. Puleo. His service, like that of the Lions Clubs everywhere, is a glowing tribute to helping those in need every day. May great memories sustain you along these tough days ahead.*



*Sincerely yours,
Lion Secretary
Judy Quackenbush*

Lion Judy Quackenbush - December 06, 2016 at 07:06 AM

JC

“ *To the Puelo Family,
We have the pleasure of Stephanie and Michaels friendships here in Wellesley, Ma...I enjoyed reading the beautiful obituary for your Dad. Dr Puleo truly sounds like an amazing guy! No surprises here, as the Mastriani's are known for the civic involvement, warm hospitality, humor and great kids! Losing someone wonderful is difficult, but we are sending our best wishes that you continue to feel his presence daily, and that your many memories will comfort you and your family.*

*Much Love,
Jane Callanan and Steve Hall*

jane callanan - December 06, 2016 at 04:49 AM

SO

“ *Dear Alicia, Steph, Jennifer, Michelle and James
Please know of my prayers and support during this very sad time. As you know, your dad was a great, husband, father, doctor and so much more. He will be greatly missed. Peace, Sean*

Sean OBrien - December 05, 2016 at 09:40 PM

MB

“ *Dear Stephanie and family, what an incredible tribute to a wonderful man. Our deepest sympathies. May the memories lighten your sorrow. Sincerely, Michelle and Robert*

Michelle Brown - December 05, 2016 at 08:53 PM