



James V Reilly

June 15, 1929 - June 19, 2015

Albany-James V. Reilly died at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital after a brief illness on Friday, June 19, 2015. He was 86 years old. A lifelong resident of Albany Jim was a graduate of Vincentian Institute in 1947 and attended Sienna College. He received a football scholarship to Niagara University, but was unable to attend due to broken back sustained in an auto accident. At Vincentian, "Satch" was voted funniest student by his classmates, and by his football coach said to be the best defensive tackle he'd ever coached. He started in the order department at A. Wayne Merriam in the mid 50s and worked his way up to TV Advertising and Sales Manager for William H. Squires, Inc. He held various Executive Sales positions throughout his career and retired from Tri-State Industrial Laundries in the early 80s.

Jim was an avid swimmer and reader, was known for his great sense of humor, quick wit, charm, story telling ability and his "FM radio" voice. His most valued accomplishment was his friendship with Bill W. for almost 40 years.

Jim is survived by his two daughters, Francine Sankowski of Winterville, NC, Carol Reilly of Albany; two grandchildren Steven J. Sankowski and Lauren M. Sankowski, both of Winterville, NC and a sister Marie Harriott of Charlottesville, VA and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Captain John J. Reilly and Anna (McCarthy), brother John J. Reilly all of Albany and Suzanne DiBernardo of Colonie. He was married to the late

Maryann (Brenda) Maguire of Broadstairs Kent.

Jim's daughters wish to extend their deepest gratitude to the entire Staff of Our Lady of Mercy Life Center for their professional dedication, patience, kindness, loving support and friendship over the last 2 1/2 years with special thanks to Lisa, Ann, Cynthia, Andrew, Rose, Yvonne, Dee, Lita, Angie, Sheila a/k/a Mama, Martha, Dr. Payne, Dr. Sultan, Maryann Palumbo, Karen Masi, Amanda, Starr, Diane, Paster Wally, Trisha, Evi, Pat, Jennifer, Joyce and many others. Special thanks also to Dr. Kevin J. Crowley of St. Peters Hospital Emergency Department for your invaluable compassion, and to the staff and volunteers at the Hospice Inn at St. Peters Hospital especially Sally, Margaret, Liz, Jan and Victoria.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Community Hospice or the Mohawk Hudson River Humane Society.

There will be no calling hours.

Friends and family are invited and may attend a Mass of Christian Burial at the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 9:00 am.

Interment Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

481 Route 9W
Glenmont, NY

Previous Events

Service

JUL 1. 9:00 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)
Albany, NY 12208

Tribute Wall



“ *James V Reilly*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *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."*

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“ *Uncle Jimmy was a gem. I remember his funny stories and great sense of humor! He had a radio voice but he was very good looking! I miss this era-truly the Greatest Generation! RIP uncle Jimmy. ❤️*

Gina Sherman - July 03, 2015 at 03:01 PM



“ *This is where we all up one day.
He knew this better than anyone*

Francine Sankowski - June 27, 2015 at 07:45 PM



We may never cross this way, again

Francine Sankowski - June 27, 2015 at 08:00 PM