



## James M. Tierney

October 20, 1934 - July 13, 2022

Albany- James Michael Patrick Tierney passed into eternal life on Wednesday July 13, 2022.

Jim was born on October 20, 1934 in Albany, NY, the son of the late Ellen (Cleary) and James M. Tierney. He attended the former Cathedral Academy Grammar School where he was an altar boy. He graduated from Cathedral High School in 1953. He attended Cathedral Academy for thirteen years (K-12). He was taught by the good sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet. He was a Defensive Lineman on the 1952 Cathedral Academy once-beaten football team.

Jim served his country in the US Army from 1957-1959. He did basic training at Fort Gordon, GA and then served three months in Atlanta, GA working at a military IBM facility. He was then assigned to Camp Zama, Japan, in their IBM facility until his discharge.

For 31 years he was the Treasurer of the Albany Chapter of The Compassionate Friends. An organization that was most helpful to Grace (his late beloved wife) and Jim when their daughter Kathy died.

Jim is survived by his children Michael of Albany and Michele of Menands, as well as his granddaughter, Amanda Tierney-Morton (Chris) of Toronto and his

great grandson Raphael. His brother, Joseph (Diane) of Loudonville, his sister Karen (late Leo) of Halfmoon and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Sadly Jim's wife Grace passed away July 9, 2011. Their daughter Kathy died in 1982. Both are missed with deep sadness but always remembered with everlasting love.

Two sisters Mary Tierney Bullinger and Anne Tierney Ford and his brother John predeceased Jim.

A song that Jim treasured was "Annie's song" written by John Denver for his wife Annie. Jim said, "Grace is my Annie". The song is sung by John Denver and Irish tenor Frank Patterson.

Jim was an avid runner having completed 36 marathons and hundreds of other road races. His best performance in 2:59:08. An article in the Times Union read: "Perhaps the single outstanding performance of the day belonged to the 51 year old Jim Tierney who ran 2:59.08. It was some nine minutes under his personal best when few others could match their PB. He was given the Distinguished Service in 1999. He was inducted in the Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club Hall of Fame in 2009.

Jim was an active member of Christ the King Roman Catholic Church.

He worked for IBM for 37 years in Poughkeepsie, Kingston, Sterling Forest, and Mahwah. He had a successful career. He often said his career was a success in part because he was always dependable, hardworking and had a good attitude and the ability to get along well with others. Jim was a member of the IBM Quarter Century Club and the AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) an Irish Organization.

Jim will be laid to rest next to his beloved wife Grace and daughter Kathy in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jim's family Tuesday, July 19, 2022 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. The parish family will gather at 4:30 pm for a Service of Prayer and Remembrance. All are welcome.

Funeral services Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 10:00 am at Christ the King Church, Westmere, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Rite of Committal will be held at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery immediately following the Mass.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave  
Albany, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 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

JUL 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ The King Church  
20 Sumter Avenue  
Albany, NY 12203

# Tribute Wall



“ *James M. Tierney*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Jim was always so nice to us at the Guilderland Post Office, always asking about us and how we were doing. I so enjoyed conversing with him about sports, especially the Giants. Jim was total class.*

**Mark Audino** - July 19, 2022 at 08:45 PM



“ *I ran many miles with Jim and another friend Bob Chandler over many years. Always a highlight to my day. Lots of great memories from those days. A wonderful person.*

**Paul Oberting** - July 19, 2022 at 07:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James M. Tierney.*



July 17, 2022 at 10:17 AM