



## James E. Graber M.D.

August 20, 1932 - October 7, 2010

ALBANY- James E. Graber, M.D., 78, passed peacefully at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center on Thursday, October 7, 2010.

Jim was born on August 20, 1932, son of the late Walter B. and Katherine (Echter) Graber. He grew up in Watervliet, NY and was a graduate of Catholic Central High School. He interrupted his college studies to enlist in the United States Army in 1952 and served in the infantry for three years during the Korean War. He received several commendations including a Purple Heart medal. After completing his military service, he graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and received his medical degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo Medical School.

He spent his career as a physician at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany where he cared for his patients with compassion and served as Chief of the Anesthesiology Department for more than twenty-five years. He was a past President of the Anesthesia Group of Albany, the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists and the University Club of Albany. He was a member of Schuyler Meadows Country Club, belonged to the Parish of Mater Christi and volunteered his time coaching baseball at both St. Catherine's Little League and National Little League.

After his retirement in 1993, Jim enjoyed spending time with his family, playing

golf and walking his dog, Riley. He was a lifelong and devoted fan of the New York Yankees.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Joan (Leddy) Graber; six children, Raymond (Mary) Graber, M.D. of Westlake, OH, Kathleen Naughter of Albany, Margaret (Gregory) Loftis of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Timothy (Lois) Graber of Oswego, NY, Michael (Maureen) Graber, M.D. of Syracuse, NY and Kevin (Tina) Graber of Andover, MA; one brother, Charles (Karol) Graber of West Sand Lake, two sisters, Theresa (William) Houlihan of Latham and Sr. Katherine Graber of Albany; 14 grandchildren, Luke, Colin, Aubrie, Thomas, Matthew, Meghan, Katherine, Kyle and Kelly Graber, John, Patrick and James Naughter, Amanda and Nicole Loftis. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by four brothers and seven sisters, Vincent Graber, Sr. Mary Anita Graber, Sr. Mary Ann Graber, Caroline Wilson, Marie Thomas, Joseph Graber, John Graber, Margaret Treventi, Sr. Mercedes Graber, Frances Barachina, and Thomas Graber.

The family would like to thank the kind and generous staff at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center for the wonderful care given to Jim during the past year.

Funeral services Monday, October 11, 2010 at 9:45 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to the Parish of Mater Christi (formerly St. Catherine of Siena Church) at 10:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Sunday, October 10, 2010 4:00 to 8:00pm in the funeral home.

Interment St. Agnes Cemetery Menands.

Those wishing to remember Dr. Graber in a special way may send a contribution to Our Lady of Mercy Life Center 2 Mercy Care Lane, Guilderland, NY 12084.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book; obtain a prayer card or directions; or share a photo or E-card with them, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Graber M.D.*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Peggy,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
love, Your ECMC ED family##imported-begin##Theresa  
Lynn##imported-end##*

October 11, 2010 at 07:18 PM



“ *Mrs. Graber, Tim and family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family during this time. May you find solace in all of the happy memories. May God look favorably upon Dr. Graber, for all of the lives that he touched in so many different ways, throughout his lifetime.*

*Michael Van Amburgh  
Charlotte, NC##imported-begin##Michael Van Amburgh##imported-end##*

October 10, 2010 at 10:06 PM



“ Condolences to Joan, Kathy and the Graber family.  
I have such fond memories of Jim and Kevin from the many times that we would play golf at Schuyler Meadows Club. Jim was so proud of Kevin and his baseball career.. Jim would keep us up to date on where and how well Kevin was playing. Jim really enjoyed the game of golf.  
I would often see him on the practic range hitting golf balls. The years that I worked with Dr. Graber I can rember all the interesting and funny stories he would tell and how he was always there to help when you needed him..  
Rest in Peace Dr. Graber##imported-begin##Anne R. Bailey##imported-end##

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October 10, 2010 at 01:38 PM



“ Dr. Graber had a profound impact on my life. I am grateful that he hired me to work for AGA some twenty five years ago. He was more like a father to me than a boss. I have fond memories of court side seats at Patroon games compliments of Dr. Graber. Also endless conversations about our shared love of the Yankees. Having founded AGA, his legacy will carry on forever. I will always remember him fondly.##imported-begin##Tom Gaughan##imported-end##

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October 10, 2010 at 01:02 PM



“ To the Graber Family,  
Please accept our sincere sympathy on the passing of your father and husband. He will be remembered fondly. Our thoughts are with you. The Blendell Family.##imported-begin##Karl Blendell##imported-end##

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October 10, 2010 at 12:24 AM



“ *Sr Kay, and the entire Graber family,*

*Please accept my sincere condolences on the death of Dr Graber.*

*May he rest in the peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus and may memories ease the pain of his loss.*

*Job well done Dr Graber.##imported-begin##Donna (Bolognino) Colby##imported-end##*

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October 09, 2010 at 10:37 PM



“ *Condolences to all of the Graber family. My dad (Allan MacCollam) was Chief of Pediatrics at St. Peter's during much of your dad's tenure and knew him well, as of course Sr. Katherine. Dr. G. probably bowled with him at U.C. and did a few 19th holes with him at Schuyler Meadows. It saddens me that the "old medical guard" has retired and is passing along. There's something about that post-War and post-depression group which was different from medicine today, and not just technology. Thanks be to GOD for you dad and the thousands of lives he helped save.##imported-begin##Fr. Joel MacCollam##imported-end##*

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October 09, 2010 at 01:15 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you thru these difficult times.##imported-begin##The Magrum Family##imported-end##*

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October 09, 2010 at 12:36 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Graber family. Phil 4:4-7.##imported-begin##Matt and Karen Edwards##imported-end##

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October 09, 2010 at 10:21 AM



“ Joan, Kevin and family, sending our love, hugs, thoughts and prayers to your family at this sad time. Will never forget meeting you in Minnesota when you visited Kevin. Please know that we are thinking of you and praying for you. LeAnn and Rick Zerck Albert Lea, MN##imported-begin##LeAnn Zerck##imported-end##

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October 09, 2010 at 09:50 AM