

## Jay Feeney

May 30, 1926 - February 28, 2015

John Jay Feeney, 88, died peacefully, surrounded by his loved ones at the Teresian House in Albany, NY, on February 28, 2015 after a long illness.

He was a lifelong public servant, devout Roman Catholic, and steadfast fan of the New York Giants.

Born in Haverstraw, NY, Jay attended Haverstraw High School and upon graduation enlisted in the United States Navy. He served as Signalman Second Class on the U.S.S. Mayo with the Pacific fleet until the end of World War II. Following his military service, Jay attended Fordham University, graduating in 1950. He played football at Fordham under Coach Vince Lombardi for three years, forgoing his final year due to injury.

Jay was a Certified Public Accountant in both New York and the District of Columbia, beginning his career with the General Accounting Office in Washington D.C. In 1960, he joined the New York State Office of the State Comptroller, beginning a career in State service that spanned over 35 years. He served three different Comptrollers as First Deputy Comptroller, Deputy Comptroller for Administration, Deputy Comptroller for Municipal Affairs, and Deputy Comptroller for Pre Audit and Accounting. He also served as Special Assistant to Governor Mario M. Cuomo, directing the Governor's Office of Management and Productivity.

Jay received several awards including the Alfred E. Smith Distinguished Public Service Award and the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Nelson A. Rockefeller College Public Affairs and Policy. Following his retirement from Government Service, he was appointed by Bishop Howard Hubbard as the first lay Chancellor of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. Jay also served as an Adjunct Professor at Russell Sage College, the President and a Board member at the University Club of Albany, and a Board member at the Teresian House.

Jay was predeceased by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Elizabeth) Feeney; his wife of 63 years, Eileen; his brother, Robert; his nephew, Kevin; and his granddaughter, Elizabeth Ferrara. He is survived by his daughters, Christine (Peter) Ferrara, of Fairfield, CT, Jayne Feeney of Belmont, MA, and Susan (Steven) Marks of Syracuse, NY; sons, John (Shiuan) Feeney, of New York, NY, and Andrew (Maureen) Feeney, of Albany, NY; grandchildren, Kristin, Susan and Margaret Ferrara, Kate (Harper) Homes, Zoe, Yianni and Vasilis Kostantinidis, Michael, Andrew, Stephen and Matthew Marks, Elizabeth Feeney, and Brigit, Tara and Robert Feeney; and great-grand daughter, Lucy Homes; nieces Susanna Alfred and Pamela Fullerton; and his devoted friend, Judy Flannery.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, March 3, between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, at the Historic Church of Saint Mary on Capitol Hill, Albany, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Teresian House Foundation, 200 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, NY 12203.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions, light a candle or view other helpful services please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Cemetery-Haverstraw, NY

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Haverstraw, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Jay Feeney*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 03, 2015 at 11:23 AM



“ *Jay Feeney*

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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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**M** - August 31, 2015 at 09:39 PM

MH

“ I just learned of Jay's passing when I was speaking with Howard Nolan. Jay and Eileen were our next door neighbors for many years. They were not only neighbors but great friends as well. They came to Burlington, Vermont to attend my college graduation in 1963 and the weekend was memorable. I remember Jay as a man whose family and religion were first in his life and whose professional achievements were many. My condolences to his children whom I remember with fondness.

*Miles Heller  
Essex Junction, Vermont*

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**Miles S. Heller** - March 07, 2015 at 03:15 PM

SB

“ Andrew and Family, We're sorry we were away and not able to express our condolences in person. The loss of a parent at whatever age is so difficult. Our thoughts are with you all. Susan and Ken Bergmann

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**susan bergmann** - March 04, 2015 at 05:24 PM

SL

“ Andrews and Maureen, Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time of loss. May God comfort you and give you His peace.

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**Steve and Karen Lalor** - March 03, 2015 at 05:26 PM

JO

“ I can fondly recall so many positive memories of my times with Jay, as one of his Deputies during the State Comptroller Ned Regan's terms of office. Jay had such a positive way of welcoming inclusion in determining major decision recommendations for the Comptroller's Office. My condolences.  
J. Michael O'Connell

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**J. Michael O'Connell** - March 03, 2015 at 03:55 PM

SH

“ Dear Chris, Jayne, Sue, John and Andrew,

Your parents were such special people and treasured friends to my family. We were very lucky to have them as neighbors on Colonial Avenue. All of the photos you shared beautifully captured their love of life and family.

My thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your father.

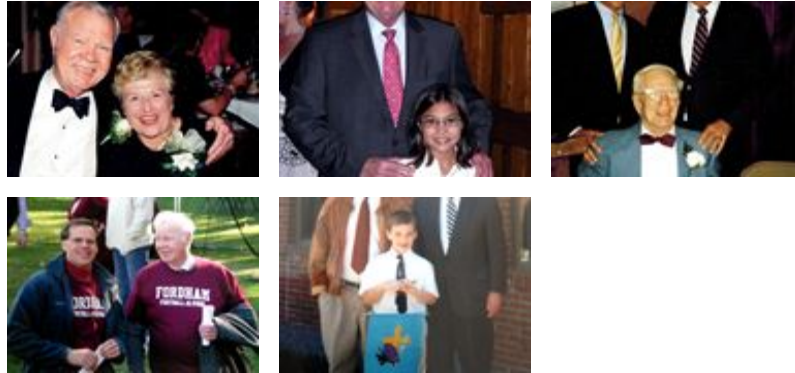
With sincere sympathy,  
Sue Flannery Huffman

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**Susan Flannery Huffman** - March 03, 2015 at 01:34 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - March 03, 2015 at 11:05 AM

SG

“ I am so sorry for your loss.  
Sharon Giordano

Sharon Giordano - March 03, 2015 at 06:45 AM

BV

“ Andrew,  
Words cannot say how sorry I am to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my Prayers.  
Bill Vogel

Bill Vogel - March 02, 2015 at 09:19 AM

JC

“ Joseph Collorafi lit a candle in memory of Jay Feeney



Joseph Collorafi - March 02, 2015 at 08:59 AM