



## Mr. James Murphy

August 15, 1946 - July 16, 2024

James Murphy, 77, passed away Tuesday July 16, 2024, at Upstate Hospital. Born August 15, 1946, in Buffalo, New York the son of the late James and Mary Schwab Murphy. Jim grew up in Buffalo and graduated from Cardinal O'Hara High School. After High School, he was proud to be sworn into the Air Force Reserves by his father. After two years, he began his 36-year career with Niagara Mohawk. In 1970 he married Lucy Newton and began a family. In 1972 they settled in Virgil with two toddlers, two babies and a dog. The family attended St. Mary's Church in Cortland where Jim served as Eucharistic Minister, CCD Teacher, PreCana Facilitator and a trustee. He was on the financial committee and the Building and Grounds committee.

In Virgil he joined the Fire Department, served on the Youth Commission, the Town Board, Board of Appeals and the Cemetery Board. In Cortland he was on the Economic Development Committee and the Soil and Water Board.

Jim is survived by 3 brothers Dr. Timothy (Donna) Murphy, Peter (Michele) Murphy, Paul (Lyn) Murphy and 3 sisters Mary (Smeraldo) DeRosa, Sally (David) Haynes, Patricia (Jeff Scottow).

He is survived by his wife, Lucy, two sons, James W. (Kason Temple) and John P., four daughters Jeanne-Marie (Tom) Kavanagh, Colleen (John) Brady, Laura (Jeff) Malczon, Allison (Sean) Cryan, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He is survived by 16 nephews, 15 nieces and 18 cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday August 3, 2024, at 10:00 am in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

The Family will be present to receive friends on Friday August 2, 2024, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home 69 North Main Street, Cortland NY. Those who choose to honor Jim's Memory in the form of a contribution are asked to please consider, St. Mary's School 61 N. Main Street, Cortland, NY or St. Mary's Church 59 N. Main St, Cortland.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Mary, Tim, Cat, and Mike purchased the With Distinction for the family of Mr. James Murphy.*



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**Mary, Tim, Cat, and Mike** - August 02, 2024 at 01:03 PM

WF

“ *With love, Rachel Williams and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. James Murphy.*



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**With love, Rachel Williams and Family** - August 02, 2024 at 09:15 AM

WF

“ *With love, Rachel Williams and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Murphy.*

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**With love, Rachel Williams and Family** - August 02, 2024 at 09:15 AM

JK

“ *The entire Murphy clan is in our thoughts and prayers. As Jim would say, HHAA...*

*God Bless,  
John, Kristie and Family*

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**John Kavanagh** - August 02, 2024 at 08:08 AM

JF

“ *John & Kristie Kavanagh and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. James Murphy.*



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**John & Kristie Kavanagh and Family** - August 02, 2024 at 08:03 AM

LA

“ *Lucy and Family, I am sending you My deepest condolences for the loss of your wonderful husband and father. I had the pleasure of meeting Jim many years ago when I unexpectedly stopped by with his sister, Mary. I will never forget the gracious hospitality of putting us up for the night with a meal and even a Motorcycle ride! It was so wonderful to spend time with such a loving couple and their darling children.*

*I will continue to pray for your family and hope that you will remain close and give each other strength. Fondly,  
Luann Agro*

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**LuAnn Agro** - August 01, 2024 at 11:41 PM

LH

“ *Lena & Mike Herschbein purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mr. James Murphy.*



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**Lena & Mike Herschbein** - August 01, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Murphy.*



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August 01, 2024 at 04:12 PM



“ *Fr. Marty, Joan Pacala and OLPH family planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Mr. James Murphy.*

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**Fr. Marty, Joan Pacala and OLPH family** - August 01, 2024 at 04:12 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences to the Murphy family.  
Sadly In this life , I never got to meet you , but knowing in Heaven , a reunion will be a wonderful way to gather in the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

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**Leslie Kerling Porto** - August 01, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James Murphy.*



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August 01, 2024 at 08:42 AM

AC

“ ADP PreSales Community planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Murphy.

ADP PreSales Community - August 01, 2024 at 08:42 AM

MN

“ Mark Kelly and Luka Newton purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. James Murphy.



Mark Kelly and Luka Newton - July 31, 2024 at 07:58 PM

MN

“ Mark Kelly and Luka Newton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Murphy.

Mark Kelly and Luka Newton - July 31, 2024 at 07:58 PM

YF

“ Your North Port Utility Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. James Murphy.



Your North Port Utility Family - July 31, 2024 at 06:53 AM

YF

“ From: Your North Port Utility Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Murphy.

Your North Port Utility Family - July 31, 2024 at 06:53 AM

RS

“ Our sincere condolences for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Rob & Mary Spaulding - July 29, 2024 at 03:48 AM

BW

“ My husband and I came to visit people and places in Upstate New York last summer 2023. At the end of our visiting with Laura in Bethlehem PA she urged us to stop and visit her parents, Jim and Lucy in Virgil. We were already planning to go to Virgil to visit the cemetery there.



We were welcomed, though totally unexpected, by Lucy. She had sweetness about her, as always. She barely knew my husband Jeremy and yet welcomed us in. She and I sat down on the piano bench. Playing and singing a song from the musical, Grease. What fun. She introduced us to their son, John Paul. With Jim and Lucy we sat down at the Dining room table conversing together.

I am so glad that Laura urged us to stop and visit her parents while in Virgil. I never would have thought that that time, in the summer of 2023, would be the last time I might hear or see Jim.

Thanks Laura for that little nudge. Thanks Lucy for welcoming us into your home and now sharing memories of your dear husband, Jim. What 'the family of God can do'.

Beth Johns Wheekock - July 25, 2024 at 02:41 PM

ES

“ I just started at CSWCD back in the beginning of June, I met him shortly after. It was a pleasure getting to meet you Jim! Prayers for your family and I am sorry for such a great loss <3



Emily Stansfield - July 22, 2024 at 07:51 AM

MW

“ To Lucy, Jeanne-Marie, Colleen, JW, Laura, Allison, John P, and all of Jim’s family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I know your faith is strong, and I’m sending you much love. I grew up in Virgil and spent many a day at the Murphy homestead playing with the kids down there. I have fond memories of the Murphy family and it breaks my heart to hear of Jim’s passing so suddenly. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. □ - Melissa (Morse) White

Melissa White - July 21, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ We met the Murphy family through St Mary's Church soon after we moved from Watertown to Cortland in 1978. We knew from the start what kind people we were so lucky to meet. Rest in peace, Jim. God finally called you back to Him. We'll pray for you, Lucy and hope to see you next time we make the trip up from Kentucky.

Sherry Borek - July 20, 2024 at 01:11 PM

MT

“ Deepest sympathy to Colleen, John, Colin and Shauna and to all your family at this sad time. May James rest in peace.

Mary & Tomas Tyner, Cork, Ireland.

Mary Tyner - July 20, 2024 at 11:02 AM

MI

“ *Forever Family !  
HHAA  
Peter & Micky*



micky - July 20, 2024 at 08:45 AM

MB

“ *To  
jigg's family. ... I'll always remember stopping by his house when we  
were in kindergarten to be sure he got to school. And of course his  
parents stayed in touch with me for many years. Much love to all of  
you from. The Sullivan Family. Margaret sullivan blanch*

Margaret Sullivan Blanch - July 19, 2024 at 03:02 PM

MI

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



micky - July 19, 2024 at 07:28 AM

RS

“ Lucy and family Ray and I are so sadden to hear of Jim's passing. He was a man always with a smile and helping hand. We are so glad that we have you all in our great memories. Thoughts and prayers.

Ray and Terry Stevens - July 19, 2024 at 07:25 AM

MI

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



micky - July 18, 2024 at 08:53 PM

LM

“ I met Jim when Laura got married and enjoyed him and his family immensely. I am so sorry for you all. You have been given more trials lately than anyone can handle. I am praying for you all including Jim. God bless you all.

Lynn Kaiser McLaughlin - July 18, 2024 at 05:17 PM

TM

“ 1 file added to the album Family Photos



Tom Murphy - July 18, 2024 at 04:23 PM

CS

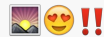
“ As a friend of Laura, I know that she has a beautiful family. The news about her Father, and your Loved one, Jim, is heartbreaking. Laura, you and your family have my deepest condolences, with my prayers for Jim and for all of you to help you through these most difficult days. God Bless.

Cindy Silva - July 18, 2024 at 03:34 PM

MD

*My memories of Jim are filled to overflowing with his always offering a helping hand to assist at both St. Mary's school and especially at our Church. He was someone who 'ALWAYS' presented a positive attitude no matter what the situation presented. I thank him, Lucy & their family for sharing Jim with all connected in the greater Cortland/Virgil communities...Jim will be forever missed by all who had the honor of knowing or working with him.*

*May the good Lord raise him up & hold him in the hallow of hand 🙏😊*



Mike dexter - July 26, 2024 at 09:31 AM