



Mr. James W. VanNortwick, Sr.

November 13, 1929 - December 5, 2012

Mr. James W. VanNortwick, Sr. 83, of Cortland, N.Y. passed away, Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at Cortland Regional Medical Center. Born, November 13, 1929 in Geneva, Jim was a son of, William J. and Mary Kinney VanNortwick and a Cortland resident for many years.

Jim faithfully served his country in the United States Air Force and was a proud graduate of Siena College. Jim taught New York State History and Math in the Waterloo Central School District where he was a resident for 10 years, prior to relocating to Cortland with his family to become the Director of Pupil Personal at Cortland Jr. Sr. High School from 1966-1991. A communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Jim served his church in various capacities, as an usher, reader, greeter and gift bearer. He was a pen pal at St. Mary's School, and a Bingo volunteer. Jim was a member of R.S.V.P and drove cancer patients for the American Cancer Society. Additionally, Jim was named Senior Citizen of The Year in Cortland County. He also enjoyed golfing and bowling and was a referee and umpire for the high school sports programs. But, Jim's happiest times were those he spent with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Patricia, 2 sons; James W. Jr. (Kimberly) of Chicago, Illinois, Gerald Albini (Lisa) of California, 4 daughters; Monica (Patrick) West of Cortland, Mary Grace VanNortwick (Christopher

Passarelli) of Liverpool, Patrice VanNortwick (Geri Button) of Utica, and Pamela Woodward of Denver, Colorado., a brother; Francis VanNortwick of Syracuse, and 7 grandchildren, Emily and James Williams, Clay and Cole VanNortwick, John Tyler Normann, Charlotte VanNortwick and Sophia Woodward. In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by 2 sisters; Jeanne Carman and Mary Helen Becker.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church with Rev. Lucian Urbaniak serving as celebrant. Prayers of committal will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. The family will be present to receive friends on Sunday from 2-5 p.m. in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main St., Cortland, N.Y. Contributions in Jim's memory may be made to St. Mary's Parochial School 61 N. Main St., Cortland, N.Y. 13045
www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

JO

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Jim. He was one of the good guys at CHS when I taught there. I also remember good times officiating football and umpiring baseball games back in the day. RIP old friend.*

Jim Ochsner - May 18, 2018 at 11:22 AM

JC

“ *My deepest condolences are sent to your family. Mr. VanNortwick was a kind, gentle man. It was a pleasure to know him.*

Jane Mulhern Cox - May 18, 2018 at 11:22 AM

JH

“ *Sincere condolences to Pat and family...Jim was a wonderful man who continually showed his warmth & compassion to my family. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jim Haskell - May 18, 2018 at 11:22 AM

HB

“ *Mrs. Van Nortwick and family, I am saddened to hear of your loss. I will always remember your faith and the joy you and Mr. Van Nortwick brought brought to my parents' lives.*

Helen DeMane Burt - May 18, 2018 at 11:22 AM

BL

“ My heart goes out to you, Pat and your family. Please know that, even though I can't be with you on Monday, my heart and thoughts are with you, old friend.

Love,
Barbara

Barbara Lidestri - May 18, 2018 at 11:22 AM

AE

“ I only met Mr. VanNortwick once, But I feel I knew all he stood for because I know what a great job he did raising MaryGrace, Monica and his other children. He must of been all about ethics, integrity, morals and kindness.

May his memory be eternal and may the family find comfort in knowing he left the world a better place than when he found it.

Andre El-Amir - May 18, 2018 at 11:22 AM

DW

“ Thinking of the family across the miles and the years. Mr. VanNortwick will not be forgotten by those of use whom he helped at CHS.

Doris Klein Wiles - May 18, 2018 at 11:22 AM

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“ What a great man Mr. VanNortwick was, It was such a pleasure seeing him after many school years past. He was so kind and forgiving and I am so sorry for your loss. He will always have a place in my heart.

Kit Russell (Michel)
Give my best to Monica xoxoxo

Kit Russell (Michel) - May 18, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Van Nortwick family at this difficult time. You are all in my prayers. God bless.* ”

December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM