



## James G. McAuliffe Sr.

February 6, 1936 - January 31, 2021

James G. McAuliffe, Sr. age 85, of Johnstown, passed away on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany.

He was born on January 6, 1936 in Johnstown to the late John Basil McAuliffe and Kathryn Duffy McAuliffe.

Jim was a graduate of Johnstown High School. He earned his Bachelors and Masters from Siena College and completed doctoral work at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA.

Jim's career included secondary school teacher, high school principal and Superintendent of Schools. Jim retired in 2009 after 20 years of teaching English at the Tryon School for Boys. He loved those boys.

Jim was a member of Holy Trinity Parish in Johnstown, a member of Phi Delta Kappa and he served on the Board of Directors for Fulton Friendship House.

Jim is survived by his loving wife Marguerite Patnode McAuliffe whom he married on July 4, 1959 and their children John P McAuliffe and his wife Margie, Kathleen M. Kelly and her husband Brian, James G. McAuliffe Jr. and his wife Maureen, Patrick K. McAuliffe and his wife Michele.

Jim is also survived by eleven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Private services will be conducted at the convenience of the family.

Spring interment will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Johnstown.

In lieu of Flowers, contributions in James memory may be made to St Peter's Hospital Covid Unit, Albany, NY and Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Johnstown, NY.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Barter & Donnan Funeral Home, 1 North Melcher Street, Johnstown.

Condolences to the family may be made online by visiting our website at [www.agcolefunalhome.com](http://www.agcolefunalhome.com)

# Cemetery

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## **St. Patrick's Cemetery**

Corner of Southeast Avenue and Route 67

Johnstown, NY, 12095

# Comments

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“ Rest in Peace Friend!  
Maryellen & Steve Stofelano, Jr.  
Wells, NY

**Steve Stofelano JR** - March 14, 2021 at 11:39 AM

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“ Marguerite, Gerard and family, I was so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing! He was one of my favorite Tai Chi students and some of my fondest teaching memories were of Jim practicing a movement during class. He always had that “look” in his eyes! Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers...

**Sue Cridland** - February 07, 2021 at 07:29 AM

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“ Marguerite and family. We were so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I always enjoyed the canoe fall canoe trips with Jim and his family. Karen and I also have fond memories with Jim and Marguerite at various family gatherings. He will be missed dearly by all.  
Ted and Karen Grant

**Ted Grant** - February 05, 2021 at 04:24 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the McAuliffe family. I was a student at Perth Central School during the time when Mr. McAuliffe was a teacher of English and later the secondary principal. I always regarded him as one of my favorite teachers. When he and Mrs. McAuliffe moved back to Johnstown from Wells, I would always encounter them in church. He remembered everything about me from my school days. I am shocked and saddened at his passing. May he rest in peace.

**Patty Messineo Buell** - February 05, 2021 at 04:17 PM

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“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the family of James McAuliffe. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. This is a bit long, But It really will mean a lot for me to share my experiences with you.

How I know Jim.

Many years ago, I met his, now, daughter-in law-Maureen when we both worked at Lexington Center. Of course, as time passed, I also became friends with her boyfriend, later to be husband, Gerard. It was an unforgettable time in my life. Mo and I spend much time creating many hilarious and silly antics such as: riding scooters through the halls of Lexington day treatment on a snowy day, and bouncing frogs off the diving board at Maureen and Gerard's new home next to the lake. I later had the honor of being invited to their wedding. At the wedding, I met Jim and his lovely wife, Marguerite for the first time.

After a time, both Maureen and I moved on to different venues. Always friends.

In 2001, I accepted a job at Tryon Residential Center, which I refer to, in a very admirable way, as "The Land Of Oz". Why do I refer to it this way? Because Tryon was, ever changing, unpredictable with new experience at every stop in the road. I met many lifelong friends there. This includes Jim.

My position at Tryon was an educator. I reconnected with Jim at my first faculty meeting. We immediately began to talk about his family, how everyone was doing, and became friends immediately!

I was nervous in my new environment, and rightly so. The Kids at Tryon always referred to "Being Taken Under the Wing". The kids would not define it like this but-what it meant to me was that someone who takes interest in someone not so experienced to support, advise, educate them. In so many ways, I feel that Jim did exactly this with me. He was my rock during this period of adjustment. He spent a lot of time, not only educating me on how to be a great teacher, but on necessary things to survive in that environment. He taught me the ins and outs of New York State facility politics, and what to and not to do to be successful, the general operations of our challenging environment, and the world. He was so insightful and well informed! What I most enjoyed was that Jim always kept up to date on his family, Maureen and Gerard's experiences, endeavors, and of course the grandchildren! He was so very proud of them all!

The Jim was an excellent teacher the boys really learned from him. He truly loved those boys! The boys had so much respect, really cared a lot for him, and they looked up to him. That really said so much about his wonderful character.

When Jim Left Tryon, I was very distraught. I really would miss seeing him at school, but I did realize that he should take some time to finally, really, not work and enjoy his retirement. I greatly missed him and he thankfully, kept in touch with all of us and I appreciated that. I also would see him at various functions retirement parties, etc.

I live across the street from the church that Jim and his wife attend. In the past years to date, it became more frequent that I would see him. Before he went to mass, he would take time to walk over to my house to say hello, and when I saw him, I would run across the street to see him and we would quickly catch up. I so appreciated this. Thank you for letting me share. Jim was a dear friend and inspiration, and I will sincerely miss seeing him. He will always be in my thoughts.

**crisan anadio** - February 05, 2021 at 10:30 AM

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“ Margarite, I am very sorry to hear that Jim has died. May he rest in peace.

Jim and Penny

**james bliss** - February 04, 2021 at 08:37 AM

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“ Marguerite and family. We were so sad to hear of Jim's sudden passing. I always loved to see you two up here in Wells. Jim, joking around and you giving him the elbow. Praying for God's peace for you during this hard time. Love , Pam Broiles

**Pam Broiles** - February 03, 2021 at 09:31 PM

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“ Please accept the condolences of the Smullen Family, we are very sorry to hear of your loss. God Bless~

**Robert Smullen** - February 03, 2021 at 08:47 PM

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“ Margarite, I was so sorry to hear of Jim's passing, please know you and your family are in my prayers.

**Debbie Taylor** - February 03, 2021 at 04:11 PM

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“ Mrs. McAuliffe, I am so sorry upon learning of the passing of Mr. McAuliffe. May God bless you in your time of sorrow.

**Joe Sise** - February 03, 2021 at 12:36 PM

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“ I have known Jimmy my whole life. He and my brother were best friends growing up. Now they are together in heaven. I offer condolences to his family. He was such a nice person.  
Judy Wormuth

**Julianne Wormuth** - February 03, 2021 at 09:12 AM

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“ Mrs McAuliffe, please accept my prayers for Jim, you and your family. You were there when I needed you the most in the care of my wife, and for that I will always be thankful.  
Gerard, please accept my condolences as the loss of your father is a very difficult part of our lives and growing older. Please call on me if you and mom need anything.  
Roger Paul

**Roger Paul** - February 02, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ Jim was a member of the JHS class of '53. We, the remaining members, offer our sincere condolences to his family.

**Carolyn Palumbo Boyle** - February 03, 2021 at 03:39 PM