



Mr. James Ignatius Menapace

December 3, 1965 - January 26, 2021

It is with deep sadness that we share the unexpected passing of James Menapace on January 27, 2021. Jim leaves behind his mom Eileen, devoted wife Therese and his three young children, Tommy and Christina (age 10) and Mary (age 7), who loved their daddy more than words can convey. Jim was an attentive dad who was involved in every aspect of his children's lives. Tommy, Christie, and Mary loved to cuddle with their Dad, and in the summer, they enjoyed swimming in their backyard pool or playing in the backyard.

"Jimmy" was a kind, thoughtful, and pleasant man, who loved spending time with his family and friends. Jim was a loyal friend, as many of his friends can attest. He remained close to his friends from elementary school as well as St. Lawrence University, and his time at Sodexo. He went to great lengths to stay connected to his friends, traveling to see them many times over the years. Jim was a lover of life and passionate about so many things. He loved watching sports over a beer especially his frustrating NY Mets and the NY Giants. He was a proud and active Democrat, who together with his dad, would enjoy sharing with other his perspective which always seemed to contain an insider's knowledge about what was going on in DC.

Jim enjoyed a successful law career that spanned more than 30 years including his role as Assistant General Counsel at Sodexo. He was a graduate of St. Lawrence University, Dickenson School of Law, and the Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School. While an undergrad, Jim spent a semester at American University and enjoyed an internship for Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of NYS. He also started a "Biden for President" club at SLU; while he may have been the only member, this was the start of his love of politics.

A fund has been created, linked below, in lieu of flowers to provide an avenue for Jim's family, friends, and colleagues to sustain Jim's legacy and his goal to provide for his children's future educational endeavors. The twins in grade 5 often studied for their tests with Jim and Mary, grade 2, enjoyed spending time with Dad running errands in town.

Jim leaves us way too soon and he will be sorely missed by his family and his many friends, neighbors, and colleagues. His nephew Sam said, "Uncle Jimmy was a great man, a great Uncle, a great father and a just a great person to have a conversation with".

He is predeceased by his father Lawrence Menapace, brother John Menapace, uncles John Mullan Jr., James Ignatius Mullan, and Edmund Mullan

Jim is survived by his wife Therese Woods; three children, Thomas, Christina and Mary Menapace; his mother Eileen Menapace; sister Barbara Menapace LaPilusa (John); uncle and aunt Phillip Mullan (Janet); aunt Pat Mullan (Charlie); aunt Nancy Mullan (Edmund.); three nephews Jack, Chase and Sam LaPilusa. Survived by many loving friends, many of whom were considered to be family members.

We ask that you please keep his mom Eileen, wife Therese, the children, family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

Services will be private due to Covid but anyone may attend virtually at 10:00 am on Wednesday February 10, 2021 at the link below:

<https://www.fhnfuneralhome.com/obituaries/James-Menapace/#!/TributeWall>

In Lieu of flowers please donate to: <https://gofund.me/84593a52>

Cemetery

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road

Chestertown, MD,

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 10 at 09:13 AM



“ A tribute video has been added.



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 09 at 11:57 AM



“ Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to you.
Mark and Gisella Dennis

GISELLA DENNIS - February 17 at 09:11 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Sacred Heart Service



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 12 at 05:01 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Gaveside Service



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 12 at 04:58 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your lost about James Dorothy Bianco

Dorothy Bianco Mullan - February 11 at 10:40 AM



“ Prayers for Jim, his wife and wonderful family. Jim was a player on my CYO basketball team in St. Mary's Wappingers Falls. It was my first coaching assignment. He was a good player and a wonderful person. In the past few years we communicated on Facebook. He was a very sharing person. Jim was a follower of Marist College thanks to his Dad. Jim knew the history and stories of Marist from 1975 and on. I was shocked when I saw his obituary. May he Rest In Peace!

Richard Mchugh - February 10 at 12:41 PM



“ I only met Jim once but was struck by what a fine man he was. He had just driven his family all the way up to Ontario for a visit with my parents during my Dad's last summer. We shared a beer at the local brew-pub and I certainly looked forward to doing it again some time in Maryland.

I will always remember and be grateful for his kind words at my Dad's passing.

I attach a photo from their visit. Unfortunately Jim is not in this picture, he was the fellow taking the picture.



Niall Whelan - February 10 at 12:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shawn Sabine - February 10 at 11:19 AM



“ I remember going to visit grandma, and you would come and we would go to the movies and just hang out. you and I had a great bond..you were my favorite cousin and even though I was a pest as a kid...You were always very good to me....I love you Jimmy you will forever be in my heart...May you rest in peace

Kathie Menapace - February 10 at 09:48 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jim, Therese, the kids, and the entire family. Jim has passed way too soon and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him. My sincerest sympathies are with you. Rhonda



Rhonda Wilson - February 09 at 10:46 PM



“ 5 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dean Carr - February 09 at 08:56 PM



“ Continuing to send our sincere condolences to Jim’s entire family and all that knew him. Gone far too soon and he will be greatly missed. “Jim LOVED family and friend times” splashing in the pool and great food and drinks. RIP Neighbor!

Dean Carr - February 09 at 09:05 PM



“ Jim "Mad-Dog" Menapace will be missed. I think about all the contracts that we worked on... I remember your wedding at one of our accounts and the birth of your children. No words can express the loss of Jim. Our prays are with you and your family. May God pull you close to his heart. Yags

Bill Yaglou - February 09 at 05:33 PM



“ Jim was an AMAZING dad even before he officially became one! "Tough Guy" is the godfather to my son Sean. All of my children loved him, his jokes, his belly tickles and play wrestling. Through work at Sodexo, he would often visit our family in New Jersey. We had lost touch over the years, but we all cried when we heard about Jim's passing. Much love to you Therese, your children and to all who will miss him. Love, Patrice Comeau (Stewart)

Patrice Comeau - February 09 at 12:09 PM



“ 25 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 09 at 11:56 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ignatius Menapace.



February 08 at 05:41 PM



“ Bill & Barbara Joyce lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ignatius Menapace



Bill & Barbara Joyce - February 08 at 04:52 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ignatius Menapace.



February 08 at 02:21 PM



“ Brenda Schildknecht-Hargett lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ignatius Menapace



Brenda Schildknecht-Hargett - February 08 at 02:12 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ignatius Menapace.



February 08 at 12:47 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ignatius Menapace.



February 08 at 12:02 PM



“ I met Jim while working on a proejct for Senator Clintom 20 years ago working for Cornell University. The Senator brought Sodexo, Baldor and Cornell together. will always rember the Senator's luncheons at NYS Fair with Micahel, Jojn amd Jim. It was an honor and pleasure to have had the priviliage to know Jim. Absolute great person. May he rest in peace.

May prayers to his family. Marty Broccoli

Marty Broccoli - February 08 at 09:55 AM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 08 at 09:42 AM



“ Steve and Rosa Perrone purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. James Ignatius Menapace.



Steve and Rosa Perrone - February 08 at 09:34 AM



“ Peggy Hammer lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ignatius Menapace



Peggy Hammer - February 08 at 08:59 AM



“ Todd&Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ignatius Menapace



Todd&Diane Smith - February 08 at 07:06 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ignatius Menapace.



February 06 at 04:43 PM



“ Oh, gosh. Jim was my best friend at Sodexo. He would stop by my office weekly just to chat. Even stopped by my home one summer evening. We swam in his pool and enjoyed a beverage or two. May God bless Jim and his family. Love you and miss you pal. RIP

Dex Tompkins - February 05 at 09:44 AM