



James John Murphy

October 5, 1940 - November 15, 2022

James John Murphy, age 82, passed away on Monday, November 15, 2022, surrounded by his children at St. Peter's hospital, after a courageous battle with end-stage cardiomyopathy. Jim was born on October 5th, 1940, to Edward L. Murphy and Isabelle Corona Murphy. As a Cohoes native, Jim was born and raised on Main Street with his sister Beverly and brother Ed (sadly deceased in 2017, well before his time). Jim missed his brother greatly.

Jim was a graduate of Cohoes High School and State University of Cobleskill where he studied Animal Husbandry. Jim had a love of horses, working at stables and riding for many years through young adulthood. This love for horses prompted him to spend years at Saratoga Raceway with his Uncle Ben Corona. There was a time he owned horses, a great source of joy for him. Jim was a Rotarian for many years and an entrepreneur most of his life, owning restaurants and nightclubs in New Hampshire and Saratoga. He owned construction companies and is famed with figuring out how to mount the Crossgates Mall Sign in Albany. He moved to Florida in 1998 and owned and operated a Home Healthcare Agency. There he met his wonderful companion and domestic partner of 20 years, Anya, a critical care nurse. We are so thankful to Anya for the loving care she gave to Jim as he got older and his heart failed. Jim and Anya moved back to the Northeast in the summer of 2021. They lived in Riparius, NY, outside of Lake George. They were often blessed with wonderful views of spectacular fall foliage and incredible wildlife,

including deer, wild turkeys, beautiful birds, fox, black bear and even a bobcat!

Jim is survived by his “darlin” Anya Erickson of Riparius, his beloved sister Beverly Murphy Karpiak of Cohoes and brother Dr. Edward G. Murphy (deceased) and sister-in-law, Arlene Murphy of CT; his adoring children, Tammie (Alan) Topel of Long Island, Mark Murphy of Cohoes, James (J.D.) Murphy of Schodack Landing; his grandchildren Stephanie Murphy (sadly deceased in 2012), Randi Elizabeth and Brandon James Topel; his nephew and nieces Brent Murphy Karpiak (Alison) of Clifton Park, Sarah Murphy of Albany and Emily Murphy of CT; his grandniece and nephew Zoe and Remy Karpiak; his many loved cousins.

Friends and relatives are invited to call at the Marra Funeral Home, 246 Remsen Street, Cohoes, NY on Friday, November 18th from 5-7pm, funeral services will follow at 7pm. Jim will be cremated and buried with his mom in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Waterford, NY. Our deep appreciation to the Grego family for arranging a Month’s Mind Mass at Holy Trinity Church, 122 Vliet Blvd., Cohoes on Saturday, December 17th at 4pm. The mass will be available virtually.

Cemetery Details

St. Marys Cemetery

Middletown Rd
Waterford, NY 12188

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Marra Funeral Home
246 Remsen Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
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Service

NOV 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Mt. St. Mary College: Chrissy, Sarah, Nita, Liz, Jeanine, and Shiv - November 18, 2022 at 09:56 AM



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



November 17, 2022 at 07:18 PM