



James T. Shea

July 24, 1946 - January 17, 2025

Lake George, NY

James T. Shea Jr. (Jim), 78, of Lake George passed away peacefully at home after a long, undiagnosed illness on January 17th, 2025.

Jim had a total and complete love for his family, for whom he sacrificed much without a second thought. He was a hero to them, as he must of been for the many people he served in the City of Cohoes during his career as a Firefighter.

Jim's empathy and his natural inclination for easing the suffering of others overflowed into his everyday life. From organizing fundraisers for the Down's Syndrome organization, AIM HIGH, to his animated activities in the town of Lake George dressing as Santa and Singing Sweet Caroline, to jumping in the lake for

the annual Polar Bear swims, Jim was always a natural at lightening up our hearts. He was infamous at rehab and the hospitals for cracking jokes for the aides and nurses who attended to him over the last few years, always making light in moments of darkness.

Jim loved being there for his children and grandchildren, encouraging their gifts, and attending every one of their events he could. He was a great cook,

participating in the Bands and Beans chili cook off, making all the holiday meals, and contributing his famous deviled eggs to events in town. In his quiet moments

he had taken time to teach himself pyrography and made hundreds of pieces.

Born in Cohoes to the late James T. and Pearl (Marion Grogan) Shea, he is also predeceased by his beloved sisters Kathleen (Shea) Pardus and Maureen (Jane Shea) Shannon and sister in law Michele (Shelly LaFay) Ferraro. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, who he adored, Gale Diane (LaFay) Shea and their children: Bridgette Jude Shea of Saratoga Springs, and her partner Nathan D. Solomon;

James (Jim) T. Shea, III of Albany and his partner Jen Smith; Samantha Jude Shea of Hilo, HI and her Fiancee Matt Bush; Roarke Callaghan Shea of Lake George, and his partner Victoria M. Tredici; Siomon Trevor Shea of Queensbury; and Trevor Siomon Shea of Lake George. His beloved grandchildren are Julia

Kathleen Shea, Calliope Shea Solomon, Angelina Marie Shea, Cayden Michal Shea, and Jessie Xavier Shea. He is also survived by his brother, John Shea of Cohoes and his wife Sandra Shea, brother in laws John Pardus and Bill (John William) Shannon, Kelly Shea-Mohan and family, Kevin Shannon, Erin (Shannon) Reilly, Kim (Shea) Daley, MaryEllen (Pardus) Capasso, and Kathy (Pardus) Sample.

Friends and Relatives may call from 4-7 pm this Friday, January 24th at Marra Funeral Home, 246 Remsen St. Cohoes, NY 12047. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 am Saturday, January 25th at Holy Trinity Church 122 Vliet Blvd. Cohoes, NY 12047.

While flowers are appreciated, we encourage you to take a piece of Jim's legacy with you. Always look for the silver lining, the hope, the joy, and take a moment to remember a poignant, crazy or fun Jim story, and share a toast in

his honor. Sláinte!

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Marra Funeral Home
246 Remsen Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518) 237-0206

Funeral Service

JAN **25.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity
122 Vliet Boulevard
Cohoes, NY 12047
<http://www.holytrinitycohoes.org/>

Tribute Wall

BA

“ I am so with yu all, during these times, as Trevor, Gale, and Rourke hold their lives together in Lake George. Family is everything, and this is the time to hold on to your home and lives together, as yu carry Jim with yu, as he has taught yu all so much, as now yu can carry his love and devotion and light, never to be extinguished.

Right now, if ANY FRIENDS OR GROUPS OR SPECIAL SOULS READ THIS, THE SHEA'S NEED FINANCIAL HELP DESPERATELY, AS THEY JUST HAD A HOUSE FIRE, WHILE GALE HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED EARLIER, AND IS READY TO COME HOME.

THEY NEED HELP WITH "" HOME RESTORATION, AND HOUSE TAXES, AND I AM SURE SOME CLOSE FRIENDS AND NON PROFIT GROUPS CAN HELP THEIR FAMILY, AT THIS TIME, DURINGVTHEIR GRIEF AND HOME URGENCIES, WHILE THEY RECOVER PHYSICALLY JUST DAYS AGO.

MAY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AND GROUPS REACH OUT TO THIS FAMILY, AS JIM RESTS IN PEACE, KNOWING THE SHEA FAMILY IS SO LOVED., NEEDING THEIR HELP.

MAY GOD'S BEST GENEROSITY AND LOVE BESTOW THIS FAMILY.

Barbara - July 09, 2025 at 02:40 AM

RS

“ Dad ALWAYS PUT US FIRST, I MISS U DAD, AKA UR FAVORITE.

Roarke shea - March 20, 2025 at 04:16 PM

IL

“ To Gale & Family, I'm so shocked and sorry about Jim. If I can help you in any way, let me know. I hope you & Trevor are alright. I'm in FL right now. elshapedcouch@aol.com Irene Itzo LaRue

Irene R LaRue - February 25, 2025 at 07:11 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James T. Shea.



January 31, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James T. Shea.

January 31, 2025 at 07:00 PM

DB

“ RIP brother we had a lot off good times working together

Don Bressette - January 24, 2025 at 03:01 PM

JM

“ RIP JIMBO.
A SMART FUNNY MEMORABLE GUY.

JACK MCCARTHY

Jack mccarthy - January 22, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James T. Shea.



January 22, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James T. Shea.

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“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of James T. Shea.



January 22, 2025 at 09:33 AM



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