



James Patrick Carolan

March 23, 1943 - August 10, 2017

North Hampton – James (Jim) Patrick Carolan, of North Hampton, passed away at home on Thursday, August 10, 2017 surrounded by his beloved wife and children. He was born in the Bronx, NYC on March 23, 1943, to the late Patrick and Katherine (McGetrick) Carolan.

Jim is survived by his wife of 23 years, Gail (VanHoy) Carolan of North Hampton; his sons and daughters-in-law John & Ses Carolan of Winston-Salem, NC and Casey & Amanda Vestal of Clemmons, NC; his daughters and sons-in-law, Klaus & Jennifer Carolan Larsen of Stamford, CT and Jeromey & Sunny Woodie of Winston-Salem; and his adored grandchildren, Ethan Carolan, Kristian & Patrick Larsen, and Dillon, Jake & Anna Vestal. He also leaves his sister, Mary Rodriguez of Rhinebeck, NY, his mother-in-law Freda (VanHoy) Casey of Hamptonville, NC as well as his nieces, Jean Leirey & Cara Rainboth, and his nephew Michael Rodriguez. Jim was predeceased by his parents and his brother-in-law, Raymond Rodriguez.

Jim was raised in the Bronx and attended St. Agnes High School. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Fordham University in 1964. After graduation, Jim entered the Army as a commissioned officer and was stationed in Korea specializing in logistics. After the Army, Jim jumped into Corporate America with jobs at Hertz, Johnson & Johnson and Union Carbide. He ultimately settled into a long career at Lydall, Inc, a specialty materials

business. His talent was in turning around troubled businesses and developing markets. He ran operations in NH, NY, NC and Saint Rivalain, France. After retirement from Lydall, Jim pursued a number of consulting roles, including Blue Grass Capital and his own Carolan and Company.

In addition to his professional work, Jim volunteered his time. He served on the Board of the YMCA in Troy NY, and in ME, Jim served as Chair of Kent Stephen's Stage Force, an acclaimed theater company in Kittery. He was most passionate about his 10 year service, with 5 of those as Chair, at the Monarch School of New England, a school serving children and young adults with significant disabilities located in Rochester, NH.

Jim loved Gail and their big blended family. Jim and Gail met in NC, married in 1994 and relocated to the Seacoast of NH in 1998. He loved to have his home filled with children, grandkids, nieces and nephews. The family unit grew considerably with the deep roots that Jim and Gail planted in New Hampshire. Jim was blessed with great friendships.

Born a block from Yankee Stadium, Jim developed a life-long love affair with the Yankees. Travel was another of his great passions, and he and Gail avidly embraced adventure. They enjoyed researching and planning long "sits" in numerous destinations with favorites being, Spain, Morocco, and Vietnam. Paris was always a go-to and a trek to Machu Picchu will be remembered as the most challenging. In addition, Jim was an avid reader, hiker, biker and gardener.

Services will be held at St. Andrews by the Sea, in Rye, NH at 11:00 am on Saturday August 19th. A reception will follow immediately afterwards at Atlantic Grill. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Monarch School of New England or Rockingham VNA & Hospice.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrews-by-the-Sea Church
30 Church Road
Rye Beach, NH 03871

Tribute Wall



“ *James Patrick Carolan*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *It is with the deepest sadness that I say goodbye to my friend, comrade, and supporter of the Monarch School of New England (MSNE). I loved our long conversations that we would have about business, the market, MSNE and our families. He was so proud of his wife and family and he would talk relentlessly about his grandchildren, enjoying every moment of their visits each summer. He was a gentleman with a heart of gold and mission for goodness.*

I shall miss our talks James Carolan but I look forward to the next project we take on when we meet again. May you rest in peace now and may your family enjoy and rejoice in the beautiful memories you all created together.

*Respectfully,
Susan DeRoy*

Susan DeRoy - August 17, 2017 at 09:27 AM

JC

“ Dear Gail & Family, we are so sorry for your loss and will keep Jimmy & all of you in our thoughts & prayers. I'm just happy that I was lucky enough to have gotten back in touch with Jimmy recently and made his situation a little brighter when we talked. Ginny & I met Jimmy while working at the Metropolitan Life ins Co. while we were attending college. We became good friends and Jimmy was the Best Man at our wedding on July 25, 1964. We still have lots of fond memories from back then.

Best Regards, Ginny & John Callahan, Hershey, PA

John Callahan - August 17, 2017 at 08:54 AM


Heather
Holbrook

“ Dear Gail and family, my deepest sympathy and great sadness on hearing of Jim's passing. The years I worked with Jim at Lydall are full of memories of his kindness, fun, laughter, great business mentoring and compassion. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

Barry & Heather Holbrook

Heather Holbrook - August 16, 2017 at 01:35 PM

KP

“ I still remember the phone interview I had with Jim more than 6 years ago and thinking what a fantastic place the Monarch School of New England must be if he was one of it's leaders. Thank you Jim for your guidance for the past 6 years. I feel most fortunate to have known you and it's with deep sadness that you will be missed.

Ken Plourde - August 16, 2017 at 08:27 AM

LP

“ Him was a member of our "Monarch family" from the moment we met him. He made time to stop and chat with us and share a laugh. When he visited he always left us feeling like we were special to him. I wonder if he realized what a great inspiration he was to us? We will miss him terribly. Love you Jim...



Linda Pierce - August 16, 2017 at 12:33 AM

VM

“ Dear Gail, Anne and I were saddened to read of Jim's death. I thoroughly enjoyed working with jim on the board of Stage Force. Ever time we met, he took an interest in what I had been doing. He was always very gracious to Anne, and we both will miss him. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Sincerely, Vance and Anne Morgan

Vance Morgan - August 15, 2017 at 04:12 PM

YL

“ Your friends at Charter Medical, Ltd. purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James Patrick Carolan.



Your friends at Charter Medical, Ltd. - August 15, 2017 at 04:02 PM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of James Patrick Carolan.*



August 15, 2017 at 10:31 AM



“ *Dear Gail and family, my deepest sympathy and great sadness on hearing of Jim's passing. The years I worked with Jim at Lydall are full of memories of his kindness, fun, laughter, great business mentoring and compassion. He made my job in HR so much easier with his caring and respect for others. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Mona (Estey) Souza*

Mona (Estey) Souza - August 14, 2017 at 08:45 AM



“ *To Gail and all your family,
Jim was a great guy and a fellow New Yorker from the Bronx. We are so sorry to hear of his passing. It was always fun talking of the old days and when we were young.
He will be missed by all.
James and Marlene*

Marlene Allen - August 14, 2017 at 08:23 AM

ML

“ To Gail and Family,

I a so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a great mentor and friend to me in the beginning of my career. I have great memories of working with Jim as well as Jim and Gail taking me under their wing. I will be forever grateful for everything he taught me.

Melinda Lewis (Castonguay)

Melinda Lewis - August 14, 2017 at 08:10 AM

TS

“ To Gail and the family

You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. May all the sweet memories of this kind man sustain you in the days ahead. There are no words to ease your loss...

With most sincere sympathy

Larry & Gabe Seibert

The Seiberts - August 14, 2017 at 06:48 AM

 Cindy
Barnes

“ Dear Gail,

We were deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He was a kind and gentle man, with great wit and a wonderful sense of humor. May his memory live on through those who knew and loved him best, and may those memories bring you peace and comfort in the difficult days ahead. We will remember him fondly, with a tear and a smile.

Love, Ev and Cindy

Cindy Barnes - August 13, 2017 at 07:58 PM

JB

“ One of the really good guys left us way too soon. Please know that you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Jim and Sammy Baldini - August 13, 2017 at 03:43 PM

AA

“ My condolences to Gail , His Children , Grandchildren Family and Friends.

Jimmy and I have been friends since our childhood days in the South Bronx.

Jimmy was a gentle and caring person. He always had a kind word for all.

I shall miss you . Rest in peace -Jimmy.

My Deepest Sympathy to all who Loved Jimmy.....Anita Anderson (Florida)

ANITA E. ANDERSON - August 13, 2017 at 05:29 AM

JG

“ My condolences to Gail and the family. Jimmy like the rest of our South Bronx crowd was family to me..Rest in Peace Jimmy Till we meet again. Jerry & Peggy Grant

Jerry Grant - August 12, 2017 at 07:49 PM

DS

“ My deepest sympathy to Gail and all of Jim's family. We had been friends since we were 12-13 years old, in the South Bronx, and we always maintained that friendship. Jimmy will be very missed. May he now Rest In Peace. Sincerely, Dennis and Sharon Sheridan

Dennis Sheridan - August 12, 2017 at 05:16 PM

SG

Dear Jim, I will miss you dearly and deeply as a true friend. Thank you for being part of and for shaping my life with your wit, wisdom and kindnesses.

Stephen Gianotti

Stephen Gianotti - August 13, 2017 at 01:14 PM

CF

Dear Gail and family, please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. jimmy was in Andy and my wedding party in 1964. I'll always remember his wonderful smile and kindness. May he rest in peace.

Carolyn Flatley and family

carolyn Flatley - August 14, 2017 at 08:53 PM

LW

Dear Gail and Family,

We are heartbroken over Jim's passing on, and while we remain here on this earth, fond thoughts and memories of Jim will always be with us.

He will be missed.

Lisa and Phil Wilson

Lisa and Phil Wilson - August 15, 2017 at 09:53 AM