



James P. Murray

October 3, 1935 - September 19, 2023

James P. Murray, 87, passed away Tuesday, September 19, 2023. He was the loving husband of Ethel K. (Laudermilch) Murray to whom he was married 64 years.

Born in Cornwall, he was a son of the late John W. and Emma K. (Long) Murray. Jim graduated from Cornwall High School and was a master carpenter by trade. He built most of the original buildings of the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire. He was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Annville where he was formerly a Eucharistic Minister. Jim helped with the Chicken BBQs for the Bazaar and with setting up of the booths each year. He was a 3rd degree member of the Fr. Michael Barrett Knights of Columbus Council #9875 and the Msgr. John J. Lawley #973 4th degree Assembly in Lebanon. Jim was on the building committee during the development and construction of the Church in 1981. He was the last original Brookside Retreat Hunting Camp member and loved to hunt, hike, and take rides around Middle Creek. Jim loved going to his children, grandchildren and Sebastien's musical, sporting & theatrical events. He loved his family.

In addition to his wife Ethel, he is survived by four children Kathryn Suarez, Debra, wife of Michael Gross, Brenda, wife of Frank Ceresini, III, and Joseph Murray all of Lebanon; three grandchildren Jonathan Ceresini, Benjamin Gross and Adam Gross; one great-grandson Sebastien Ilus; one brother Patrick Murray and wife Suzanne and two sisters Mary, wife of Robert Geib and Ceceila, wife of Kenneth Boltz; one sister-in-law Rae Murray and many

nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by a granddaughter Jennifer Ceresini, two brothers John Murray and Robert Murray, one sister Rose Montgomery, one son-in-law Daniel Suarez, and one sister-in-law Barbara Murray.

A Funeral Mass will be held Friday, September 29, 2023 at 11AM from St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 125 S. Spruce St., Annville with Rev. Kevin Coyle as Celebrant. Interment will be private at the Millbach Cemetery. Viewings will be held Thursday evening from 6-8pm at the Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., 618 E. Main St., Annville. The Rosary will be recited at 7:45pm in the funeral home. An additional viewing will be held Friday morning from 10AM until the time of his Funeral Mass at the Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, or to Our Lady of the Cross School, 1691 Grace Ave. Lebanon, PA 17046.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc
618 E. Main Street
Annville, PA 17003
(717) 867-4811

Rosary

SEP 28. 7:45 PM (ET)

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Public Viewing

SEP 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
125 S. Spruce St.
Annville, PA 17003

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ From Rae Murray and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James P. Murray.



From Rae Murray and family - September 27, 2023 at 10:51 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James P. Murray.



September 25, 2023 at 09:21 AM



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

September 25, 2023 at 09:21 AM

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“ Ethel and family,

We are so sorry for your loss we enjoyed knowing Jim through St. Paul's church for many years. He was a wonderful person. Prayers for you and your family, Ron & Pat Krall

Patricia Jean Krall - September 24, 2023 at 07:45 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Murray and Ceresini families during this difficult time of loss and grief.

I knew Jim through the Brookside Cabin Retreat where my Grandparents (The Late Warren and Laycene Kreider) were also founding members of the Brookside cabin Retreat. I also knew Jim through his late Grand Daughter, Jennifer Ceresini who was a friend and a classmate of mine from middle school and high school. I used to hunt deer and bear with Jim and the rest of the guys from the cabin back in state game lands 211 and the nearby state parks. We always had a great time at the cabin and out in the woods hunting and hiking the second and third mountains. I'd also see Jim and Ethel at the Cabin Sunday dinners once a month which was a time for food and fellowship. Jim and his wife, Ethel also wrote me encouraging letters of support when I was away for basic training for the Army. Jim and his family have always been good gracious and loving towards me and my family. I will always be forever grateful for the friendship and fellowship that I had with Jim Murray. Jim will be loved and missed by so many people whose lives he touched, but he surely will never be forgotten. God Bless you, Jim.

Steven Michael Wolfe - September 22, 2023 at 05:55 PM