



James M. Christy

March 7, 1926 - August 24, 2015

James M. Christy, 89, died peacefully on Monday, August 24, 2015 at his home in Jamesville, NY. He was born in 1926 in Old Forge, NY, to the late William P. and Catherine Sullivan Christy.

At the age of ten, he moved to the Syracuse area where he later graduated from St. Anthony's High School. He left for military service immediately following his final exams and was a US Navy WWII veteran.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from LeMoyne College in 1952, and worked with the family accounting firm of Christy and Christy. In 1964, he decided to change his career path and received his Master's Degree in Education from Syracuse University. After 27 years as an Elementary School teacher, a job that he loved, he retired in 1991 from the Westhill School District.

One of ten children, he was predeceased by his siblings, Frances Horgan, Thelma Delgado, Lucille Christy, Theresa Smith, Frederick Christy, Roland Christy, Rev. Lawrence Christy and William "Phil" Christy who died earlier this month.

He loved the Lord and his Catholic faith, and was a communicant of St. James Church.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, the former Joan Giemza, whom he married in St. Mary's Church in Jamesville; daughters, Catherine (James) Wolf, Mary (Clifford) Farrell, Regina (Robert) Chamberlin; sons, Joseph and John Christy; brother, Walter R. Christy; grandchildren, Rebecca Wolf, Sarah Wolf (Paul) Brennan, Andrew and Benjamin Farrell, Wyatt Christy, Leah, John and Daniel Chamberlin and his "best dog, God love him" Mickey. He also leaves behind many wonderful nieces, nephews, cousins, and longtime best friend Joe Pittarelli.

Services will be on Friday, August 28, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., LaFayette, NY, followed by a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. in St. James Church, 4845 S. Salina St., Syracuse, NY. Burial will be on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at 11 a.m. in Riverview Cemetery in Old Forge, NY. Calling hours will be Thursday, August 27, 2015 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home, 2584 Field Lane.

Contributions may be made to Hospice Foundation of CNY, 990 Seventh North St., Liverpool, NY 13088-3148 or to EWTN, 5817 Old Leeds Rd., Irondale, AL 35210.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James M. Christy*

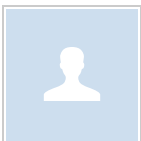


Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *We have all had teachers who left a life long impression upon us. Mr. Christy was one of those teachers for me. Few days go by that his kind spirit and joyful classroom demeanor aren't in my thoughts. To his family, my thoughts are yours, as is my gratitude that you shared him with so many young people over the span of his teaching career. I will never forget him. Westhill CSD class of 1975. Casey Barduhn*

September 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joan, Cathy and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I hope your memories bring you comfort and may he rest in peace.
Sincerely,
Vicki Baker*

August 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *John and family,*

Sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Don and Ruth McKenna

August 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Christy was one of the finest gentleman I had ever met. He always had a smile and a story to tell. I especially enjoyed the talks we had in his office after finishing a job. Jim hired me to handle work at his rental property, I am grateful for the years I had known him. Jim was a true gift from the "heart of the Adirondacks" that touched so many lives.....may he rest in eternal peace.*

August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.*

In sympathy,

Jack and Judy McCrea

August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm very sorry to learn of Mr. Christy's passing. I had him for 5th grade at Onondaga Hill, and he was one of my all-time favorite teachers. He touched a lot of lives along the way, and will surely be missed.

Matt Deno

August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mr. Christy,
You were my favorite teacher always. This earth will not be the same without you, but the Angels rejoice and Our Lord has welcomed you into his loving presents.
Please hug my mom for me when you see her in Heaven.
With much love,
Sheri Ann Pullus-Gulka
5th Grade Class Onondaga Hill Elementary
1969

August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

*Le Moyne College, Office of Alumni and Parent Programs
Syracuse, NY*

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