



## James A. Formichella

June 20, 1922 - November 26, 2014

James A. Formichella, 92, of Erie Village in East Syracuse, NY and a longtime resident of The Valley in Syracuse, NY, died Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse. Born in Summit, NJ on June 20, 1922, he was the son of Joseph A. and Teresa Rillo Formichella. He was predeceased by his parents; sister, Katherine Seidel and brother, Mario J. Formichella. Jim was a veteran of WW II where he was a 1st Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. As a navigator, he flew C47 planes supplying General George Patton as he crossed Germany and on return flights, he brought out prisoners of war. He was honorably discharged and returned to Ithaca College. Jim graduated from Summit High School and Ithaca College where he received his B.S. in Physical Education and M.S. in Physical therapy. He was a communicant of St. James Church since 1953 and a member of their choir for several years. Jim was employed by the Onondaga County Health Department for 25 years as a physical therapist in County Home Care and he also maintained a private practice for over 20 years. He was a member of American Legion Valley Post 1468, AARP, St. James Holy Name Society, DOT Golf League and APTA. He enjoyed golf, travel, Saratoga Race Course, card games with friends and musical theatre. Jim performed in musical stage shows with "The James Players" of St. James Church and "The Unbelievables" for St. Michaels Church in Central Square, NY. Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Ruth; eight children, Gail Gorman (Tim); Lisa Rathbun (Mark) Amy Larson (Jerry) and Steven (Linda) all of Syracuse, NY,

James J. and Jeffrey (Jane) of Gloucester, MA, Joseph (Suzanne) of Fairhope, AL and John (Kanyapaat) of Bangkok, Thailand; sister, Constance Reed of Fort Lauderdale, FL; 28 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Monday, December 1, 2014, 10:30 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., Syracuse and 11:00 a.m. in St. James Church where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Burial will be in Onondaga Valley Cemetery. Calling hours will be held Sunday, November 30, 2014, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the funeral home, 4612 S. Salina Street. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation, Grand Central Station, PO Box 4777, New York, NY 10163 ([www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org)) and St. James Church, 4845 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13205.

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home** - November 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Steve, Linda and family,*

*My deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. Jim was one of the oral proctors when I took my PT boards. He offered me my first job and I enjoyed my 9 years working in homecare in the county health dept. under him. He was a very kind supervisor and a wonderful man. Thinking of you at this difficult time.*

*Angie Riccardi Maroun*

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December 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Formichella, please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of Mr. Formichella. John and I have wonderful memories of the friendship you both shared with the Harmatuk\'s. Mom\'s fondest memories are of the care he took in helping Fran and Al. We are so sorry for your loss.*

*Fondly,  
Maggie Harmatuk*

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December 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *To: John and the Formichella Family,*

*Our sympathies on the loss of your Dad, Grandad, Husband, Brother. Know you have many wonderful memories to sustain you. In our thoughts.*

*Ar dheis D&#233; go raibh a anam*

*Patricia McNamara Collins & Eamon Collins*

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December 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Ruth and Family,*

*So sorry to lean of Jim\'s passing. What wonderful memories Tom and I have of our times with you and Jim. Our sympathy to you and family. Blessings,*

*Ginny and Tom Miles*

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December 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Ruth and Family,  
We were so sad to hear of Uncle Jimmy's passing. Our sincere  
condolences on your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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November 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Formichella, Steve, Linda, Jeff and Family,

Donna and I send our condolences on the passing of your Dad. He  
was a wonderful person. A mentor to me and helped me in many  
situations. He represented the best of our profession. I know you  
have many great memories of the time you all spent together which  
will stay with you forever.

Sincerely,

Mike and Donna Bome

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November 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

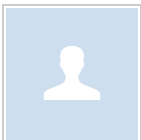


“ Lisa,

My deepest sympathies to you and your family on the passing of  
your dad. He sounds like he was a great guy.

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November 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I knew Jim when he was a member of the DOT golf league. He was  
well liked and it was a privilege to play golf with him. He is missed.

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November 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Condolences to John and your entire family. Sorry for your loss.*

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November 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Formichella family-  
I am so sorry for you loss. Your Dad was a great guy, and I personally benefitted from his services way back when. I will not be in town for the services and I am personally disappointed I will not be there to see you all. Please know you are in my prayers. He will be there for us in heaven I am sure.*

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November 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have such wonderful memories of your dad and family. Please know that you are all in my prayers during this difficult time. Know that he will always be with you in spirit.*  
*Theresa Louise Wrobel*

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November 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Gail,*

*My sympathy to you and your family. I hope memories of your father's remarkable life will give all of you solace and soon \"make your hearts smile.\"*

*Love,*

*Sheila*

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November 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Gail and family,  
So sorry for the loss of your Dad. He sounds like was really a  
wonderful man and human being. I will keep you and all your family  
in prayer. Peace,  
Sue Lamanna*

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November 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Such a wonderful person, we are so very sorry for your loss. You  
are all in our thoughts and prayers. Chris and Cindy Sarazin*

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November 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM