



James C. Munnell

October 10, 1955 - October 4, 2007

James C. Munnell, Jr., 51, of LaFayette, New York went to his creator in the presence of his family unexpectedly on Thursday, October 4, 2007. Jim was a great human being, husband, father, grandfather, son and friend to many. He was a 1973 graduate of LaFayette Central School and in 1978 graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Brockport State College. Jim was truly the ultimate volunteer. He was active with the LaFayette Republican Committee, was a member and former Elder of the Columbian Presbyterian Church, and a member and past treasurer of the LaFayette Athletic Booster Club. As an athlete, Jim was a co-captain of the 1973 state championship basketball team for LaFayette Central High School. Jim was employed by Midstate Printing for the past 28 years. He was the town tax assessor for the Town of LaFayette. Jim absolutely loved the outdoors, with hunting being his passion. Many of you who tasted Jim's chicken, Jims BBQ chicken was the best.

Jim is survived by his wife of 22 years, Sarah "Stever" Rockwell; his parents, Jim and Patsy Munnell of Fredonia, PA; a son, Private Joshua James (Sarah) Munnell of the U.S. Army, Ft. Campbell, KY; daughters, Melanie (Rich) Doctor Yockell from N. Syracuse, and Sarah Doctor (Tony) Ross from Crofton, Md.; Sisters, Vicky (J. Edward) Marsteller from Fredonia, PA, Jamie (Kevin Dix) Currier-Dix from Phoenix, NY and Pamela (Tom) Sutton from Eden, NY; four grandchildren, Atticus James Munnell, twins: Shane Michael and Alexandra

Jane Yockell, and Savannah Caitlyn Doctor, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, friends, and his dog, Murphy. Jim was predeceased by a sister, Susan Hinsdale in 1982.

Services will be Saturday, October 6, 2007, 10:00 a.m. in Columbian Presbyterian Church, corner of Rte. 20 and Rte.11, LaFayette, New York.

Per the wishes of the family, internment will be private.

Friends may call Friday, October 5, 2007, 3:00 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York.

Contributions in Jim's honor may be made to Columbian Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 270, LaFayette, NY 13084 or LaFayette Athletic Booster Club, P.O. Box 294, LaFayette, NY 13084.

Tribute Wall



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

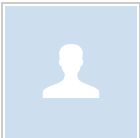


Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - October 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *So much has changed since you left us; some for the better, some for the worse. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you and wish you were here to offer some guidance. Love you Uncle Jim and miss you terribly.*

June 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Give Debbie a hug from all of us - we will miss her but know you two are laughin' it up! This little street still misses you every day - I still think I'm going to see you when I drive by. I think about it and still cry - damn it! Take care of one of our other angels.....*

July 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Can't believe it's been over a year since you're gone. Still missing you and your smile every day.*

October 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim- SO i got accepted to college and I knew you were smiling down on me. I love you so much and cry a little every morning when i wake up and your not outside yelling to me as I get on the bus. I miss your hugs and advice. When Murphy's ears are both up I know that you are close..I will forever hold your memory in my heart and never forget you. "Father Munnell" Love, Caitlin

March 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I really miss my brother. It is so nice to read all the wonderful things people have to say about him.

January 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sarah and family, We are so sadden and shocked by the news of Jim's passing. My family and I will truly miss our neighbor who always waved when we passed by his home, who called when our dog decided to stop by for a visit, or the open invitation to a 10 year old boy to come and swim in his pool anytime. I have wonderful memories of Jim from our high school days. He was a great guy! Please know you will be in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless you and your family.

October 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Jim, my first day in collage. What a charmer!He was always there for us. Not that he didn't let his wild side show too. I'll never forget his smile. We'll keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. Ang and Dale

October 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ You are thought about everyday! I miss you so much ""Father Munnell"" I love you

October 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim was one of the ""big kids"" in our Tennessee Gas community back in Clymer. I fondly remember spending alot of time at Munnell's house when my fmaily lived in Clymer and then visiting when they moved to Fredonia, PA. I would like to send my thoughts and prayers to Jim's family.

October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm Jimmy's cousin (Tom and Mary Jane's daughter), Rhonda. I just wanted to send my deepest sympathies to Sarah and family. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

October 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family I'm so sorry for your lose. All I know about Jim was that he was a nice and generous guy. He will be missed by alot of people

October 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Jim, You will never know how much you meant to me and how much I have always looked up to you. I will never forget you and all the good times we shared together. My only regret is that I was unable to come up and see you as much as you came down here to see us. Love, Jay, AnnMarie, Ashley, and Laci

October 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Jimmy, We Love You!!!!

October 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



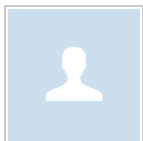
“ Happy Birthday to you,happy birthday to you,Happy birthday Dear Jimmy, Happy Birthday to YOU.Love from your sister Vicky

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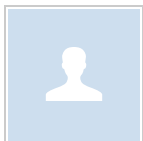
“ Happy Birthday Friend!

October 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



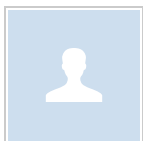
“ I love you Mr. Munnell, my second father and friend. I miss you.

October 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Jim as my mom has worked with Sarah through the years. We would go and eat his realllly good chicken :-) my thoughts and prayers are with the family.

October 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ So many things.. the laughter that was always in your voice

October 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I have not had contact with Jim since high school graduation, I recall Jim being kind, mischievous and an all around great guy. When I saw the write up in the newspaper last Friday, it really brought back many good memories of the young Jim I knew,he will surely be missed. To quote Billy Joel, "only the good die young". May his family have peace within their hearts and fond memories to sustain them.Robin

October 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sarah -We were shocked and saddened to read of Jim's passing. His smiling picture reminded us of the baseball practices & cookouts after-wards, and of watching the boys play basketball in earlier days. We are so very sorry for your loss. God bless you and your family.We will keep you all in our prayers.

October 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



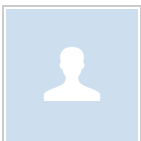
“ So sorry for you loss, my thoughts are with you.

October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We were shocked and saddened to hear of Jim's sudden passing. He was the guy down the road who was forever smiling, and always had a good word. Just know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ It seems he gave so much of himself in the short period of time he was here with his family, friends and community.

October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sarah and family, How lucky you were to have such a wonderful husband and father and how lucky we all were to have such a wonderful friend. Jim was so kind with a smile that just warmed your heart. We will miss him so much and cherish all the wonderful memories of him. He was a great human being who always put others first. He helped EVERYONE! We're so lucky we had him as a baseball coach so he could share his love of the game. Victor so loved having him. We're here for you Sarah! Love, Becky, Bob, Rae & Victor

October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sarah & Family, I was so saddened to hear of Jim's sudden passing. I bumped into him last week and he told me how proud he was of his son in the army, his new grandbaby and grandchildren, how the family came up with the name Murphy for the puppy, and of course recruiting volunteers for the Apple fest. He was happy and smiling enjoying life and his family. Nothing will lessen your sorrow or pain, but know the happiness I saw on his face was a reflection on how much he loved you all and how proud he was to talk about his family to others. He will be missed by so many because he gave so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Wendy Jachim

October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Munnell family during this difficult time. Please call should you need anything. Paige Family

October 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so very sorry for this sudden loss . My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very difficult time. Please cherish everything you have left in life , because life is too short. Michelle and Family

October 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Sarah & Families, words cannot express how saddened Steve and I are by the passing of Jim. We, as everyone, are still in shock. We did not only lose a neighbor but a good friend. If there is anything we can do for you now or at anytime, please do not hesitate to call. We have so many wonderful, fun memories of younger days and current times with Jim, his family and yourself. He will be dearly missed. Give sweet Murphy a smooch from us and the next time you're out taking a walk with her stop in.

October 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim was one of the best people I've had the honor to call "friend" in this life. He had that sheepish smile and infectious laugh that would hold your attention indefinitely. He always professed his love and pride for his family and was a true friend, one who was always available for whatever was needed. He was not afraid to show his soft side and displaying his affection for the dogs in his life. He was hard working, athletic and never mean spirited. I know I speak for all the guys when I say, he was "the Munn"...I loved the guy and shall miss him forever. To Sarah and the entire family, our hearts are wide open to you.

October 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *"FATHER MUNNELL" You were amazing! I was not just blessed with one father but two! You knew how to make me smile when I was sad and laugh when I wanted to cry. You were always there for me and yes I know what you meant about me being the best last Saturday I was just too stubborn to listen to you. I love you more than anything and a day will not go by that I do not stop and think of you. You are forever in my heart. FOREVER! To: Momma Munnell- I love you and will be here for you as long as you need me!*

October 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *We have some great memories of Jim--he went to high school with us at Reynolds and we had lots of fun times. Jim and Clyde are cousins and the same age. When they were growing up they were together a lot and more like brothers than cousins. There are precious memories of the good times in Clymer and Fredonia. Jim was a member of our wedding party. We are so sorry for your loss. We will treasure our memories forever.*

October 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to all. I shall always cherish the fond memories of the days our gang was together at LaFayette Central.*

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“ Dearest Jim, Fighting thru the tears, I am taken back in time; good times. Goodness knows all the trouble we got into as kids. I am suddenly reminded of my own mortality. This seems so untimely. And even tho we had lost touch, you hold a special place in my heart. We all have lost a beautiful friend in your passing. Amazing how the years pass, but our memories serve us so well. You live on in all those you touched and especially in your beautiful family. Peace... I know you will be looking out for us. Soulfully, Cheryl (Haag) Olney

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“ Sarah and all: I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing - I will always remember all the fun we had together at our OTH softball games. I really appreciate all he did for Melanie and Sarah. Love and blessings, Ginny

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“ Sarah (Stever), Josh, Mr & Mrs Munnell, Vicky, Jamie, Pam, Melanie and Sarah- our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you! Jimmie's smile and personality was captivating. He worked hard, took advantage of and enjoyed life's many opportunities, and so easily gave back to others. He followed what he loved to do and found success in life- his family, friends and business associates and readily displayed the importance of family, friends, values and ideals. He will be sorrowfully missed by many. Take care and may God bless you and provide you peace during this difficult time.

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“ Jimmy was a great guy and we have many memories of him and his family growing up and all the fun times we all shared. I will always remember you and how you helped my dad. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love a friend from the past. Sue Dunn

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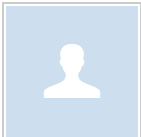
“ Jim you are going to be missed. I will never forget your BBQs. Sarah and the rest of the family I am sorry for your sudden loss of Jim. If you need anything let me or my parents know we will be around. Hang in there. RIP JIM

October 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I remeber Jim from growing up with him at midstate and from the IGA. He was a great person and if you need anything was right there to help you

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“ Sarah, I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was a great man. Cherish your time together,as he will always be within your heart.My prayers go to your family. He was so proud of you all.

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“ Jimmy, you were one of those surprise people in my life that helped me get through the tough times. We arrived at Mohawk Valley community college and my parents said oh my gosh there is Jim and Patsie Munnell. That was the beginning of a lasting friendship. We were both criminal justice majors and went through two years of college as best friends. Then a whole year later while visiting Brockport college guess what there you were again. Another two years of a fabulous friendship. I cannot believe that you are gone I knew that your birthday was very soon. God must have needed another angel. God bless your family and help them to move on without you. Mr. and Mrs Munnell it was only one year ago that I saw you at Grandma Sauls funeral GOD BLESS YOU!!!! Parents should not have to bury their children. GOD BLESS Karen Redfoot Kreuter

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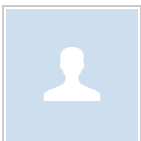
“ Jim was a most caring and gentle human being. Very genuine. I am privileged to have known this wonderful man and to have memories of him as a part of me. My heart is broken.

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“ Mr. Munnell, every time i saw you, you always made me laugh, i bet your making someone up there laugh too.caitlin and bridget love you so much, ill hug them for you

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“ Sarah...So sorry for your loss. Jim was loved by everyone who knew him. He always had a smile and kind word.

October 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sarah and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts are with you. Find the comfort that you need from your family. Life is so very precious. Take comfort in and cherish every memory that you have. They say that time heals but your family and memories will bring you comfort. My heart goes out to you.

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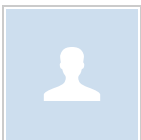
“ My heart is breaking for you all. I just saw Jim Saturday & cannot believe he is gone. I am so very sorry for your loss.

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“ Dear Sarah & Family, I am so sorry to hear about Jim's passing . He was a great person to know & be around - loved his stories - and how he treated people was just straight foward & with respect, he will be missed by everyone that had the luck to have gotten to know him. You all take care, best wishes. David

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“ So very sorry to hear about the sudden loss of Jim's life. Be grateful for the memories, love and life that he had. To lose a love one is a heart ache no one can heal, to have shared in someone's life is a memory never lost. Janice Aungier

October 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sarah and Family, Please let your memories, even the "littlest" ones, help push away the pain. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you; and Jimmy is a part of our hearts forever... we will truly miss him.

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“ Who couldn't have the fondest of memories of the Munnell family and their community minded attitude. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Please don't hesitate to call on the Bakers if you need absolutely ANYTHING.

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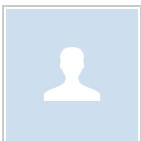
“ Sorry to hear about his sudden death!! Our Thoughts and prayers are with you!!

October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sarah & family, We are so sorry to hear of Jim's sudden death. We will keep you all in our thoughts & prayers.

October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Jim. My thought and prayers are with you through this trying time.

October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sarah and Family, please know our thoghts are with you at this time...Gayle Maddie and family*

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