



James D. Solan Sr.

March 30, 1929 - November 22, 2016

James D. Solan Sr., 87, of Syracuse, NY, died Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at Loretto. James was born in New York City, grew up in Dublin, Ireland and came back to America in the late 1940's. James was a mason and he worked on numerous construction projects throughout New York State and did repair work at the Landmark Theater. He retired from Syracuse University. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. James taught and played the bagpipes. He was a piper major for Balmoral Highlanders and City of Syracuse Pipe Band. He enjoyed the outdoors, playing golf, coaching and watching ice hockey.

He is survived by his son, James D. Solan Jr. of Syracuse, NY; brothers, Michael Solan of Detroit, MI and John Solan of Syracuse, NY; sisters, Ellen Fahey of Warwick, NY and Alice O'Malley of East Northport, LI; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Michael and Ellen (Kelly) Solan; wife, Mary Mansfield Solan in 2007 and son, Brian J. Solan in 1999.

Calling hours will be held Sunday, November 27, 2016 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13205. Funeral services will be Monday, November 28, 2016, 9:30 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home and 10 a.m. in St. James Church, 4845 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13205. Burial with military honors will follow in

Onondaga Valley Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James D. Solan Sr.*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - November 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jimmy , I was lucky enough to have you & your family as my neighbor for many years. Your dad use to walk me across your yard to mine to be sure I got home ok after I was done babysitting you and Brian . I remember listening to him playing the bagpipes. He was a kind soul and a good man. We are very sorry for your loss. Hang on to the good memories. God Bless you and your family. Vicky Mckee Banas and John Banas*

November 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim was a great influence in my life between 1966 and 1970. Jim was a highly skilled bagpipe player having come from a long line of great pipers and having been associated with Fintan Lalor Pipe Band, a World Champion Pipe band. Piping was in the Solan blood. He made me a better piper and I considered him a friend, mentor, coach and fatherly figure in my life. I would go to his home in Nedrow for lessons and his wife and two sons Brian and James Jr had to put up with my bagpipe playing. He was a great influence in my teenage years. God bless you Jim.*

November 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM