



James F. O'Donnell

May 12, 2022

James F. O'Donnell, age 91, of River Edge NJ passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 12, 2022 ... surrounded by his loving family. Survived by his beloved wife of more than 58 years Mary (O'Mahoney). Devoted father of Catherine, Mary and partner Ralph Cavalucci, James Jr., Margaret, John and wife Victoria, and Eileen. Cherished grandfather of Thomas Dowd and Brendan O'Donnell. Dear brother-in-law of John and Patricia O'Mahoney. Adoring uncle of many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by precious parents John and Katherine (Gallagher) O'Donnell, treasured siblings Jack and wife Kay, Kathleen and husband John Fleming, dear in-laws Margaret and Pat Hesse, Catherine and Tom Gallagher, and Connie Twilley, and by adored niece Kathleen Mellina and nephews Thomas and James Gallagher. Jim was born in Manhattan and raised on West 62nd Street. He attended St. Paul the Apostle Church and grammar school, the High School of Commerce and later graduated from Bergen Community College.

After proud service in the United States Army, Jim launched a successful professional career at IBM. He started in the mailroom and held progressively more responsible positions until his retirement as a data analyst after 36 years. In retirement, his "work" included serving as a popular and beloved crossing guard at one of the busiest intersections in town between the River Dell Middle and High Schools.

Jim was an extremely active parishioner of St Peter the Apostle Church serving as a CCD teacher, Eucharistic Minister, Past President of the Holy

Name Society, Social Concerns Committee Member and First Saturday Club Driver. He was equally involved in civic organizations including the Knights of Columbus Monsignor Burke Council #5015 (Past Grand Knight), the VFW Post #876 of River Edge (Past Senior Vice Commander), American Legion Sgt. Walter Scott Brown Post #226 of River Edge, Elks Lodge #1506 of Ridgefield Park, and the River Edge Swim Club (Past President and Trustee). For many years, Jim also volunteered as a Little League and REGAL coach, Cub Scout Dad and most loyal supporter of all of his children's activities. Family and friends are invited to visit this Wednesday, May 18th from 4-8PM at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 268 Kinderkamack Rd, Oradell, NJ. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, May 19 at 10AM at St Peter the Apostle RCC, 445 Fifth Ave, River Edge NJ. Interment to follow at George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ.

Jim benefitted greatly from the services of the River Edge Volunteer Ambulance Service (REVAS) and from generous blood donors. In Jim's charitable spirit, please consider donations of time, talent and treasure to The River Edge Public Library, REVAS or the community organization of your choice.

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Oradell
268 Kinderkamack Rd.
Oradell, NJ 07649
(201) 261-1088
info@volkleber.com
<https://www.volkleber.com>

Funeral Mass

MAY 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter the Apostle
445 5th Avenue
River Edge, NJ 07661

Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James F. O'Donnell*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - May 18, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ *James F. O'Donnell*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *James F. O'Donnell*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *James F. O'Donnell*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



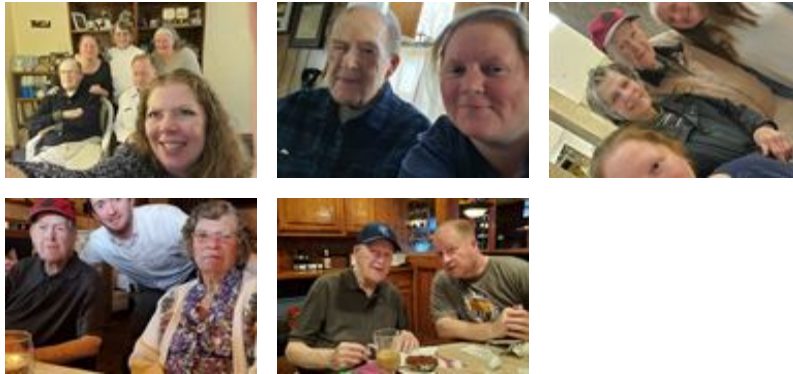
“ *The Lepera's, Henning's, & Tuttle Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James F. O'Donnell.*



The Lepera's, Henning's, & Tuttle Family - May 18, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ 86 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - May 18, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of James F. O'Donnell.



May 18, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Dear Mary and family. I am so sorry to hear of Jim,'s passing. He was one of the best friends i ever had and he will be dearly missed.Nobody that I ever knew could compare with him when it came to volunteering. Your family is on my thoughts and prayers. Fondly. JOE MCNULTY*

Joe mcnulty - May 18, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of James F. O'Donnell.



May 17, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ *Thomas & Linda Mellina and Family* purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of James F. O'Donnell.



Thomas & Linda Mellina and Family - May 17, 2022 at 01:40 PM



“ *Kathy & John O'Donnell and Family* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of James F. O'Donnell.



Kathy & John O'Donnell and Family - May 17, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *Kathy & John O'Donnell and Family* purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of James F. O'Donnell.



Kathy & John O'Donnell and Family - May 17, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James F. O'Donnell.*



May 17, 2022 at 08:55 AM



“ *Jean M Scheaffel purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James F. O'Donnell.*



Jean M Scheaffel - May 17, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James F. O'Donnell.*



May 17, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of James F. O'Donnell.*



May 16, 2022 at 10:51 PM

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“ *Your RBS Exec Ed Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of James F. O'Donnell.*



Your RBS Exec Ed Family - May 16, 2022 at 09:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James F. O'Donnell.*



May 16, 2022 at 08:57 PM

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“ *All our Love, Vivian Baker and Tom Calu purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of James F. O'Donnell.*



All our Love, Vivian Baker and Tom Calu - May 16, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James F. O'Donnell.*



May 16, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of James F. O'Donnell.



May 16, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of James F. O'Donnell.



May 15, 2022 at 09:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James F. O'Donnell.



May 14, 2022 at 11:48 AM