



James T. Connors

February 15, 1935 - February 18, 2022

James Theodore Connors “Jim”, 87 of Bonita Springs, FL, passed away peacefully Friday, February 18, 2022

Jim was born in New York City on February 15, 1935 to parents, Catherine and Michael Connors. Jim graduated from Manhattan College and went on to have a 30+ year career for Columbia Gas Systems, ultimately culminating in the roles of Investor Relations Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Jim retired in 1991 and has been a resident of Bonita Springs over the last 32 years of a very active life.

Jim is survived by his five sons: James Michael, Kevin Phillip (Amy), John Joseph, Michael Sean, Patrick Thomas; loving sister Patricia; loving partner Iris Krempasky; and two beloved granddaughters, Kennedy and Ryan. He is preceded in death by his father Michael and mother Catherine Connors.

Jim lived his life with a legendary zest, which included extensive international travel experiences and a very active social life on the Gulf Coast. Jim was proud of his Irish heritage and was President of the Shamrock Club in Columbus, Ohio in 1978 as well as being the annual host for marching in the Naples St. Patrick’s Day Parade with his Manhattan College fellow alums. Jim will be remembered by his family and friends for his quick wit and his charismatic personality. An Irish Toast to a life lived fully and leaving a legacy that will be recalled by many with fondness, respect and laughter.

A visitation for Jim will be held Thursday, March 3 from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Shikany's Funeral Home, 28300 S Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs, FL. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m. at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Avenue, North Naples, FL. The Mass will be lived streamed at <https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/events/online-funeral-mass-2>. Entombment will follow in Naples Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Manhattan College Pipes and Drums Band.

Online Donations:

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Designation: Manhattan College Pipes & Drums Band

In the Comment Box under additional information please indicate "In Memory of Jim Connors"

By Mail:

Checks may be made payable to Manhattan College – Please indicate In Memory of Jim Connors on the check.

Mail to: Manhattan College Development Office

4513 Manhattan College Parkway

Riverdale, NY 10471

Additional information: Phone: (718) 862-7701 | E-mail:

giving@manhattan.edu

To sign Jim's guest book or to leave on line condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Naples Memorial Gardens

525 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 4. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Avenue North
Naples, FL 34108

Graveside Service

MAR 4. 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Naples Memorial Gardens
525 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“ *James T. Connors*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Neil G*

I met Jim in Naples at a party. I come out of New Jersey and sang at the Sea Girt Inn. Well I started at a Naples party singing all the Jimmy Byrnes Irish tunes. After a few drink all of a sudden this tall guy (Jim) joined in so I sang all of the Irish songs I knew (probably 20) and Jim sang along. This started a great friendship. You will be missed.

Neil

cornelius goeren - March 03, 2022 at 07:57 AM



“ *Suzanne G. purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of James T. Connors.*



Suzanne G. - March 03, 2022 at 03:47 AM



“ *Jim and I met in 1973 in Columbus, Ohio. John and I moved to Florida a few years after him. We enjoyed many house parties and beautiful sunsets at the Chickee Hut. My condolences to the family. I will miss you my dear friend.*

Virgie Lombardo

Virgie Lombardo - February 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM

WI

“ *Iconic member of the Naples St. Patricks Day parade.*

williamdooley - February 25, 2022 at 09:36 AM

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“ *I met Jim 20 years ago a month after moving to Naples and have enjoyed our friendship since. This photo tells it all ... bright eyed, full of love and laughter and a loyal friend.*

Our condolences to Pat, Jim's sons who he who he was so proud of, and Iris.

'Till we meet again dear friend. Susan Westring Manson & Lambert Manson

Susan Westring Manson - February 25, 2022 at 12:30 AM

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“ *I worked for Jim at Columbia Gas many years ago. He was larger than life. Worked hard and played hard. I remember my husband and I at his home for parties. So much fun. He loved life and will be missed. Sincere condolences to his family and friends.*



Susan Wilson - February 24, 2022 at 02:48 PM