



James Bernard "Jim" Golden Jr.

September 9, 1952 - June 12, 2020

James Bernard "Jim" Golden, Jr., 67, of Estero, FL died unexpectedly on Friday, June 12, 2020 in Naples, FL. Formerly of South Windsor, CT he had been an Estero resident since 2004. James was born September 9, 1952 in Hartford, CT, a son of the late James B. and Celia J. (Maloney) Golden, Sr.

He attended Manchester Community College before pursuing his career in law enforcement. Mr. Golden served as a police officer at the Hartford Police Department in Hartford, CT for over 24 years. He then worked at the University of Connecticut Health Center Police Department before retiring from law enforcement. During retirement, he worked as a realtor at Keller Williams Elite Realty in Bonita Springs.

Jim was also a devout catholic and parishioner of Our Lady of Light Catholic Community where he was very active in the Knights of Columbus Council 10498, serving as Past Grand Knight and member of the 4th Degree.

Survivors include his loving children, James B. (Tina) Golden III of Ponte Vedra, FL, Jennifer M. (Craig) Kline of Trade, TN, Jeffrey Golden of FL; siblings, Deidre (Steven) Davies of Bolton, CT, Sean Golden of Spain, Kevin (Brenda) Golden of Ireland; and cherished grandchildren, Eva, Marlo, Torin, Adelyn, Katelyn and Grace.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33967. Burial will follow in the church memorial garden.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jim's name may be made to the Tunnels 2 Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., New York, NY 10306 to benefit the widows/widowers of fallen police officers and first responders across the country.

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

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden

19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
(239) 267-7088

Tribute Wall



“ *James Bernard "Jim" Golden Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to learn of Jim's sudden passing. My heart goes out to Kevin, Dede, Sean and of course his beloved children. The Golden's were always such great neighbors growing up on Foster Street and I have so many memories involving Jim. He was such a great guy! He will be missed by many but never forgotten. To each of you, I send my love and prayers for your comfort at this difficult time. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Sincerely,

Kathy Keefe



Kathy Keefe - June 22, 2020 at 04:51 PM

SF

“ Jim has been one of my closest friends since I moved to Estero seven years ago, and I am still in shock because of his sudden passing. I am so sorry that this Father's Day is filled with grief for his family, whom he loved dearly. Jim was a great man. He possessed that rare combination of caring and gentleness coupled with inner toughness and virtue, certainly meriting his old nickname of "Superman". Jim was such a central figure in our church family that I feel just about everyone in the parish is shaken by his loss. I became aware of the love and faith in Jim's heart and his high degree of holiness, so I am confident he is with Jesus and will enjoy eternal life.---Steve Ferrante

Stephen Ferrante - June 21, 2020 at 09:00 PM

CV

“ My deepest sympathy. For the little time that I've know Jim, he was a pleasant individual to talk to. He was a good friend. He will be missed. 🥹🕊️🙏🕊️🌺

Carmen Valera - June 21, 2020 at 09:47 AM

AM

“ Oh, Jim, what can I say. I am thankful for the memories I have of times spent in your company. I'll miss cutting pizzas with you, going to Wal-Mart to shop for the Blue Mass with you, talking and laughing together, kissing your bald head, and seeing your smile. You are one of the sweetest, kindest souls. I cherish the time I had the privilege to call you friend. I miss you, Jim. Forever, you will occupy a place in my heart.

Antonina Mullen - June 21, 2020 at 08:04 AM

PB

“ My condolences to Jim's family and his many friends. I am proud to have known Jim and to have shared many experiences with him in the Knights of Columbus, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, and too many parish experiences to mention, here in Estero Florida. Jim was truly a "man of faith" and practiced the gospel of love to a level that few achieve. Most of all, Jim was a friend and neighbor who always looked for a way to help those in need and was always there, even to just share some thoughts. I truly miss this very special man.

Patrick Becker

Patrick Becker - June 20, 2020 at 04:30 PM

C(

“ Dear Golden Family: I met your dad in 1970. when he began as a Police Cadet. I was a sergeant in the police academy and responsible for the program. For 24 years he showed the same loyalty and commitment to the City of Hartford that he brought to the UConn Health Center Police when I hired him one with his partner in crime, Bert Peltier. Jim was a great cop and a real asset to the UConn P.D . He was a decorated officer in Hartford a d a highly respected member of the mexical center team. May Officer Golden rest in peace and fond memories of this good and decent man comfort you.

Chief Neil Sullivan (retired) - June 20, 2020 at 03:22 PM

LQ

“ Jim was a Great Man and I was Proud to have known him and a Brother SR Knight
Leon Quesnette

Leon Quesnette - June 20, 2020 at 11:35 AM

BD

“ *Very sorry to hear about Jim. Worked with him at HPD and a great friend in Florida. Gonna miss his smiling face.*

Barry D'Onofrio - June 19, 2020 at 07:49 PM

NG

“ *Jim, Jen, Jeff, I am so sorry. Brendan and I were reminiscing how uncle Jim bought us baseball bats and brought us to an indoor softball to play with them and have the whole "American experience" on one of our first visits in Connecticut. I remember him showing me around his home in Florida on my last visit. He will be greatly missed. Much love.*

Naoise Golden - June 18, 2020 at 12:44 PM

RK

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Jim's family. We are going to miss his overnight visits when he visited his family in Jacksonville. He was a dear friend and will be truly missed. Rest in Peace my friend. Our friendship goes way back from being a policeman and business partner building homes. May God Bless You Bob & Joann Kertanis*

Robert & Joann Kertanis - June 18, 2020 at 09:38 AM

JK

“ *My sincere condolences to Jim's family...so sorry to hear about Jim. I didn't know the "grown up Jimmy" but I do have good memories of growing up next door to the Golden family as kids.*

John & Shirley Keefe - June 17, 2020 at 09:23 PM

JO

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



John - June 17, 2020 at 07:55 PM

FB

“ My deepest sympathy and respect to all members of the Golden family, and his many friends.

Frank Bruskey - June 17, 2020 at 06:53 PM

DD

“ Great Officer, Great Mentor, Great Man... Taught me much & had my back many a times.. Thank you for your service Officer Golden !!!!

HPD Sergeant Dave Dufault (Ret)

Dave Dufault - June 17, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ Rest in Peace Jimmy. You were one of a kind. I am proud to have worked with you and more proud to have known you. Peace #1 0.

Bruce Carrier - June 17, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Jim's untimely death which must have come as a great shock to all his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Richard and Mary Golden.

Richard Golden - June 17, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Bernard "Jim" Golden Jr..*



June 17, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ *Please accept my deepest condolences in the loss of your beloved Jimmy.*

We met when I worked downtown and he was one of my biggest inspiration in becoming a police officer.

He was a great cop and even a better man.

He will be greatly missed.

Sgt Paul S Kutcher (ret)

Paul S Kutcher - June 17, 2020 at 03:20 PM



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John Glowacki - June 17, 2020 at 02:52 PM

JG

“ James and I met more than 50 years ago on the streets of Hartford, we continued this friendship over the years and he has always been a great, friend, father, Grenada father, police officer. I will miss him and the coffee we shared at my home with friends. Condolences to his family.

John Glowacki - June 17, 2020 at 02:46 PM

FJ

“ Felix De Los Santos Jr lit a candle in memory of James Bernard "Jim" Golden Jr.



Felix De Los Santos Jr - June 17, 2020 at 02:23 PM

SG

“ Jim, Jen and Jeff -- we cannot be with you and your families at this time because of travel restrictions but please know that we are thinking of you and remembering your father fondly. Love, uncle Sean, Naoise, Brendan, Marisa, Xavier and Nuria

Sean Golden - June 17, 2020 at 12:51 PM

EW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.
Eileen Sott Waller

Eileen Sott Waller - June 17, 2020 at 12:42 PM

SG

“ To Jimmy’s family, please accept my deepest condolences and may he rest in God’s eternal peace! If in one’s life-time you look back and realize you really only had a handful of friends, who will always be there for you, then you have had a successful life. For 50-years Jimmy was one of those close friends who I will miss.

Steven Gleason - June 17, 2020 at 12:26 PM

BR

“ Please accept my condolences on Jim passing. Jim was the epitome of what a good cop should be. He knew how to connect with people and quietly resolve a conflict . He knew the street and understood what Protect and Serve meant. He will be remembered by those of us who had the privilege of serving with one more good Irish Cop!

Bernie Sullivan Chief of Police Ret.Htfd - June 17, 2020 at 11:03 AM

CN

My deepest condolences, Jim was a true friend and neighbor. He will be missed.
Carol Natitus

Carol Natitus - June 17, 2020 at 12:42 PM

JE

“ I love you daddy. I don’t know how to live my life without you in it. You’re so very much loved and missed. Rest easy.

jennifer - June 17, 2020 at 10:11 AM