

## James "Jim" O. Meleo

March 10, 1942 - November 8, 2025

James O. "Jim" Meleo, 83, of Bonita Springs, FL, passed away peacefully on November 8, 2025, under the loving care of AVOW Hospice. Born on March 10, 1942, in Dorchester, MA, he was the son of the late Orlando and Josephine (Ciriello) Meleo.

Jim was raised in Massachusetts and was a proud graduate of Middleboro Memorial High School. Soon after, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, honorably serving his country from 1959 to 1964. Following his military service, Jim began what would become a distinguished 40-year career with the Raytheon Corporation. Starting as a line worker, he steadily advanced to become an electrical engineer, working at the company's Lowell and Andover, MA, facilities. In his early forties, Jim returned to college, earning his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Fitchburg State University—an accomplishment of which he was immensely proud. He retired from Raytheon in 2003.

A resident of Bonita Springs since 2005, Jim embraced the Florida lifestyle. He and his late wife, Jeanne, enjoyed traveling the world together. Japan and Egypt held a special place in his heart. Jim was also an avid golfer who cherished time on the course with friends and loved ones.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Lisa Saunders, of Methuen, MA; his son,

James J. Meleo, and his wife, Dawn, of Winter Haven, FL; three brothers, Albert Meleo of Bonita Springs, FL, Andrew Meleo, and his wife, Lucille, of Middleboro, MA and Steven Meleo, and his wife, Barbara, of Middleboro, MA; one sister, Janice Meleo, of Middleboro, MA; three grandchildren, Patrick John Philbrick, Courtney Elizabeth Philbrick, and Anthony Allen Meleo; his companion, Mary Ann Marinelli; and many extended family members and friends who will deeply miss him.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial visitation on Friday, December 12, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 12:00 Noon at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108. Burial with military honors will follow in St. John's Memorial Garden.

To sign his guest register or leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.  
Naples, FL 34108

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

DEC 12. 3:00 PM - 5:00 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

DEC 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
625 111th Ave N  
Naples, FL 34108-1825  
(239) 566-8740

# Tribute Wall



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James "Jim" O. Meleo.



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December 12, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ Uncle Dave, Aunt Bobbie, Debbie and DJ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" O. Meleo.

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**Uncle Dave, Aunt Bobbie, Debbie and DJ** - December 12, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ Mary F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" O. Meleo.

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**Mary F.** - December 11, 2025 at 06:48 PM

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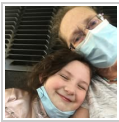
“ I’m so sorry about Jimmy. Jim, Paul Aronian, and I had many great times together both up in Massachusetts when we worked together as test engineers, and in Bonita when Paul and I would go down there for a few days. Jimmy and Paul got the beds and I always got the armchair or inflatable bed. One night as I slept (in the closet lol!) on the inflatable bed I awoke the next morning flat on the floor. The bed had slowly deflated completely during the night! And those days we spent on Ft Myers Beach were hilarious. And the time we all had to struggle to get a huge tv Jim was given by his friend Eddie onto a pickup truck to drive it to Jim’s. Paul had to stay on the bed of the truck to steady the tv. I’m amazed we didn’t lose Paul on the way to Jim’s as the tv slid all over the truck bed!

Sometimes we’d run into a guy named Beach Bob on Bonita Beach. Jim told us Beach Bob once got into the Johnny Carson show because some woman turned him in to police when his speedo somehow came off as Bob slept on the beach lol! It became a big story.

Jim’s favorite line was “never again” after one of our crazy nights at Sneaky Pete’s Bar. I’ll definitely miss Jim’s sense of humor. Such a great guy!

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**Charlie Sachetta** - December 10, 2025 at 06:48 AM



*Charlie that's awesome I had the best laugh thank you so much*

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**Lisa Saunders** - December 10, 2025 at 08:37 PM

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“ Steve & Barbara Meleo purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" O. Meleo.



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**Steve & Barbara Meleo** - December 08, 2025 at 08:55 AM

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“ *Fond memories of Jim, it was a joy to have him visit us in England along with Maryann. He will be missed from our weekly phone calls to Florida. Much love & sincere condolences to his family & friends from Tom, Tracey & Grant. Rest in peace Jim x*



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**Tracey Marinelli** - December 08, 2025 at 06:56 AM

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*Thoughts and prayers for all of you. Sorry I couldn't be there. Jim was a nice Guy and will be missed. I still will be looking for him at our weekly thirsty Thursday's. May the peace be his and rest in eternal peace....*

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**Pamela Bangs** - December 10, 2025 at 10:51 AM