



James Francis Leary Jr.

June 16, 1944 - August 25, 2018

James Francis Leary Jr., 74, of Bonita Spring, FL, passed away on Saturday, August 25, 2018. Formerly of Norfolk, MA, he had been a Bonita Springs resident since 2010. He was born June 16, 1944 in Boston, MA, the son of Agatha Virginia (née Forrester) and James Francis Leary Sr.

Jim received his bachelors from Fairfield University ('66) and his Masters of Chemistry from University of Rhode Island ('67). In addition to his full time profession he proudly served as a call firefighter for 45 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family and enjoyed sharing stories about his stamp collection, history and books he'd read and enjoyed.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Mary (née Donnelly) Leary; and his beloved daughters, Heather Leary of Waltham, MA and Jennifer Leary of Seattle, WA.

Services will be held in Massachusetts at a later date and will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *James Francis Leary Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Arthur Gleason lit a candle in memory of James Francis Leary Jr.*



arthur gleason - September 01, 2018 at 10:04 AM



“ *DEAR MARY ,HEATHER AND JENNIFER . I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JIM.HE WAS A GREAT GUY.WE MISSED YOU ALL WHEN YOU MOVED AWAY.MAY GOD COMFORT YOU DURING THIS SAD TIME IN YOUR LIVES. ART AND THE STAFF OF R&D AUTOMOTIVE .GOD BLESS*

arthur gleason - September 01, 2018 at 10:03 AM

EM

“ Dear Mary, Heather and Jennifer

We have never met, but I had the pleasure of working with Jim for many years during our time at The Medicines Company. My husband Neil also had the pleasure of working with Jim as he worked in a consultancy capacity for the firm.

We are both so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. It is very hard to find words of condolence that will ease the sorrow you must be feeling at this time. I hope it will bring you some comfort to know that Jim was regarded as a true gentleman, a valued and respected colleague and that he will be remembered as the epitome of kindness.

I will remember with great fondness the time Jim and I spent together. He was a great support to me professionally and personally and his wisdom was always appreciated. He was a compassionate and thoughtful man and he spoke of his family with real love and affection. I could imagine he was a wonderful husband and father.

I recall a conversation with him one day, when I told him of my little boy's obsession with fire-engines and to my amazement, the next day, he brought in beautiful photo of one of the fire-trucks he worked on as a gift for my son. We live in England and my son Henry (who is now 16) had never seen a black fire-engine before. He was so thrilled and he took the photo to school for show and tell time. The photo of the black fire truck is still in Henry's box of special things.

We hope that you find support and strength in the affection that others had for Jim and we hope too that you find peace in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss.

From Elaine, Neil and Henry

Elaine Morten - August 31, 2018 at 10:29 AM

AF

“ Dear Mary, Heather, and Jennifer

I am so sorry to hear of Jim's death. Colleen & I want to express our most sincere sympathies to your family during this difficult time. Jim was a highly valuable and respected member of our team at The Medicines Company. The effects of his passing are already being felt here by his fellow colleagues who had the wonderful opportunity to know Jim. Everyone loved Jim as he was a kind and generous man.

Personally - I really treasure my friendship with Jim and will miss him dearly. We had the opportunity to speak often on a wide range of topics besides our work life. I learned so much about life and being a good person from Jim. Before we started any topic of discussion whether it was our stock market analysis, vacation plans, the latest book that we were reading or what dessert we were going to have, the discussion always started with Mary, Heather, and Jennifer. He was the proudest father I ever met, and he loved you dearly.

Please accept my sincere condolences for you and the family. Jim was a remarkable man, and I am a better man for having known him. For those of us that had the privilege of calling him "friend" outside of work, we were humbled by his kindness and compassion to everyone around him. He will be greatly missed, and everyone is saddened by his death. May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept our sincere condolences.

With sincere sympathy,

Tony and Colleen Flammia

Anthony Flammia - August 29, 2018 at 04:46 PM

LH

“ Mary, Heather, and Jen we are so sorry for your loss. The memories and love you shared with Jim will be remembered forever. Sendng much love and prayers in your time of sorrow. Let us know if there is anything we can do for you. Love, Linda and Rob Hossfield

linda hossfield - August 28, 2018 at 06:17 PM

LH

“ Mary, Heather, and Jen we are so sorry for your loss. The love and memories you shared with Jim will be remembered forever. Sending much love and prayers to you in your time of sorrow. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you, Love, Linda and Rob Hossfield

Linda Hossfield - August 28, 2018 at 12:47 PM

PC

“ Mary, Jen and Heather sending sympathy, prayers and courage to face the days ahead and all the loving memories to hold forever. May God and the love and comfort from family and friends help you through your sorrow. Love Pat Carey

Pat Carey - August 28, 2018 at 07:46 AM