



## James Edward Keane

August 30, 1950 - January 24, 2014

On Friday, Jan. 24, 2014, James Edward Keane of Madison, CT, peacefully entered into rest at Conn. Hospice of Branford with his wife Judy and family at his side. Jim succumbed after he valiantly fought his battle with cancer for 6 years and 4 months. The only child of Alice (Hanrahan) Keane and Dennis Keane, Jim was born on Aug. 30, 1950 in New Haven, CT. He graduated from Notre Dame High School of West Haven in 1968 and Sacred Heart University of Fairfield in 1972. After graduation Jim started his career with Southern New England Telephone Co. which is now AT&T and he retired after thirty five and a half years as an engineer. He was also a member of the Telephone Pioneers. After moving his family to Madison in 1987, Jim became active in his community as a coach in soccer, basketball and softball. He also spent 15 years on the Flood and Erosion Commission in Madison. Jim was an avid golfer and spent much time trying to improve his game with his longtime friend and golf partner, John Connors. Jim leaves behind his wife of 33 years, Judith ( Speiser) Keane, daughters Susan (Keane) McManus of Manchester Center, VT, Karen Keane of Madison and Christine Keane of Manchester, NH. He also will be missed by his cousins Eileen Stratton of North Haven, Kathleen Sheridan of Norwalk and Sr. Catherine Allen, O.P. of Columbus, Ohio and many close friends. The family wishes to thank Dr. Jeremy Kortmansky and the staff at the Smilow Cancer Hospital, North Haven office for their wonderful care and treatment during his illness.

Funeral from the Swan Funeral Home 825 Boston Post Rd., Madison, Tuesday morning at 9:30. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Margaret Church, Madison at 10:00. Burial will follow in West Cemetery, Madison. Calling hours at the Swan Funeral Home will be Monday from 4 - 8 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jim's memory may be made to the Smilow Cancer Hospital, 20 York St., New Haven, CT 06510. Arrangements are with Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden.

# Cemetery Details

**West Cemetery**

Madison, CT

# Tribute Wall

D'

“ My deepest sympathy to all in your family for the loss you have suffered. May you find comfort in your family, friends and the future promises in God's word. He has promised to end death forever and reunite us with our dear loved ones (Rev 21:4 & John 5:28, 29) May you continue to remember the fond memories of your loved one

---

**D'Anita** - February 03, 2014 at 07:41 AM

D'

“ My deepest sympathy to all in your family for the loss you have suffered. May you find comfort in your family, friends and the future promises in God's word. He has promised to end death forever and reunite us with our dear loved ones (Rev 21:4 & John 5:28, 29) May you continue to remember the fond memories of your loved one

---

**D'Anita** - February 03, 2014 at 07:41 AM

S.

“ I am sorry for the loss of your loved one. Losing a loved one is never easy, yet the Bible teaches that there is going to be a resurrection. -Acts 24:15. Knowing this gives us hope. Revelation 21:4 says, "He will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry be anymore." Please visit [jw.org](http://jw.org) for more comfort and free information.

---

**s.ukenta** - February 02, 2014 at 04:23 PM

SZ

“ I worked with Jim for six years and over that time I learned so much from him, not only with the ins and outs of the phone company but also with life itself. He had a wonderful sense of humor, was extremely intelligent and always was there to help. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming, but I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks I have for what he gave to me. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the life Jim led. Thank you Jim for everything you taught me.

Your Friend,

Stephan Zajac

---

**Stephan Zajac** - January 27, 2014 at 10:16 AM

EB

“ To the Keane family, I remember when you so graciously opened your home to a hungry bunch of Fairfield U Writing Center tutors. What a lovely evening that was, a testament to your warm, loving family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time, as you mourn this great loss and comfort each other with your memories in the days yet to come. With sympathy, Beth Boquet

---

**Elizabeth Boquet** - January 26, 2014 at 09:50 AM

CM

“ *The McManus/McGrath family had the pleasure of meeting Jim at his daughter, Susan's Bridal Shower and got a taste of his terrific sense of humor when the Groom -To- Be opened a mystery gift from him -- an elaborately wrapped toilet bowl plunger  
Jim was instantly likeable, with a twinkle in his eye and wonderful grin - everyone of my family members commented on what a nice guy he was.*

---

**connie mcmanus** - January 25, 2014 at 09:53 PM

JC

“ *Jim was a great friend and example to me. A friendly and honest man who was an expert engineer and house builder. He was a proud and generous father to his three beautiful daughters, Susan, Karen and Chrissy, and a good husband to his patient and doting wife, Judy.  
Jim fought a brave battle with cancer and thoroughly enjoyed going from hospital bed to the golf course in record time (to the amazement of doctors and fellow golfers).  
Thanks Jim for staying with us way past your due date. God bless Jim and his lovely family.*

---

**john connors** - January 25, 2014 at 05:05 PM