



James Michael Kennedy

October 16, 1956 - December 25, 2015

On Christmas Day with his loving family by his side, James Michael Kennedy, 59 passed from this life after a painful and courageous six month battle to walk again.

James was born October 16, 1956, the fifth child of the late Joseph D. & Grace Eiber Kennedy. He was raised in North Haven, graduated from North Haven High School, served in the United States Air Force, worked at Sikorsky for many years and retired from Amtrack.

Jim was an avid reader, loved to ride his Harley Motorcycles, collected antique cars and loved to work on jigsaw puzzles. There was no greater friend to be found than Jimmy and nothing made him happier than being surrounded by his large family. His greatest joy in life was being a grandfather.

He is survived by his son Brian Kennedy (Kerry), his daughter Katherine Surdam (Milo), his four granddaughters Molly Kennedy, Mikka, Kaya and Talia Surdam. He also leaves his brother Joseph D. Kennedy (Jane), his sisters Ann Kennedy, Kathy Kennedy, Susan Kennedy, Marygrace Tirollo (Michael) and Priscilla Remington (Edward), sixteen loving nieces and nephews and seven great nieces and nephews. Jim also left behind his dear friends Danette Kennedy and Dan & Marge Carboni.

In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his wife Patricia Downes Kennedy, his brother Sean K. Kennedy, his sister Bridget J. Kennedy, grandparents Eugene & Anna Kennedy and Louis & Ann Eiber.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Wednesday at 9 A.M. in St.

Therese Church, North Haven. Friends are asked to go directly to church.
Burial in All Saints Cemetery. Calling hours are Tuesday from 4 - 7 P.M. in
Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital 262
Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to Disabled American Veterans
65 Prospect Ave. West Haven, CT. 06516. To leave an online condolence
please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

700 Middletown Ave.
North Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

DEC **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral service

DEC **30**. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese Church
555 Middletown Ave.
North Haven, CT

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Priscilla, we are so very sorry to learn of the loss of your brother. Our love goes out to you and your entire family.
The Villar Family

Josephine, Marie, Toby, Sonia & Cynthia - December 29, 2015 at 03:59 PM



“ My friendship with Jimmy spanned some 50 years. Jimmy is the reason I am a practicing dentist. Twenty-seven years ago, Jimmy traveled from North Haven to Boston several times to sit for my dental boards. His unwavering selflessness, fearlessness and friendship resulted in a favorable outcome for all! Fortuitously, some months ago, I met Jimmy in my medical building. He greeted me with a Big "bear-hug", sparklingly eyes and beautiful smile! He said . . . "we should get together again, my friend. . . ". I missed his call the following day and will forever regret it. However, I will always be grateful for having known Jimmy, and I thank him for being my friend. 🌸💜j

Jeralyn Fantarella - December 29, 2015 at 01:49 AM

CS

“ Deepest Sympathy to Jimmy's family at this sad time . He always talked about his family with a smile , and you could just feel the love he had for all of you . His second love was his Harley - he used to say "It's not a bike , if it ain't a Harley " ! . He was the most loving and caring man I knew . I will miss my Jimmy all the days of my life . R.I.P. sweet man , 'til we meet again <3 Cathy (a.k.a. Kate) Scollan

Cathy Scollan - December 28, 2015 at 03:27 PM

MS

“ many memories, One special memory Jimmy drove to Florida bike week with my (husband at that time) Jay Sicignano: they took my 80 year old Aunt Rose Piscitelli with them to drop her off at my mom's in Florida: Jimmy let her wear his leather vest over her housedress the whole way down....every stop they made he treated her like she was special cargo.....she always talked about it... she was the biker granny. May he RIP

mary sicignano - December 28, 2015 at 01:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Michael Kennedy.



December 28, 2015 at 09:22 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Michael Kennedy.



December 28, 2015 at 08:55 AM

EJ

“ Jimmy was one of those people that it didn't matter if you saw him a week ago or three years ago you could just pick up where you left off. I'm so thankful that I got to spend some time, share some stories , pictures and best of all some memories with him several weeks ago. I'm grateful that we were friends for so many years. I have wonderful memories I will treasure for the rest of my life. I will miss you and your smile my friend, May God bless you. Our love and prayers to Danette, Brian, Katie and all the Kennedy family.

Elaine and Paul Janssen

elaine janssen - December 27, 2015 at 09:06 PM

WB

“ Jimmy was one of our oldest and dearest friends since childhood; we loved him, and it is difficult to imagine being without him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. He loved all of you so much.

Walter and Laurie Bennett

Walter and Laurie Bennett - December 27, 2015 at 07:57 PM

SK

“ Jim
We spent many hours talking about life, history, politics, and good times. There is a void that will never be filled.
God be with you.
Sherman Katz

Sherman Katz - December 27, 2015 at 07:15 PM

CD

“ To the Kennedy family, Chuck and I, would like to extend our deepest sympathy, to all of Jimmy"s family. Jimmy, will always have a special place in our hearts, and will truly be missed. He was one of our closest and dearest friends. We would talk about, our grandkids and show each other pictures, and his eyes would light up, he was so proud of them. Jimmy, you put up a long fight, MAY YOU REST IN PEASE. Till we meet agine. Love Carol and Chuck Dombroski.

Carol and Chuck Dombroski - December 27, 2015 at 02:49 PM

RM

The best kind of people are the ones that come into your life and make you see the sun where he once saw clouds. The people that believe in you so much you start to believe in you too. The people that love you simply for being you. The once-in-a-lifetime kind of people. Jimmy was my friend in grade school and we met together again in adulthood. I will always love you. RIP my wonderful man

rosemary mulvey - December 28, 2015 at 01:32 PM

DC

Jimmy was a good dude. He was smart, friendly, had a good sense of humor and he would always go out of his way to help when you needed him .Jimmy, rest easy.

david cerrito - December 28, 2015 at 08:20 PM

DH

RIP Jimmy. May God Bless and watch over the family ... peace.

Debi Hansell-Riquier - December 29, 2015 at 04:37 AM

DB

Mary- All my love & sympathy to you and your family.

Donna Cipollini Bousquet - December 29, 2015 at 10:40 AM

PL

R.I.P. Jimmy God bless you and your family. You have touched everyone who came in contact with.

Peggy Gorman Libertino - December 30, 2015 at 06:57 PM