



## James Francis Kennedy

June 9, 1938 - December 26, 2025

James Francis Kennedy of Milford passed away on December 26, 2025. Born in New Haven on June 9, 1938, James (Jim) was the beloved son of the late James Hoff Kennedy and Elizabeth Brennan Kennedy. He grew up in Hamden and spent summers at Bay View Beach in Milford. Jim graduated from Hamden High School in 1956 and then from the University of Connecticut in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Following graduation, he entered the military, serving in the United States Army in Anchorage, Alaska. He worked for the United States government, first with the Department of Agriculture and subsequently the Department of Homeland Security, for more than 40 years. Jim resided in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn for many years before relocating to Milford in 2019. He was humble, compassionate, and loyal. A lifelong learner, he took great pleasure in traveling and reading, particularly about history and nature. Above all, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Jim is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, John and Maria Kennedy, sister and brother-in-law Margaret and Dennis Hrabchak, and nieces Jennifer Molinsky, Amy Pelletier, Kristin Kornacki, Allison Kennedy Lanigan, and Mary Kennedy and their families. Jim was an avid supporter of environmental and humanitarian causes; in lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in his memory to The Nature Conservancy or Catholic Relief Services. Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden Friday at 10:30, Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in St. Rita Church. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hamden. Friends may call Friday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at

the funeral home. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

3102 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Mass

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Church  
1620 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ Jim was an absolute pleasure to work with as a USDA inspector in Brooklyn. As a 21 year old , in a strange city with a new job, he was a welcoming, friendly and helpful coworker. He was kind, compassionate and willing to share his knowledge. Jim was easy and interesting to converse with and respected everyone’s opinion. A true gentleman. His warm smile and laid back nature put everyone at ease. My fondest memories of Jim were playing ping pong, working out at the Coast Guard gym, and pick up basketball games during our lunch breaks. He was a good athlete and a good sport . He was a great role model for us rookie inspectors. A truly good person that I’m honored to have known. May he rest in peace.



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**Beth Chanelli** - January 05 at 09:49 PM

BC

“ Jim was a pleasure to work with during my time with the USDA in Brooklyn. I was only 21 when I first started and Jim was always upbeat, friendly, kind and compassionate. His warm smile and laid back nature put everyone at ease. Jim was easy to work with and always willing to share his knowledge. My fondest memories were hanging out at lunch playing basketball with him and the guys. He was a good athlete and good sport. A great mentor for me. Thank you Jim . Rest in peace.

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**Beth Chanelli** - January 04 at 09:49 PM

MR

“ Jim was a real good guy. Worked with him in Brooklyn, NY. Rest in peace.

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**Mike Russo** - December 31, 2025 at 04:18 PM

SV

“ Jim was such a pleasure to work with and know socially. Always happy, thoughtful, interesting. We miss him already but know he’s in a better place. We’ll send an extra gift to the Nature Conservancy in his honor. Sonia and Jerry



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**Sonia & Jeeey Vicinanza** - December 31, 2025 at 09:27 AM

DW

“ Donna & Roger West lit a candle in memory of James Kennedy



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**Donna & Roger West** - December 30, 2025 at 12:00 PM

DO

“ Roger and I both enjoyed working with Jim when we rotated through the Brooklyn seaport.



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**Donna** - December 30, 2025 at 12:00 PM

BP

“ Jim was one of the first people I worked with in Brooklyn when I was hired by the USDA. Many good memories of those days when the Brooklyn piers were still active. Rest in peace Jim.

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**Bud Petitdemange** - December 29, 2025 at 09:08 PM

BP

“ Bud P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Kennedy.

Bud P. - December 29, 2025 at 08:53 PM

FS

“ From Robert Sanks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Kennedy.

From Robert Sanks - December 28, 2025 at 06:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Francis Kennedy.



December 28, 2025 at 06:29 PM