



James Joseph Sheedy

October 31, 1935 - August 14, 2021

Jim Sheedy left his earthly realm unexpectedly on Aug 14th.

To know know know you...was to love love love you, and we all did.

A patient, calm quiet strength empowered those around you; always there to humbly help others, expecting nothing in return.

Your spirit soars to the heavens Jimmy!

Jim's life in NY State was that of a pioneering labor leader for over 20 years, originating a union for professional employees of the state, PEF. He was a respected officer and tireless representative for us all.

Jim established and enjoyed a satisfying, happy and peaceful life here in the Old Pueblo, surrounded by the majestic mountains of "rough around the edges" Tucson and the desert beauty that is all of Arizona. Jim belonged to St. Francis de Sales Parish where he practiced his unwavering faith. He was an eager volunteer for GVR Food Bank and belonged to men's senior softball league, The Last Stop. Evening walks at sunset along the Pantano Wash and a stop in the park to mingle with the dogs and the little league games was also a favorite time to enjoy. Jim and his wife Molly reveled in road trips through the Great American West, and he left fans from the west coast to the east coast, from the northern border to the southern border..

Jim, we had the best of times and I know I had the best of your love. I see your face and grace in every sunset. I will forever be looking up for you, your alma always close to me. A true blessing in my life, you left me a legacy of treasured and "precious memories" and how to be a better person.

With you by my side, life was easier to face.

There will be a mass honoring Jim on October 30th, one day before his birthday, at noon at St. Thomas the Apostle Church 5150 North Valley Rd near Swan and Sunrise.

Donations can be made in Jim's name to Roswell Park Cancer Institute Buffalo New York.

Thank You

Jim's biggest fan, Molly

Previous Events

Mass

OCT **30**. 12:00 PM (MT)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
5150 North Valley View Road
Tucson, AZ 85718

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Miss you more everyday!



Molly Sheedy - June 03 at 05:51 PM

MS

“ Molly Sheedy sent a virtual gift in memory of James Joseph Sheedy



Molly Sheedy - April 17 at 03:45 PM

MS

“ My time with you was a gift, a gift that renewed my life.

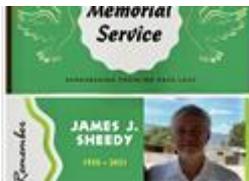
On this Easter Sunday, a time of renewal, I think about that.



Molly Sheedy - April 17 at 02:18 PM

KL

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Kim Lamphere - April 13 at 07:09 PM

MS

“ *Your alma mater, Hudson Valley Community College, honored your memory today....loved seeing your smile.*



Molly Sheedy - April 11 at 05:14 PM

MS

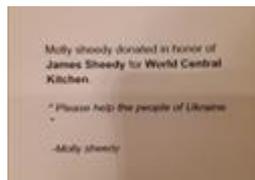
“ *Always On My Mind. Sending all my love to you!*



Molly Sheedy - March 21 at 12:23 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Evergreen Mortuary, Cemetery & Crematory - March 17 at 06:38 PM

KL

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Kim Lamphere - February 16 at 11:26 PM

MS

“ It was 6 months ago today that your heart gave out....

and it took mine with it.

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LOVE from your wife on Valentines Day

Molly Sheedy - February 14 at 02:25 AM

KL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kim Lamphere - January 20 at 04:58 PM

MS

“ Molly Sheedy sent a virtual gift in memory of James Joseph Sheedy



Molly Sheedy - January 15 at 08:00 PM

MS

“ Dear Husband:

*Today is the last day of the year that ended our days together,
but the memories we made will be with me for the remainder of my years.*

Till we meet again.....Love, Molly

Molly Sheedy - December 31, 2021 at 05:03 PM

MS

“ Molly Sheedy sent a virtual gift in memory of James Joseph Sheedy



Molly Sheedy - December 24, 2021 at 09:35 PM

MS

“ The past 35 Christmas Masses we enjoyed together....you were in my heart tonight, as always. You never leave it. I do wonder how glorious it must be to celebrate our savior's birthday in Heaven. Love you Jimmy!

Molly Sheedy - December 24, 2021 at 09:34 PM

MS

“ Missing You Much!!!
Molly



Molly Sheedy - December 14, 2021 at 01:04 AM

MS

“ 36 years ago today we met up in NYC for our first date. And a magical life together began. Thank You Jimmy for so many wonderful moments. All my love,
Molly

Molly Sheedy - December 08, 2021 at 03:11 AM

JS

“ Love you and miss you Dad!!



James Sheedy - December 07, 2021 at 10:59 AM

MS

“ *It is still warm and sunny here but it cannot be enjoyed without you by my side.*
Love, Molly

Molly Sheedy - December 06, 2021 at 04:31 AM

SF

“ *Dad - you are loved and missed every day.*

Remembering all of the happy times.

Michael, Paul, James, Joseph and Sandra



Sheedy Family - December 05, 2021 at 12:46 PM

MS

“ *Thinking of you, my love, as always.*



Molly Sheedy - November 28, 2021 at 06:25 PM

RS

“ *Aunt Moll, Looking though these pictures just reminded me of what a kind gentle soul Jim was. He was a man of few words and subtly who also let you know he genuinely cared about you. I am proud to know him. A true gentleman !*

RON SHUL - November 27, 2021 at 09:45 AM

MS

You nailed it Ron. Thank You

Molly Sheedy - November 29, 2021 at 02:28 PM

MP

“ *Happy Thanksgiving grandpa! Love and miss you!*

Meredith Pellegrine - November 25, 2021 at 07:39 PM

JS

“ *Happy Thanksgiving Dad, missing you!!*

James Sheedy - November 25, 2021 at 07:26 PM

MS

“ I hope you felt the love and prayers coming today from our family members in Astoria, morning mass held in your honor.
You are so loved by so many!



Molly Sheedy - November 21, 2021 at 05:56 PM

MS

“ Lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Sheedy



Molly Sheedy - November 21, 2021 at 04:23 PM

MS

“ Jimmy: I am trying not to cry because its over, I am trying to smile because it happened....you and me for 36 years!
Love You
Molly

Molly Sheedy - November 14, 2021 at 04:45 PM

MS

“ You were my masterpiece of a husband; a protector and an ally. A Man For All Seasons..... for all the right reasons.
Love you and miss you Jimmy.

Molly Sheedy - November 07, 2021 at 11:22 PM

KL

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Kim Lamphere - November 01, 2021 at 05:37 AM

MS

“ Dearest Husband:

Your birthday was always something very special to me.

And I always took you some place special, today without you, I must ask YOU to take ME

somewhere peaceful in my tortured mind to get past losing you. Cannot accept that our life together on this earth is over.

I know you will do this because you ALWAYS came through for me.

I miss you beyond words. All my love, respect and devotion.

Molly Sheedy - October 31, 2021 at 11:54 PM

LF

“ Linda Rubin and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Joseph Sheedy.



Linda Rubin and Family - October 26, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Joseph Sheedy.



October 25, 2021 at 01:57 PM

BH

“ I've known Jim since 1959 when we both started working for the now NYS Department of Transportation. Jim was a standout right in the beginning with his technical savvy and friendly demeanor, which gained him much respect and many friends. He was a true Christian always caring about the needs of others and volunteering at church food pantries. Because of his desire to create better representation for his fellow professional employees, he helped found the NYS Public Employees Federation. Jim and I were members of an investment stock club. As treasurer, he handled that responsibility with ease. Anyone who knew Jim always spoke well of him. His untimely passing will be mourned by many. I offer my deep sympathy to Molly and Jim's family, Bill Heilmann

Bill Heilmann - October 23, 2021 at 03:29 PM

MS

*Thank You Bill. Well put. And we always enjoyed hearing from you when you phoned Jim here. Be well.
Best Wishes, Molly*

Molly Sheedy - October 26, 2021 at 05:28 PM

JF

“ *Jim, Carm, and Frank. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James Joseph Sheedy.*



Jim, Carm, and Frank. - October 22, 2021 at 05:36 PM

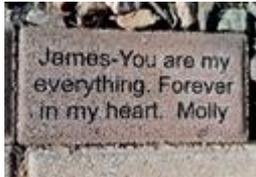
MS

“ *You are at home now in the bedroom we shared, greeted by the sunshine in the morn and comforting me in the darkness of night, though there appears to be no relief from the anguish I feel to not be able to touch you, hear you, see you, in the flesh.
Always yours, Molly*

Molly Sheedy - October 17, 2021 at 05:54 PM

KL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Kim Lamphere - October 16, 2021 at 09:18 PM

MS

“ *Oh so many years ago, I met a friend that broke my heart. At the time I couldn't believe it, but as time went on I knew it was for the best. And then, I met you, Molly. I just knew you had what it took to make Jim happy. So glad you had many happy years together. He will always watch over you. Jim Sheedy was a good, decent man. We will all miss him.*

Linda Rubin - September 26 at 03:19 PM

Molly Sheedy - October 13, 2021 at 07:09 PM

MS

Linda, your grace and heart show! Thank You!

Molly Sheedy - October 14, 2021 at 09:43 PM

MO

“ *Every day makes it more clear what a blessing you were in my life, in some ways you still are. Love always and forever...Molly*

Molly - October 07, 2021 at 04:52 PM

MO

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molly - October 02, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ I can't speak for my sisters or cousins, but Uncle Jim was a special uncle to me, and not just because he was such a wonderful, rock-solid companion to my very special aunt, or that he took such good care of my grandmother, who justifiably adored him. Although in retrospect, I never got to spend as much time with Uncle Jim as I wished I had, I did always appreciate the time we had during family get-togethers or the times I invited myself to stay on Veeder Dr. For one thing, among his many other attributes, he was one of those engaging people who could strike up a conversation on just about any topic. I especially enjoyed talking politics and current events, and what was so great about those many conversations is that Uncle Jim was always genuinely interested in hearing my perspective. Here was an honest-to-goodness man of the world, one who attended state dinners at the White House, who went toe-to-toe in the boxing ring of NYS politics, who traveled everywhere and had a tremendous amount of life experience, but he never ever acted like he had seen it all or knew it all. He had strong, firm beliefs (another virtue in my book) and he most definitely knew his stuff, but he was always humble about his worldview and the life he had made for himself and the life he had been given. A quiet dignity seemed to be his permanent state of mind and being.

Back in the day (let's call it the '90s), I loved visiting my Auntie and Uncle in Albany (or on those rare occasions when our paths crossed in Buffalo or, later, even in Orlando), and Uncle Jim's generosity was beyond measure. How many dinners and meals did he treat? I lost count long ago. And here's the thing: he never once made me feel like I was poor graduate student (for more years than I care to remember) or a struggling new professor without a pot to you-know-what-in. Uncle Jim's generosity (which was never for show) came with no strings attached — it came from the heart, which is the only real place it can reside. It was as if he always recognized that his good fortune, which was well-earned and well-deserved, was not his alone.

And that was only one of his many traits that made him so special. His kindness was another. The obvious devotion he had for my grandmother was something to behold. His endless patience and doting attention and unconditional love were the kind of gifts that money can't buy. Here was the true measure of a man: not in the serious business of worldly accomplishments (of which he had many) but rather in the countless hours given to family and loved ones, the time spent taking care of those in need, the care and concern that really only counts when it is put into practice. He was a man of his word, but maybe even more significantly, he was a man of good deeds.

And in the end, that's what matters the most, right? Yes, he was successful and accomplished, in ways that are commonly recognized (and are worthy of our respect). But in so many ways that are less appreciated, Uncle Jim was infinitely more than the sum of having been a success in so many endeavors. When it's all said and done, what really counts is that he gave of himself and did a lot of good in the world, and nothing matters more than that. He was a genuinely decent

person, a good guy, and a good man. I will miss him immensely.

— Tony G (nephew)

Tony Grajeda - October 02, 2021 at 12:11 PM

DA

“ *Dali lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Sheedy*



Dali - October 01, 2021 at 01:12 PM

MO

“ *Another month has passed, but it feels like yesterday you were bringing me a cup of coffee in bed. You are what I feel first thing in the day and the last thing I feel at night.*

Love you always Jimmy!

Molly - October 01, 2021 at 12:54 PM

CH

“ *I am so grateful that my dear cousin Molly and I reconnected after so many years. And because we did, i met her beloved Jim. Jim had such a calmness about him. We met up in Whitefish Montana, Highlands Ranch Colorado, and Tucson. To visit with Jim was a real gift. His genuine warmth and caring heart was shared with those around him. Rest in Peace, dear Jim. Your spirit lives on in Molly and those of us lucky enough to have known you. Til we meet again... Carmela Granier Hughes*

Carmela Hughes - September 29, 2021 at 06:16 AM

MB

“ *Molly. Peace comes with knowing what a wonderful home and happy life you shared with Jim. Thinking of you and wishing you God's Peace and Comfort. Maxine.*

Maxine Brown - September 26, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Joseph Sheedy.*



September 25, 2021 at 03:59 PM

SC

“ *Jimmy, you were one of the kindest people I've ever known. Always first class gentleman. So easy to talk to especially your beloved sports and politics!! We will miss you dearly, will miss going out to dinners. We will do our best to keep your Molly Ann safe. Say hi to Mammy. She loved you best....* 

sue caferro - September 25, 2021 at 03:56 PM

MO

“ *Everyone strives to be a better version of themselves, but you didnt need to, you already were.*

molly - September 25, 2021 at 01:08 AM

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molly - September 24, 2021 at 01:45 AM

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molly - September 23, 2021 at 11:06 PM

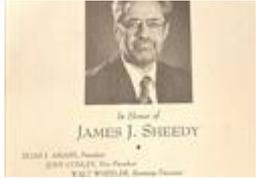
MS

Little Italy NYC circa mid-90's

Molly Sheedy - October 10, 2021 at 09:21 PM

MO

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molly - September 23, 2021 at 04:52 PM

MS

Making a difference for NY State In Washington D.C.

Molly Sheedy - October 10, 2021 at 09:22 PM

MO

“ *Though our bodies no longer travel together, I feel you beside me and around the home.*
Love You Jimmy.

Molly - September 21, 2021 at 05:27 PM



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Evergreen Mortuary, Cemetery & Crematory - September 20, 2021 at 07:36 PM

KK

“ *“What we have once enjoyed we can never lose;
all that we love deeply becomes a part of us”*
Helen Keller

*May you find comfort and peace in the wonderful memories you made with Jim.
Fariborz and Kira*

Kira Khadem - September 19, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ Jim was such a faithful volunteer at the GVR food pantry (Tucson Neighborhood Food Pantry)! He always did all he could to help, delivering many thousands of pounds of food donated by Sprouts to the pantry. He helped feed many in this community! He is definitely missed.
- Debbie Welch

Debbie Welch - September 17, 2021 at 05:08 PM

MS

Thank You Debbie!

Molly Sheedy - October 10, 2021 at 09:20 PM



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Evergreen Mortuary, Cemetery & Crematory - September 17, 2021 at 11:11 AM

MS

Many Ball Games all over the states! Deserved those trophies!

Molly Sheedy - October 10, 2021 at 09:23 PM



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Evergreen Mortuary, Cemetery & Crematory - September 16, 2021 at 05:12 PM

SS

“ <https://www.pef.org/blog/2021/08/18/jim-sheedy-1935-2021/>

Honored and recognized for his many years fighting for the rights of New York State employees.

Sandra Sheedy - September 16, 2021 at 01:49 PM

SS

“ <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/timesunion-albany/name/james-sheedy-obituary?id=6421497>

Rest in Peace, Dad.

Sandra

Sandra Sheedy - September 16, 2021 at 12:28 PM



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Evergreen Mortuary, Cemetery & Crematory - September 15, 2021 at 10:49 AM



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Evergreen Mortuary, Cemetery & Crematory - September 14, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ 28 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Evergreen Mortuary, Cemetery & Crematory - September 13, 2021 at 11:51 AM