



## James A. Murphy

June 20, 1938 - September 29, 2021

James A. Murphy, “Murph”, age 83 of Limerick and formerly King of Prussia, died on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021. He was born in Clifton Heights on Monday, June 20, 1938 son of the late Denis and Ellen (Bray) Murphy. He was the beloved husband of the late Elizabeth Frances (Walsh) Murphy, “Betsy” for 52 years.

Jim was raised in NE Philadelphia where he graduated from North Catholic High School Class of 1956. He was employed as a systems analyst for TV Guide for over 46 years. He was a devout Catholic and parishioner of St. Augustine RC Church in Bridgeport and more recently St. Teresa of Calcutta in Limerick. He served as both Lector and Extraordinary Minister. He was an active member of the AOH Notre Dame Division 1 in Swedesburg where he was: a founding member of the Isle of Erin Degree Team, honored as the 2001 Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, AOH State Officer and active participant in nearly all club activities and charities. His hobbies and special interests were focused upon the Catholic Church and the AOH. Above all, Murph was a family man who loved being a husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by: 2 daughters, Lisa Voytko (Rich) and Bridget Hanson (Mark); his brother, Augustine; 3 grandchildren, Elizabeth, Nicholas and Emma; many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Beside his wife Betsy; he was

predeceased by his brother, Father Dennis Murphy (OSFS).

Relatives and friends are invited to pay respects on Fri. Oct. 8th from 9-10:45AM in St. Teresa of Calcutta RC Church, 256 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473. Mass of Christian Burial will commence at 11AM. The family requests for safety concerns, masks are mandatory. Internment is private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Oblates of St. Francis DeSales at [www.oblates.org/give-online](http://www.oblates.org/give-online) or 1-302-656-8529 or to Office of Development, 2200 Kentmere Parkway Wilmington, Delaware 19806.

Donations may also be made to AOH Notre Dame Div. 1 (for scholarship fund) 342 Jefferson Street, Bridgeport, Pennsylvania 19405.

# Previous Events

## Morning Visitation

OCT 8. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Teresa of Calcutta  
256 Swamp Pike  
Schwenksville, PA 19473

## Funeral Mass

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Teresa of Calcutta  
256 Swamp Pike  
Schwenksville, PA 19473

# Tribute Wall

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“ My good ole Cuz Murph, as he would refer as himself in our conversation - you are the sweetest man I’ve ever know. I will forever be grateful to your love and encouraging words and support. Rest in paradise with your beloved bride Betsy and pass along a big hello and Silante to my Pops 🙏🙏🙏



Frances Biggins - October 09, 2021 at 12:34 AM

AM

“ When ever I would see Jim, the first thing he would say was “hello falcon” since we both went to North Catholic High. Then he would give me that great smile and shake my hand. Jim got me involved with the Degrees Team, and I am very thankful for that. It was my pleasure to have know Jim and to have learned from him. Good bye falcon, may you and Betsy share eternity together with much happiness.

Al & Sandy Meely - October 08, 2021 at 05:11 PM

DD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories



Don Delaney - October 07, 2021 at 10:10 PM

DD

“ When you lose someone like Jim in your life, you come to realize that there won't be a replacement for him. To some of us lucky ones he was a special combination of friend, confidant, co-worker, drinking buddy, advisor, and kindred spirit. He loved to laugh, often at his own jokes which he told with a certain twinkle in his eye. He loved to talk about his family. He had no trouble meeting new people and becoming the center of attention without even trying. Here's one example – way back around 1964 Jim would bring his lunch to work with him in a brown bag. One day he apparently wasn't hungry enough to finish the whole lunch, which included an orange. So he put the brown bag in a desk drawer at work. Weeks later he remembered that the bag was still in the drawer. When he opened the drawer, expecting to find a spoiled orange, he found that the orange had somehow dried out without spoiling. He shook the orange and heard the seeds rattling around inside. So he passed the now-petrified orange around to his co-workers and suggested that we hold a party for it. Thus began the legend of “The Orange”. About every 5 years from then until he retired from TV Guide in the early 2000's Jim held a birthday party at work for The Orange complete with funny hats, singing, and balloons. Jim continued to keep The Orange with him in his home, taking it out only for special occasions, like its 50th-year Birthday Party in 2014. One of a kind he was. (See a picture of The Orange, its hat and its pedestal in the Photos section)

*I offer my deepest sympathies to all of Jim's family and many, many friends. May he Rest in God's Peace.*

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**Don Delaney** - October 07, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of James A. Murphy.*



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October 06, 2021 at 06:39 PM



“ *Jim and Betsy I met when I was 19 through TVG. This is a couple that touched so many lives. They brought humor and love to every situation. Jim loved telling stories and making people laugh. He was truly a man about town. He and Betsy were two people you could call and they would be there for you 100% of the time. Jim you will be missed, forever loved and fondly remembered. Thank you for all you have done for us.*

*The Lemings and Joan Jones*

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**Jackie Leming** - October 06, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James A. Murphy.*



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October 05, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ Jim and Betsy always treated me with such kindness and love when I came to Saint Augustine's Church in Bridgeport. They made me feel welcome and at home like family. Lisa and Bridget what wonderful parents God blessed you with. I will forever remember their Irish eyes when they smiled. Praying for you girls and your children during this heartbreaking time. I know there is joy in heaven without a doubt... ❤️

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**Nancy Quinn** - October 04, 2021 at 11:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James A. Murphy.



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October 03, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ Jimmy was a very close friend for many years, my prayers are with Jim's family and RIP Jim you will be missed by all your AOH and LAOH brothers and sisters

Larry D

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**Larry Daly** - October 03, 2021 at 01:07 PM

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*What a grand man! I will truly miss Murph. I cherished all the times I spent with him and his bride Betsy. I look at her picture every morning on my dresser. Murph was the finest of class, and a perfect gentleman, and always a true Hibernian exemplifying our Motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. I will forever hold Murph and Betsy in my heart. I never saw either without saying, "I'm saying a Novena for you!" The Novena is finished. My heart hurts but I have joy when I think of Murph meeting Jesus face to face, and reuniting with his bride and family and friends before him.*

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**Shawn Marie Brown** - October 03, 2021 at 09:38 PM

MA

“*Jimmy and I had a good relationship. We would share a wawa lunch every few weeks at each other homes. We had good laughs together and really loved each other. I will miss you Jimmy but I am glad you are at peace and are sitting next to Betsy. Love you Mary-Rita*

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**Mary-Rita** - October 03, 2021 at 10:37 AM

DM

*Thoughts and prayers are with Jim and his family as they go through this sorrowful time. Remembering him as a true friend and an example of dedication to family, church and his Hibernian Brotherhood. Will be missed by all of us who knew and shared part of our life with him.*

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**Dave McKeon** - October 03, 2021 at 12:31 PM

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*Jim: I am really going to miss talking to you at church on Sundays, going to the township guest speaker meetings. Also, enjoyed the A.O.H. trips Heaven has gained a true gentleman*

*Murray Kelly*

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**Murray Kelly** - October 04, 2021 at 12:05 PM