



Mr. James Joseph Harte

June 22, 1932 - February 15, 2020

Mr. James Joseph Harte, 87, of Dalton, passed away at North Adams Commons on Saturday, February 15, 2020, after a long battle with dementia and cancer. Born in Springfield MA, on June 22, 1932, the son of the late James and Mildred Palmer Harte, he graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1950. In 1955, he began studying at Burdett College in Boston, MA, and then transferred to the University of Arizona, from where he graduated with family in 1961.

Jim was a Korean War Veteran. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1951. He was stationed in Maine for two years, and then in London for one. Jim proudly served his country until 1955.

Jim ran the Traveler's Insurance office in Pittsfield above Stevenson's Insurance Firm. He worked there for 25 dedicated years, until his retirement in 1996.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church. Jim served as an alter boy from first through twelfth grade.

Jim enjoyed spending time at his campsite. He loved going to various ethnic fairs (Irish, Scottish, Polish and Greek, to name a few) where he could see how the rest of the world lived. He had a passion for reading, and could often be found on the back porch, engulfed in a good book. Jim enjoyed his son Jeffrey's miniature schnauzers, Schultz and Heidi, as well as his cats, Flex and Misty. Whenever he had a chance, Jim loved being with his family, even if that meant he had to share a cookie or two with his grandchildren—if they got

there before it was gone, that is!

Besides his wife, the former Marilyn LeBlanc, whom he married on June 27, 1953, Jim is survived by his children, Kimberlee Anne Baccoli (Fran) of Greenfield, NY, James Michael Harte (Elizabeth) of Stockbridge, MA, and Jeffrey Leonard Harte (Wendy) of Lee, MA. He leaves behind his grandchildren, Chantal and Nicole Baccoli, James P “Jake” Harte (Shelby), and Nathaniel Reilly, as well as his great grandson, Jayce. Jim is also survived by his sister-in-law, Anne LeBlanc McConnell (Richard) of FL and MA, brother-in-law, Robert LeBlanc (Carrie) of Pittsfield, MA. He was predeceased by his parents, Mildred and James P Harte, and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Leonard and Bella LeBlanc. Jim was also predeceased by his brother-in-laws, J. Leonard (Mary) and Paul LeBlanc, as well as his sister-in-law, Rosemary Thompson Delasandro. Jim was predeceased his nephews, Daniel and Shawn McConnell, Heath Peter Thompson, and Lorin and Mark Hubley, as well as many dear cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. James Joseph Harte will be Saturday, February 22, 2020 with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. A. Peter Gregory, Pastor Emeritus. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be Friday, February 21, 2020 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Elder Services in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201 in his memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)


Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

FEB **22**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church
89 Briggs Ave.
Pittsfield, MA 01201
<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

Tribute Wall



Paul
Zarvis

“ *Sending our love and condolences to the Harte family. Paul and Tanya. ❤️*

Paul Zarvis - February 26, 2020 at 05:41 PM



BI

“ *Dear Marilyn and family I was saddened to hear of the passing of James from this life. I extend my sincere sympathies to you and the family. During our recent research of the Harte family history it was a joy to discover we here in Ireland had so many cousins in the U.S. James and I would have been direct second cousins. May he rest in peace, and God bless you and your loved ones. From Bridie (Goggin)*

Bridie Goggin Ireland - February 21, 2020 at 07:13 AM



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - February 20, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ 82 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - February 19, 2020 at 12:13 PM

DH

“ *I loved family functions when Jim was there, always the life of the party. Solid man, solid family. I am very sorry*

David Harte

david Harte - February 19, 2020 at 08:29 AM

PG

“ *Dear Marilyn & Family,
Pat & I were sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Please accept our deepest prayers and sympathy. It was always a joy to see both of you & family at various cultural events. Jim always wore that catching smile and always had something witty to say. Yes, he truly enjoyed international fairs....Irish2000 and Scottish Games in Northampton to name a couple. We know you have wonderful memories that you will keep close to your hearts. Call on them daily to help ease your loss. Condolences to all.*

Patrick & Marie Gormalley - February 19, 2020 at 07:56 AM

RH

“ Many of Jim and his parents today. We spent many good times together as children and later as adults. There are only four Hartes in Jim’s generation left. Regards to Marilyn, Jim, Kim, and Jeff. Sorry we can’t make the services. I am recovering from surgery
Cousin Richard Harte

richard harte - February 18, 2020 at 07:14 PM

CS

“ Dear family of Jim Harte: We loved him and his family. Spending time with Jim was a joy and he made you laugh with stories about our family. Our family from CT spent summer and winter vacations with his family and looked forward to them all. Jim was a shining star whose flame will never go out. I hope he will be waiting for me with the big smile at the pearly gates with our Dad and Kerry by his side. My mother, Jeanine Rose (Discoe) Dermody, sends her love to the family. The Hartes will always be in our hearts. Love always.
Colleen Dermody Sample and Brian Sample, Jeanine Dermody, Lori Herbert and Daniel Herbert, Brian Dermody and Kathleen Dermody.

Colleen Dermody Sample - February 18, 2020 at 02:42 PM

CM

I am sad to hear of Jim’s passing. I worked at Stevensons in the 80s and 90s, and never did I see he found on Jim’s face as I passed him in the halls or if he came down to check out a policy. He was always a very cheerful man, during the course of my day! The Harte family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Carol Levesque McLaughlin - February 19, 2020 at 05:19 AM