



James Genovese

June 6, 2021

James V. Genovese, 89, passed away on Sunday, June 6, 2021 in Sun City Center, Florida. Jimmy was born in Brooklyn, New York, on October 10, 1931, and lived in Tenafly, New Jersey for most of his life. He is survived by his son James Genovese, Jr. (Cheryl), daughter Lorraine Barbosa (Joel Deitch), grandsons David Barbosa and Matthew Barbosa, numerous nieces and nephews, and many friends. James was predeceased by his brothers O'Neil Genovese, William Genovese, and David Genovese, sister Mary Giannone, son-in-law John Barbosa (Lorraine), and beloved wife, Audrey L. Genovese (nee Lindars), with whom he is now reunited in Heaven.

Viewing/visitation will take place on Monday, June 14, 2021, at Barrett Leber Funeral Home in Tenafly, New Jersey, at 11:00 a.m., followed by a Catholic service at the funeral home. Jimmy will then be laid to rest at Brookside Cemetery in Englewood, New Jersey. A luncheon will follow at TPR Restaurant, 38 Railroad Ave., Tenafly, New Jersey 07670, all are invited. In lieu of flowers, a donation in James' name can be made to James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Attn: Voluntary Service (135), 13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd, Tampa FL 33612. (<https://www.volunteer.va.gov/apps/VolunteerNow/>)

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Service

JUN 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

JUN 14 (ET)

Brookside Cemetery
425 Engle St
Englewood, NJ 07631

Tribute Wall

GS

“ I just found out this evening that our good friend, Jim, had passed away. Our condolences to the family.
I worked with Jim back in the 1970's for over 11 years in data processing center for what was known as Garden State National Bank, then First Union Bank Corporation.
Jim was know to our two children as “Uncle Big Jim, to distinguish him from my brother Jim.
He and Audrey were so very personable and kind hearted.
Jim always had a unique sense of humor like no other. He will always be fondly remembered.
George & Kathie Stapp

George Stapp - September 26, 2021 at 12:37 AM

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“ I met jimmy at Sun Towers. I was a server & from my first day jimmy was always the highlight to my shifts, he was always so uplifting & would always remind me that i was loved & that he would always be there, he always told me if he ever died & i was lonely to think of him & he'd be right there with me. Jimmy to me was like a grandpa i never had.He was would always talk about his wife & his kids & all the fun times they had, i always talk about jimmy to keep his memory going. Such a beautiful soul that will never be forgotten



imani hernandez - August 29, 2021 at 01:35 PM

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Thank you so much for sharing Imani.

Lorraine - September 06, 2021 at 08:34 PM

“ To all of you who have known him, whether as Grandpa, Uncle Jimmy, Dad, or just plain Jim – thank you for being with us during this sad time. Although we are full with sadness this is also a time to celebrate his life, a life filled with joy, laughter, and love.

I've spent days thinking about what to say, and what was it that made him so unique? It didn't click until I was looking through old photographs. First it was these photographs here that mom put together. Then I was going through my old photos at home and there were some from my 10 year old birthday party. I noticed the way the kids were smiling was the same way Grandpa would smile. It shows through in all of his pictures. It's obvious to everyone that knew him. He kept his childhood spirit.

How he did that I don't really know. I do know when he was 15 he lost his 19 year old brother O'Neil in the last weeks of the European theater of WW2. There was no reason O'Neil should have died. There was no hope for Germany and yet they kept fighting. Had they surrendered when the war was lost O'Neil would have lived. To endure such a loss at such an early age would affect him deeply and he carried this loss through the rest of his life. He would speak to me often about his brother O'Neil and I went with him once on Memorial Day to O'Neil's grave in Brooklyn. Grandpa, himself a Korean War Vet, gave his brother a military salute.

He met Grandma a few years after he lost his brother and they would remain together for more than 50 years, and their shared love for each other gave him much joy. Grandma died too soon and Grandpa missed her so much after she passed away. I've never met two people who were more perfect for each other than the two of them.

He was a kind-hearted man, and extraordinarily charming. He loved to make people laugh. To many people, including myself at certain times, he was the King of Comedy and the Sultan of Song! He used to dress up as Santa Claus and take me to Hospitals when I was little to sing carols to the patients. He wasn't just Grandpa to my brother and me, but also to many of our childhood friends. I'm thankful for the time I've spent with him, and it was fun this last year and half to do the Facetime calls.

I'll miss our philosophical and sci-fi discussions. Grandpa shared with me on many occasions that he believed that in the future, when we can tap into the full potential of our brain power, humans will be able to travel to distant planets and stars within the blink of an eye just by thinking – this was via some kind of astral projection, or remote viewing, or maybe teleportation I would ask? The specifics were not important. What was important he would say was that humans use only 10% of their brain power and to imagine what would be possible if we used 90%.

I found this convincing the first few times he said it but then when I was older I learned that actually we use virtually every part of the brain, and most of the brain

is active almost all the time. Telling him this didn't change his opinion because he got his opinion probably before the internet existed and probably before I was even born!

If you've ever met my Grandfather you know that he focused all of his brainpower – 100% - and all of his imagination on connecting with people to bring out their childhood spirit, to bring love and joy to their lives. I'll do the best I can, in my own way of course, to be like Grandpa, may he rest in peace.

And Grandpa, now is the time to say that word you don't like. I won't say it though. I'll just say so long, and I love you.

David Barbosa - June 15, 2021 at 06:52 PM

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“ *I'll always remember you for your sense of humor, your beaming smile and your bigger than life personality. You were always welcoming and so much fun! RIP Jim. Much love, you will be missed, Ann Hickey*



My deepest condolences to the family.

Ann Hickey - June 14, 2021 at 09:58 AM

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Amara Riccio - June 14, 2021 at 09:03 AM

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Lorraine Barbosa - June 13, 2021 at 03:04 PM