



James Walls

January 4, 2022

It is with the greatest sadness that the family of James J Walls Jr. announces his passing on January 4, 2022. James (Jim) was born in New York City on September 9, 1942. As a young boy he moved to Haworth with his family. He became a well known and popular member of that community. After attending Bergen Catholic High School, he came to admire the Irish Christian Brothers who taught there. That admiration led him to enroll in that order. Jim received his Bachelor's, Master's and 30 credits at Seton Hall and Iona College. He was educated as a teacher and he taught in several schools run by the Irish Christian Brothers. After several years in the order he felt a growing desire to have a family of his own. He left the order, started teaching at Sacred Heart School in Haworth, and shortly after that he married, and he had three beloved daughters, Lisa, Lynn and Lori. When daughter, Lisa, developed acute kidney disease, Jim accompanied her to every dialysis treatment and doctor's appointment. In 1980, he donated a kidney to Lisa so she'd no longer need to endure dialysis. Jim had a long career teaching middle school in Dumont, NJ. He ran the Haworth Swim Club for many years making many friends and generating wonderful memories for generations of people. Jim's final career was as an account executive for Staples Corporate in South Hackensack, NJ. Jim was predeceased by his parents , James J Sr and Madeline Lynch Walls, and his daughter Lisa. He is survived by his beloved wife and best friend Joan Terraciano Walls, his daughters Lynn(David) Smith, Lori(Scott) Lenahan, his four adored grandchildren Thomas, Madelyn, James and Jaclyn. He is also survived by his sister Sheila (Dennis) O'Leary, his brother Brian (Linda) Walls, two nephews and a niece. Jim had many wonderful years taking his children and grandchildren on adventures, points of interest and the yearly family vacation in the Outer Banks, NC. Jim was an exceptionally intelligent man who was one of the kindest, gentlest men who ever walked the earth. The world has lost a source of love, light, and uncommon intelligence. Visitation at the Barrett Leber Funeral Home 148 Dean Dr., Tenafly on Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 9AM - 11:45AM. Funeral Mass to follow at 12 PM at Sacred Heart Church, Haworth, NJ. Interment will be private.

Cemetery Details

Interment Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

JAN 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
102 Park St.
Haworth, NJ 07641

Tribute Wall

ML

“ At 13 years old, Mr. Walls recognized something in me and had me teaching nuns how to use computers - and then recommended me for a job at the high school designing the computer system. I might not be the entrepreneur I am today if it weren't for Mr. Walls and how he encouraged me to be everything I could be. I owe a great deal of my career success to Mr. Walls and I'm grateful to have known him and learned from him.

Mark LaRosa - January 10, 2022 at 09:24 AM

DE

“ Aunt Joanie - I love you so much and wish I could be there today. Jim was the kindest, sweetest man and I always enjoyed our time together though it was never long enough. Jim, you will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew you. Much love and peace - Denise & family

Denise - January 08, 2022 at 12:28 PM

BC

“ Dear Joan,
I had hoped to be with you and your family this morning to share in the Mass of the Resurrection in celebration of Jim. A Covid quarantine has altered the plans. I knew Jim as a fellow student at Bergen Catholic, and then as a postulant, novice, and student brother at Iona. Recently at a gathering of Edmundians, we shared appreciation of the ways in which the Spirit has directed our lives. May he rest in peace, and may you and your dear family experience the fruits of the blessing he has been in your lives and in the lives of all of us who have had the privilege of his companionship on the one journey that matters, the journey to eternal life.
Every blessing of each new day.
Brother Patrick Sean Moffett, CFC
Edmund Rice Christian Brothers
North American Province Leadership Team

Br. P.S. Moffett, CFC - January 08, 2022 at 08:13 AM

RR

“ My uncle Jimmy was a huge part of my life growing up. I Spent so much time with him, my aunt,Lisa ,Lynn and Lori. I was more like a fourth daughter. I spent all my summers at the swim club with all the lifeguards that had such respect and appreciation for my uncle. He had such an amazingly dry wit. He would make us laugh all the time. He took us on awesome little weekend vacations whether it was down the shore for the day or camping he always included me. He was there through good times and bad times always with a shoulder to cry on and an ear to listen. Even if he said I talked too much lol. I knew he would always be there if I needed him. I love you And you will be missed. Until we meet again. God speed 🙏💔 Rita

Rita Reilly - January 07, 2022 at 07:40 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Walls.



January 07, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Walls.



January 07, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James Walls.



January 06, 2022 at 09:53 PM

AG

“ *Ann Marie, Bill and the girls purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of James Walls.*



Ann Marie, Bill and the girls - January 06, 2022 at 09:28 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Walls.*



January 06, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Walls.*



January 06, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Walls.*



January 06, 2022 at 02:08 PM

BJ

“ I have known Joan for 50 years. When Joan and Jim were married we noticed that not only were they deeply in love, they were "best friends" as well. Over the years my three children came to know and love "Uncle Jim." My 2 sons, Bergen Catholic graduates would frequently discuss the changes at BC over the years with Jim.
Jim and my husband, Ken were both "foodies" they loved going to different restaurants. They would take turns deciding on which restaurant we would visit, usually once a month prior to the pandemic.
Jim will be terribly missed by all of my family. We loved his gentle manner and dry, witty sense of humor. Rest in Peace, Jim, until we meet again.

Barbara Johnson

Barbara Johnson - January 06, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Walls.



January 06, 2022 at 09:32 AM

BF

“ I looked up to 'Boss' like he was a dad. He was one of my favorite adults growing up in Haworth. As a dad now, I look back and appreciate even more how much he adored his 3 girls. He was a true gentle-man.

Bill Follis - January 05, 2022 at 06:56 PM

MI

“ The memory that is most vivid to me is my beloved son as a young boy. Jim and Joan were a newly in love couple. Andy was not happy to share Joanie with Jim. I can still see the look on that little boys face. However, after some time, he allowed Jim in and loved him dearly. Additionally, I will always remember a man who knew the importance of speaking words of kindness. He knew in his heart and soul, we all fall short for that is to be human. You are home now in Paradise. Say hello to everyone Jim.

Mary Imperatore - January 05, 2022 at 04:10 PM

FS

“ I met Jim when we began at Bergen Catholic as freshmen in 1956. We continued together as Irish Christian Brothers. In those formative years, Jim was a model for me. I appreciated his friendship, his willingness to help whenever he could, his wonderful sense of humor. He wanted to excel at whatever he did, and never at someone else's expense. He was a very gracious winner. It cannot be said better than Jim "was one of the kindest, gentlest men who ever walked the earth." My condolences to Joan, his daughters, and the entire Walls family. I know you will miss him greatly. May his spirit continue to inspire and console us. If we could only be as kind and gentle as he.

Frank Sherlock - January 05, 2022 at 02:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Walls.



January 05, 2022 at 02:36 PM