



## James Murray

February 20, 1942 - July 30, 2020

James Murray, 78, of Lakeland, FL, formerly of Falconer NY, passed away Thursday July 30, 2020 at Good Shepherd Hospice House in Lakeland. He was born February 20, 1942 in Dunkirk NY to Robert J Murray and Helen Laughlin Murray.

Best known as “Mr. Murray” to family, friends and colleagues, Jim will be remembered for his dry wit and sarcasm. He was an avid sports fan, played golf and always was searching for the next good book or puzzle.

Jim graduated from Fredonia High School, Class of 1960. He had various jobs in his early years in The Dunkirk-Fredonia area. He was a milkman, stock clerk, newspaper carrier and grave digger to name a few. He went on to become a patrolman, then detective, for Jamestown Police Department where he proudly served for 20 years. He was a cop’s cop. He used these skills in his next career as Investigator for United Refining Co until his retirement in 2004.

Jim was a loyal member of the Kendall Club, Jamestown Police Dept PBA, Lakeland Elks Lodge and Sons of the Legion.

Survivors include his loving wife of 33 years, Alice Schwab Murray, sons Robert (Donna) Murray of Westfield, NY, Cliff (Susanna) Denis of Newton, KS, John (Aleida) Denis of New Bern, NC and James Murray of Jamestown, NY; daughters Denise (Glen) Klotz Of Dunkirk, NY and Pat Newberry of Silver Creek, NY; 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Linda (Don) Cutler, a niece and several nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was pre-deceased by grandson, David Wilkes.

Private graveside services will be held on Monday, August 3, 2020.

Arrangements are by Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes of Lakeland, FL.

Condolences may be left at [www.gentry-morrison.com](http://www.gentry-morrison.com).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Chapters Health Foundation Good Shepherd Hospice, 3010 W. Azeele St., Suite 120 Tampa, FL 33609

# Cemetery Details

**Serenity Gardens**

3350 Mall Hill Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33810

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ Alice...I am so sorry to hear that Jim died this past summer. I understand he was ill for a while, but sadly, I am just learning of this recently. You are in my prayers, and I hope you are finding comfort and peace with family and with friends in Florida, a place I know you both enjoyed so much. Love, Deb



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**Deb** - March 07, 2021 at 09:24 AM

KW

“ Alice and family, our hearts and prayers are with you  
Kim and Fred White Lot 293

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**Kim White** - August 07, 2020 at 03:47 PM

TA

“ Alice, We were so sorry to hear that Jim passed away. We remember all the good times and talks we had at the club in Jamestown with you and Jim and were always happy to see you come back from FL for a visit. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Trudy and Jim Archer

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**Trudy Archer** - August 05, 2020 at 10:24 AM

RC

“ Alice & family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you embrace God's peace & comfort during this difficult time and always. God Bless,  
Randy & Ellie



Randy & Ellie Colburn - August 05, 2020 at 10:05 AM

DB

“ Alice and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless!  
Debbie Bergey



Debbie Bergey - August 05, 2020 at 08:46 AM

JK

“ The family of Lee 'Barney' Kellogg (1932-1995) extends to each of you our most sincere sympathy in the passing of your loved one. They were 'brothers in law' during many of the same years, different departments. Stay strong; I know you will.

Joyce Kellogg - August 05, 2020 at 06:29 AM

CC

“ I remember when we were camped at hidden valley and we played cards every Friday. Jim was a wonderful friend and golfer. Sorry to hear of his passing but he is no longer in pain. May god be with you

Carol & Barry Carpenter - August 04, 2020 at 11:21 AM

AS

*Alice,  
Brian and I are so sorry to hear about your loss of Jim.  
We are thinking of you. You are in our prayers and in our hearts.  
I'm here for you anytime and will be home soon. I'm sending you much  
love and strength at this difficult time ....much, much love ❤️ Angie &  
Brian*

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**angela shimkus** - August 04, 2020 at 02:49 PM

BL

*“ I remember when Dave brought me to your camp ground for the first  
time. Everyone welcomed me with open arms. Good laughs and fun  
times! Jim was one of a kind and will be greatly missed. Thank God  
memories last a lifetime! Dave and I send our deepest condolences.*

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**Beatrice Lindahl** - August 01, 2020 at 09:52 AM

JE

*“ So many memories of time together at Hidden Valley Camping  
Area. Card games, Labor Day dinners, and great times of  
fellowship. Jim was a good friend. Alice and family heaven has  
gained another angel to watch over all of you.  
Jim and Becky Eldridge*

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**Jim Eldridge** - July 31, 2020 at 02:16 PM