



James A. Brinkman

January 27, 2014

James A. Brinkman, 61, of Glastonbury and formerly of West Hartford, died Monday Jan. 27, 2014 at Midstate Medical Center in Meriden. Born in Passaic, NJ, he was the son of the late Harold and Martha (Butler) Brinkman. Jim attended St. Thomas Choir school in New York City, and was a graduate of St. Peter's Prep in Peekskill, NY and Bethany College "74" in Bethany, West Virginia. He was a talented musician, performing for many years and later joining the staff at Kingswood Oxford School in West Hartford where he taught, coached and later served as director of admissions. Jim is survived by his children; Christopher James Brinkman and Katherine Elizabeth Brinkman both of West Hartford. His brother John Brinkman and his wife Barbara of Rockaway, NJ, and his nieces and nephews, also survive him. Funeral services will be Friday Jan. 31st at 11:30 A.M. in St. James's Episcopal Church, 19 Walden St. West Hartford. Burial will be in the church memorial garden in the spring. Calling hours are Thursday Jan. 30th in the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford from 5-8 p.m. Donations in his memory may be made to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society – CT Chapter, 321 Research Parkway, suite 212, Meriden, CT 06450.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 30. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Funeral Service

JAN 31. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. James's Episcopal Church
1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

KB

“ 1 file added to the album *James A Brinkman*



Katie Brinkman - February 27, 2015 at 10:59 AM

JR

“ *Hi Honey,*

On Saturday at the Memorial Garden at St. James Episcopal Church in West Hartford, we said our final good byes to you. It was raining during the service, and then when the service ended, the rain stopped as if the world stopped crying for our loss. It was a sign from heaven that you were at peace.

Chris, Katie and I placed beautiful orange colored roses on your grave site as a symbol of our respect and love for you.

So until we meet again, may God bless you with His everlasting sleep and "nightie night".

*Love Ya,
Joyce*

Joyce Reynolds - October 07, 2014 at 09:54 AM

JR

“ *Joyce Reynolds lit a candle in memory of James A. Brinkman*



Joyce Reynolds - October 06, 2014 at 11:33 AM

RA

“ *Although I never got to meet you, I was privileged to know your son Chris. Finding out you were an English teacher brings me back to an orientation for 9th grade students to meet their teachers. Generally, as it goes, checking to see how summer reading went was on the checklist; Chris was the first to say he didnt know there was any. Always thought he knew better, I'm sure he did now.*

I can't imagine you not being very proud of Chris, but be even more proud because he has touched countless lives in ways we all may understand down the road, just the same you did with your students.

My love and prayers to Chris and your family.

Ray - January 31, 2014 at 10:56 PM

TG

“ *I cannot tell you, Brink, how much you meant to me. You were an incredible friend and mentor to me as a young teacher, coach and musician. I am glad to hear you worked your way out and found love and happiness again.*

I love you and may you rest in peace.

Love, Tom 'Speeder' Goodspeed

Tom Goodspeed - January 30, 2014 at 11:46 AM



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



January 29, 2014 at 02:55 PM



“ *As I am the youngest of the "cousins" (around 10 years from Jim) my memories go back quite a ways - to the car ride to Florida as just a toddler when Jim and Jane bored from the long ride busied themselves "taunting" their young cousin, going to the City to see Jim sing when I was a young girl - being very excited by the idea and then promptly falling asleep in the church - also visiting Jane and then Jim as a teenager one Christmas - Jim gave me an angel ornament for my tree - which I still put on to this day and remember him and that trip each time. Jim happy reunion in heaven with Mom, Jane, Dad and others. Love - Kyle Ruge.*

Kyle Ruge - January 29, 2014 at 12:05 PM

JR

“ Hi Honey,

Did you "wake up" in heaven...with your mom, dad and Jane?

I miss you so much already.

God be with you and rest in peace. Until we meet again.....nightie night !

Love ya,

Joyce (your lover, spiritual companion, best friend and caregiver)

Joyce Reynolds - January 29, 2014 at 09:42 AM

MI

“ Joyce-

I never met you, but Brink's voice would light up when he spoke of you. I'm glad you were there for and with him; his life was better due to you.

Sincerely,

Mike Peacock

mike - January 29, 2014 at 08:23 AM

JR

Mike,

Thank you so much for your kind words of comfort. Jim would talk of you from time to time and I know that he thought the world of you, both professionally and personally. Jim would tell stories about the times you both shared while teaching at Kingswood. Jim was thrilled when he received the books from you and your wife around the holidays, many thanks, and I know that he had already read a few in a matter of days.

I would really like to talk with you Mike at some point. So if you would not mind emailing your phone number to me at jareynolds@snet.net, I will call you.

Thank you for being such a dear friend to Jim.

Joyce Reynolds

Joyce Reynolds - January 30, 2014 at 11:07 AM

CD

“ Joyce,

I am so sorry for your loss...although I had only met Jim once, I thought he was a an extremely nice and caring person. He was so fortunate to have you in his life as his loving and caring companion over the past few years. May he rest in peace as he reunites with his sister and mom.

Thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time...

*Your friend,
Carol Doyle*

Carol Doyle - January 29, 2014 at 07:09 AM