



James Staunton

February 6, 1935 - December 25, 2019

STAUNTON, James (Jimmy) of Niantic, CT, formally of West Hartford, passed away peacefully on Christmas Day surrounded by his family. Jimmy was born in Dunmore, Co. Galway, Ireland on February 6, 1935 and immigrated to the USA on July 9, 1954. He was predeceased by his parents, Patrick and Bridget (Mullarkey) Staunton, sister Mary and brothers Francis, Patrick and Thomas. Jimmy was a member of Local 43 Connecticut Carpenter's Union. He worked for First National Stores before starting his own business "Staunton Home Improvements" in West Hartford until his retirement in 1998. Jimmy served on the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Council and Home School Association in West Hartford, President and Life Member of the Irish American Home Society in Glastonbury, Chairman of the Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, and member of the Hartford Gaelic Football Club, the Bogtrotters Golf Club, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and was a fourth degree Knight of Columbus. Jimmy played Gaelic football in Hartford and in New York for the Sligo and Galway teams. One of his greatest honors was receiving his 1952 "All Ireland" football medal in Ireland in 2007 with his wife, family and former teammates all there for the ceremony. Jimmy was a man who could fix or build anything and was always eager to help his family or a neighbor at a moments notice. His home was always open with a "Cead Mile Failte" to everyone, he loved to share a drink and smile. He is survived by his best friend and loving wife of 61 years, Kathleen, children Eileen, New York, Kathleen, West Hartford, Brigid (Frank) Niantic, James (Catherine), Clinton and John (Molly), Bloomfield and

his adoring grandchildren Mary Kate, Seamus, Aidan, Nora, John (Boomer), Maeve, Victoria, Caitlin and Gavin. Sisters Bridget Moran, Mary Staunton, Bernie Reilly-Duffy, West Hartford, Kitty Gorman, Killarney, Ireland and Anne Staunton-Rahi Brussels, Belgium, brother Vincent (Susan) Staunton, West Hartford, sister-in-law Maureen Staunton, Windsor and many adored nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Saturday, January 4, with the celebration of his Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. Burial will be private. Friends may call Friday night from 4-7 p.m. at the Church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to CT Children's Medical Center, 282 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 233-8269

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



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



January 03, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of James Staunton.



January 02, 2020 at 12:08 PM

MC

“ To the Staunton family,

I am terribly sorry for your loss. Jimmy was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever had the privilege of knowing. He was always concerned about others and made it a point to call just to check in. I will miss those conversations.

This quote couldn't be more fitting for Jimmy.

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
Maya Angelou*

God Bless,

Matt, Shannon, Michaela, and Nathan Carbray

Matthew Carbray - January 02, 2020 at 11:16 AM

PM

“ Prendergast's, Maffuid's and Mastrio's purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Staunton.



Prendergast's, Maffuid's and Mastrio's - January 01, 2020 at 02:56 PM

PF

“ Pat And Rick Carbray And Family lit a candle in memory of James Staunton



Pat and Rick Carbray and family - January 01, 2020 at 11:55 AM

PG

“ *Kathleen & Family*

I was so very sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. He was a true gentleman and a wonderful family man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time. May Jimmy RIP

Peggy McCann Guinan - January 01, 2020 at 04:07 AM

NN

“ *Noreen Nolan lit a candle in memory of James Staunton*



Noreen Nolan - December 31, 2019 at 04:00 PM

TF

“ *The Buffat Family lit a candle in memory of James Staunton*



The Buffat Family - December 31, 2019 at 03:00 PM

PW

“ On behalf of Northwest Catholic High School President Christian Cashman, I offer the Staunton family the sincere condolences of the NWC community where James' son and his wife, John and Molly, and his granddaughter, Nora '20, are cherished members.

Please know that James will be remembered in a special way in the prayers of our community at our next school-wide Mass in January.

With sincere sympathy,

Patricia Walsh

Director of Advancement

Northwest Catholic High School

Patricia Walsh - December 31, 2019 at 02:58 PM

JE

“ My deepest sympathy to the Staunton family - a great loss to all who knew him and those who came across his path in life, like myself. Cherish the many wonderful memories and know my thoughts are with you all at this time.

Love,

Jean

Jean - December 31, 2019 at 10:13 AM

RP

“ My heart goes out to you Kathleen and your great kids. What a nice family and life Jimmy made with your help. I have many fond memories of Jimmy. I will never forget or be able repay his help when my parents needed handicap carpentry. Jimmy was way into retirement and took over a job that other carpenters declined. I cherish the couple of days I worked as his gofer and I learned that he was an expert builder. He wouldn't take payment but it was worth the world to us. Rest easy Jimmy, god bless you and your family.

Richard Prendergast - December 31, 2019 at 07:56 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of James Staunton.*



December 31, 2019 at 07:48 AM



“ *Uncle Jimmy was an amazing man- he certainly left an indelible mark in this world for his heart, love, and craftsmanship. He brought light with him wherever he roamed. He is loved and adored- we are with you all- in love and in grief. Col, Cel, Killian and Olibhia*

Colleen - December 31, 2019 at 12:15 AM



“ *Dear Brigid & Family.. I am so sorry to read this. I often saw your Dad at sporting events and he was always smiling! seemed like such a nice man. We are thinking of you.*
Jaime & Jeff Bruno

jaime - December 30, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ *I met Mr. Staunton when I was in 6th grade when my Dad, also Jim, brought me down to the Irish America Club in Glastonbury, CT to see a Gaelic Football practice. It was there that I met James Jr. and younger brother John. We became teammates to the cheers of our parents and visited Ireland, the trip of our lifetime. James Jr. and I where on the same Hall High American Football Teams, and we were neighbors at the CT Shores in the summer just a few beaches away. The Larkin Family sends our sorrow for the loss of a great Man, Father and most of all our friend.*

Michael J. Larkin - December 30, 2019 at 06:23 PM

BE

“ *Kathy our condolences to you and your family on the loss of Jim. It has been a pleasure to know and work with him at the Irish Club. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Bev & Pat Concannon

Beverly - December 30, 2019 at 05:37 PM



Brendan
Wentworth

“ *Brendan Wentworth lit a candle in memory of James Staunton*



Brendan Wentworth - December 30, 2019 at 03:06 PM



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



December 30, 2019 at 01:53 PM



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



December 30, 2019 at 12:49 PM