



James Joseph McElhaney

April 28, 1964 - May 28, 2014

James J. McElhaney, 50, of Butler, passed away Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born April 28, 1964 in Pittsburgh, the son of the late James Guy McElhaney Jr. and Barbara "Bonnie" (Gangone) Lukasik of The Villages, Florida.

Jim was a 1982 Butler High School graduate where he lettered in track, football and swimming. He was a 1986 Grove City College graduate where he participated in football and track and field. Jim was a member of the Italian Club. He also had served on the board of directors of the YMCA where he had been a swim coach. He had also coached Midget Football for Center Township and Butler High Girls track and field. Jim had been inducted in both, Butler County's and Grove City College's Sports Hall of Fames. Jim worked at Marmon Keystone as a purchasing manager. He enjoyed golfing, bowling and swimming. Jim found great joy spending time with his family and cheering on his daughters in their swimming endeavors.

Surviving are his wife whom he married July 18, 1987, Jacqueline (Forcht) McElhaney of Butler; two daughters, Jordan and Jillian McElhaney, both at home; his brother, Sean and his wife, Marci and nephews Mason and Brady McElhaney of Crofton, MD; and his mother and her husband, Joseph and Bonnie "Mrs. Mac" (Gangone) Lukasik of The Villages, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Guy McElhaney Jr. who died July 9, 2003.

Friends will be received at Young Funeral Home, Ltd., 127 W. Jefferson St., Butler, on Friday, May 30th from 2-4 7-9 PM and on Saturday, May 31st from 9 AM until the time of the Blessing Service at 10 AM with Father Murphy officiating. Interment in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Jim's name to the Butler YMCA, Pump McLaughlin Memorial Fund, 339 North Washington Street, Butler PA 16001 (www.bcfymca.org).

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Catholic Church Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAY 30. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAY **31**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ Dear McElhaney Family,
I read about the loss of your loved one " Jim ". I know you miss him very much. There is little that can be said at this time that will make the pain go away. I read a brochure on Hope for our Loved Ones that have died. It has comforting words from the Bible. The url address is: <http://wol.jw.org/en/wol/d/r1/lp-e/1101994001>
I hope that this brings your family some comfort. If I can be of any further help please feel free to write me. Sincerely Daniel Harrington
danielharrington.1@gmail.com

Daniel Harrington - June 15, 2014 at 01:32 PM

JS

“ I worked with Jim at Alameda park as a lifeguard. What a great guy. We had many good times there. He was a man full of love and laughter... What a gift to have known him.

Joe Spryn - June 03, 2014 at 09:52 PM

MH

“ Meme Marilyn Hartman lit a candle in memory of James Joseph McElhaney



Meme Marilyn Hartman - June 02, 2014 at 02:57 PM

FV

“ My deepest sympathy. Jimmy was simply a great guy. Always with a smile and his arm stretched out for a handshake to a friend. He will be so deeply missed. Thoughts and prayers to the entire family.

Fred A. Vero - June 02, 2014 at 07:44 AM

MA

“ *Jim was a good friend. Prayers go out to all the family. Rest in peace my friend.* ”



Mike Anderson - May 31, 2014 at 02:02 PM

KC

“ *Our deepest condolences -- we have your family in our prayers.* ”

Ken and LuAnn Cherry

Ken and LuAnn Cherry - May 31, 2014 at 12:52 PM

KC

“ *Ken And LuAnn Cherry lit a candle in memory of James Joseph McElhaney* ”



Ken and LuAnn Cherry - May 31, 2014 at 12:50 PM

 Bob Cochran

“ *Bob Cochran lit a candle in memory of James Joseph McElhaney* ”



Bob Cochran - May 31, 2014 at 09:30 AM

KH

“ Dear Jackie and girls, so sorry for your loss, you are all in our prayers.



Karen Huselton - May 31, 2014 at 06:39 AM

DC

“ To a good friend, father and gamer, rest in peace my friend. I'm going to miss our conversations...



Darrell Clower

Darrell Clower - May 30, 2014 at 10:21 PM

MV

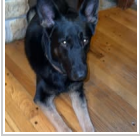
“ I will always remember "Mac" as the most competitive man I ever met. He was good at everything & worked even harder to get better. I always looked up to him as an athlete, fraternity brother, and room mate. God Bless you Mac! Mike Veres.

Mike Veres - May 30, 2014 at 10:02 PM

JM

“ "What do you know Joe"?
I'll never forget thoughts words.
Jim you are sadly missed. You are a great friend and family man.

joe mclean - May 30, 2014 at 09:05 PM



“ Dear Jackie, girls and family....so sorry for your loss. I'm crying tears for all of you.

Lisa Barbary

Lisa Barbary - May 30, 2014 at 07:21 PM

FP

“ To the McElhaney Family:

We are deeply saddened by the loss of James. He was a member of our gaming community, who was always helpful to other members. He shared his love for his family while gaming with us. He was more than a teammate. He offered advice to me as I was dealing with issues from Hurricane Sandy, and just was there to be the ear when I needed to vent. "Jimmy" was just that kind of man: Compassionate, helpful, and respectful. We are honored to have had the pleasure of sharing our hobby with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Thanks Jimmy....I'll never forget

*Respectfully,
Fred Peters*

Fred Peters - May 30, 2014 at 03:44 PM

CS

“ *My heart broke. I had to read the email 3x to comprehend. My prayers and thoughts are with Jim's Girls. So sorry for this part of your journey. So thankful to have known Jim. He taught me how to throw @ Grove City College and I enjoyed our banter at the swim meets. The deck will be a different place from here on out. You will be missed my friend. Thanks for always encouraging my kids!*



Connie Pilston Shoemaker - May 30, 2014 at 02:49 PM

JS

“ Dear Jacki, Jordan and Jillian:

I send this to you from New Hampshire as I am opening up our family cottage "On Golden Pond" (and, in fact, painting the outside of the building).

When Nicholas called me the other day, I was beyond stunned, and still am. You have been in my thoughts continually since.

I don't think I need to say that, oh how much I loved hanging out with Jim at meets. I mean, that is an understatement. And it went beyond sitting together.....many times we called and talked swimming, swimming and more swimming.

There are just not the words to tell you how I feel right now. You are so in my thoughts and prayers.

I am in spirit with you tonight and tomorrow, and I truly apologize I can't make it to see you.

With Big Hugs for Each of You---

J.B. Smith

J.B. Smith - May 30, 2014 at 01:40 PM

MF

“ *Melany Fogel lit a candle in memory of James Joseph McElhaney*



Melany Fogel - May 30, 2014 at 01:11 PM

MF

*In honor of Coach McElhanev and the love of swimming he inspired in
Tori...*

Melany Fogel - May 30, 2014 at 01:13 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for
the family of James Joseph McElhanev.*



May 30, 2014 at 12:30 PM

LN

“ *Love, Paul, Marybeth, Jake and Nick purchased
the Home in Heaven Throw for the family of
James Joseph McElhanev.*



Love, Paul, Marybeth, Jake and Nick - May 30, 2014 at 11:33
AM

SL

“ *So sorry for your loss, Jim was a great friend and he was really
proud of his daughters.*

Shane, Colten & Gatlyn LaRue.

Shane LaRue - May 30, 2014 at 10:59 AM

AG

“ Associated Tube Group purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.



Associated Tube Group - May 30, 2014 at 10:45 AM

JM

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you Jacki, Jordan, and Jillian. Jimmy and I have known each other for over 40 years. From the baseball games as kids, to softball games as adults to trips to Nags Head so many memories. Its hard to put into words but he was a great person and I will miss him dearly. Love you man! Godspeed pal!!

John Minehart - May 30, 2014 at 10:37 AM

 Hal Mead

“ Jim most people might not of know that you where a Video gamer to release your stress . I was glad that I got to meet you through the gaming . I'm truly going to miss all the wise cracks and jokes you made fun of me playing . I never took them to heart cause what made me feel better was knowing that you where smiling and laughing . I will miss " Hal relax , breath , and take a deep breath , now go kick butt " . You never judge me when I would loose my temper . you where my friend that I can talk to when I had issues and I'm going to miss those conversations . I know how much you loved your wife and kids . We would talk all about the swim meets and your bowling . How much you where happy . It was to early for you to leave but I know that you will always be in my heart for the memories we shared will make you live and never forgotten . My sympathy to the McElhaney family and friends . I miss you man .

Hal Mead - May 30, 2014 at 10:32 AM

DS

“ Our hearts go out to the family. Lots of memories from our trips to Sean and Marci's. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all of you.

Doug and Dana Shaffer and Family



Doug and Dana Shaffer - May 30, 2014 at 10:30 AM

PS

“ Such a great guy..He will be truly missed. This candle is if for you Jim. Your light will stay lit because of your family that will carry it on in your memory! Love u buddy.

Tim/Pam Scott



Pam Scott - May 30, 2014 at 10:23 AM

NO

“ I had the pleasure of working with Jim many years. He always made me laugh and I will miss the many phone conversations about him and his family. You are in my prayers! God Bless you Jim!

Nina O'Linger

Nina O'Linger - May 30, 2014 at 09:50 AM

CB

“ Prayers go out to Jims family ...too young

carmen bowman - May 30, 2014 at 09:32 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.*



May 30, 2014 at 09:07 AM



“ *Jacki, My heart breaks for you and your girls. You have been in my thoughts and prayers since I saw your post. Lynn Hadvab Ferguson*

Lynn Ferguson - May 30, 2014 at 09:05 AM



“ *Okaya USA Inc purchased the With Distinction for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.*



Okaya USA Inc - May 30, 2014 at 09:00 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.*



May 30, 2014 at 08:51 AM

WI

“ *Webco Industries purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.*



Webco Industries - May 30, 2014 at 08:42 AM

AB

“ *The Butler YMCA and Butler High School Swimming community will truly miss Jim and all his help and support. He will be truly missed but will always be remembered. Our deepest condolences to his wife, girls, and family.*

Sincerely,

Dave, Amy, David, and Andrew Bocci

Amy Bocci - May 30, 2014 at 08:31 AM

MB

“ *So very sorry for the loss of Jim. I will always remember his kind heart, great laugh and genuiness to others. My thoughts and prayers to Jacki, his daughters and all of his many loved ones during this very difficult and tragic time. RIP Jim????! Mickey Bell*

Mickey Bell - May 30, 2014 at 08:30 AM

KC

“ *Kim Caringola lit a candle in memory of James Joseph McElhaney*



Kim Caringola - May 30, 2014 at 08:00 AM



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



May 30, 2014 at 07:59 AM



“ *Jim was loved and respected by his friends and brothers at Grove City College.*

Nathan Herring - May 30, 2014 at 07:36 AM



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



May 30, 2014 at 06:41 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.*



May 30, 2014 at 06:29 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with your family. Worked with Jim a few years back at MK. What a great man! He will be truly missed.*

Cassie Grossi - May 30, 2014 at 04:57 AM

CE

“ Heartfelt sympathy to Jacki, Jordan, and Jillian . We are so very sorry for your loss. We had great times during those great softball days.

Cindy and Jerry Ehrman

Cindy /Jerry Ehrman - May 29, 2014 at 10:51 PM

KV

“ Jacki, Jordan and Jillian - Our deepest condolences; even though Mac is gone our memories of him and the good times from softball games, tournaments, Final 4 parties and golf outings (especially the Barney) will be a huge part of our memories. He will always be in our hearts and thoughts.

Kevin and Joni Vogel

Kevin and Joni Vogel - May 29, 2014 at 10:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.



May 29, 2014 at 10:03 PM

AM

“ A great man was taken too early. Jim's passion and dedication for his family was evident in everything he did. His infectious personality will never be forgotten. I turkey believe a reunion like no other is currently taking place between him and Pump right now. Prayers for the family. I only wish I could make it home to pay my respects.

amber - May 29, 2014 at 09:57 PM

MY

“ Megan Yanity lit a candle in memory of James Joseph McElhaney



megan yanity - May 29, 2014 at 09:38 PM

MY

Dear Jacki and girls i am so sorry for your loss. if i can do anything please let me know. <3

megan yanity - May 29, 2014 at 09:40 PM

JB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will miss you. Chuck enjoyed bowling with you.
God bless.
Chuck and Jodi Boory

Jodi Boory - May 29, 2014 at 09:13 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.*



May 29, 2014 at 08:17 PM



“ *Dear Bonnie, Joe, Jacki, Jordan, Jillian, Sean, & families; May we express our deepest sympathy in the death of James.. He had a rare quality of leadership & profound devotion to his family & friends, which earned his love & respect of all of us who had the fortune to know him. God bless all of you, during such sad times.*
Michael & Dee Dee Newcaster



Michael Newcaster - May 29, 2014 at 08:15 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.*



May 29, 2014 at 08:10 PM



“ *Judy M. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.*



Judy M. - May 29, 2014 at 07:23 PM

JC

“ *Jodi Ritts Calabrese lit a candle in memory of James Joseph McElhaney*



Jodi Ritts Calabrese - May 29, 2014 at 07:12 PM



“ *Imagination Blooms was purchased for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.*



May 29, 2014 at 06:50 PM

SC

“ *St. Peter Church lit a candle in memory of James Joseph McElhaney*



St. Peter Church - May 29, 2014 at 06:31 PM

TH

“ *Godspeed Jimmy Mac*

Tim, Cory and Shayne

Tim Hennessy - May 29, 2014 at 05:52 PM

PA

“ I worked with Jim for many years from Butler to Florida and enjoyed hearing him talk so proudly of his family; he was truly a wonderful man. My prayers to you.
Pattie McCracken-Avent

Pattie Avent - May 29, 2014 at 05:39 PM

LH

“ There are many high school memories Eric and I have of Jimmy and the McElhaney family. So many laughs in high school. We send our sincere sympathies to you and your family Jacki. You are in our prayers.

Lisa Hohn - May 29, 2014 at 05:19 PM



“ *Celestial Love* was purchased for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.



May 29, 2014 at 04:49 PM

BW

“ *Bob Wren* purchased the *Bountiful Rose Basket* for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.



Bob Wren - May 29, 2014 at 03:52 PM

BW

“ *Loved working with Jim, wonderful person. Our hearts go out to his family. Bob Wren and the Primrose Family*

Bob Wren - May 29, 2014 at 03:47 PM

JL

“ *Jun Lee purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.*



Jun Lee - May 29, 2014 at 03:45 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.*



May 29, 2014 at 03:44 PM

DD

“ *Umpired many games with Jim, great times. Great guy to work with. He is on the field with angels.*

Dennis Derringer - May 29, 2014 at 03:32 PM

JW

“ *Swim meets will not be the same! Ed and I will truly miss Jim at pool side. Knew Jim as a young guy. My heart hurts for all of you and most especially for Jackie, Jordon and Jill. Words are just not enough to tell you how much we hurt for you but prayers will be said for Jim and for all of you. Love you guys and send lots of hugs.*

Judith Wadding - May 29, 2014 at 03:29 PM

JC

“ *Joan Cravenor lit a candle in memory of James Joseph McElhaney*



Joan Cravenor - May 29, 2014 at 03:14 PM



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



May 29, 2014 at 03:14 PM

SI

“ *Salomon Bahar - Norca Industrial purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of James Joseph McElhaney.*



Salomon Bahar - Norca Industrial - May 29, 2014 at 03:02 PM

PM

“ *Phyllis Minich lit a candle in memory of James Joseph McElhaney*



Phyllis Minich - May 29, 2014 at 02:35 PM

RB

“ *was the cleaning guy al mk sorry to hear of your loss u will be in my prayers Ron Ball*

Ron Ball - May 29, 2014 at 02:33 PM