



James Tobin

February 21, 1932 - April 8, 2020

James Joseph Tobin, of Eltingville, a retired NYPD Detective and devoted husband, father and grandfather, died April 8 at the Addeo Hospice Residence at Eger. He was 88 years old.

He was born February 21, 1932 in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan, the youngest of four boys. He attended St. Veronica's Parish grammar school, finishing there in 1945. He then moved on to Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx, graduating in 1949. (One of his classmates was Regis Philbin.) A lover of all sports, particularly baseball & the New York Yankees, he organized, played for and managed the Manhattan Arrows, a sandlot team that competed in YMCA leagues, during his youth.

He served his country in the U.S. Army, stationed in Frankfurt, Germany from 1952-1954. While in the Army, he was a member of the 4th Division Special Troops Team that won the GI Baseball World Series in 1953. He played third base. The catcher on that team was the future major league player, coach and manager Norm Sherry. Jim and Norm remained friends for life.

After the Army, he joined the New York Police Department and was assigned to the Ninth Precinct, located in the East Village section of Manhattan.

He was married to Anna Marie Racioppi on June 19, 1954 at Our Lady of Pompeii R.C. Church. They lived in Manhattan until 1959, when they left the Village for the Eltingville section of Staten Island, where they raised their four children. They remained in Eltingville in the same house for the rest of their lives.

In 1964 James moved to the NYPD's Data Processing Division, developing computer programs related to all aspects of police work, including the 911 emergency response system. He completed his college degree in the evenings, obtaining a BS in Criminal Justice from John Jay College.

Retiring from the NYPD in 1977, he moved to private industry, working first for Equitable Life and then the Securities Industry Automation Corporation (SIAC) as a systems analyst. For SIAC, he helped develop the electronic trading system for the American Stock Exchange. In 1990 he moved back to his career passion, law enforcement, joining the U.S. Marshalls Service. He was assigned to the Federal Courthouse in Newark, New Jersey. Finally retiring again in 1996 at the age of 64, but never one to sit still for long, he continued to work part-time, providing security for a Staten Island jewelry store for many more years.

All throughout his life, James found time for other people, whether it was family, friends or members of the community. He was an active member of Our Lady Star of the Sea parish in Huguenot, the Great Kills Little League and Babe Ruth League where he coached youth for many years, and VFW Post 5090 Anderson-Lagno, where he was Post Adjutant. He spent countless hours with his nine grandchildren, always available to watch them, take them to a park, game or movie and for something to eat at Burger King. He faithfully attended the games in the various sports they all played.

His beloved wife of 58 years, Anna Marie, died in 2012. He lost his son John much too early in 1993.

James is survived by his daughter Lynn Marie Boardman and son-in-law Russell, son James and daughter-in-law Marlene, son Kevin and daughter-in-law Helen, and nine grandchildren (Russell, Timothy, Brett, Bryan, Kathleen, Courtney, Kyle, Christopher and Andrew).

A memorial service to celebrate James's life will be held at a later date.

The family will be establishing the James J. Tobin Memorial Scholarship at Cardinal Hayes High School. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made towards the scholarship. Donations can be sent to Kevin Tobin.

Cemetery

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue

Staten Island, NY, 10309

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - April 11, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ VERY NICE TRIBUTE -- YOUR DAD WOULD BE VERY PROUD.

bob smith - April 13, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ Thank you Bob.

Kevin - April 16, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ Your Dad was a great man. I used to walk with him as a kid at OLSS Bingo in the early 70s with my Dad. My Dad loved your wonderful Father as they both worked together in the NYPD and remained friends. Im so sorry for your loss. He is with the angels as you well know..

Chester Boles - April 18, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ Thank you so much Chester.

Kevin Tobin - April 19, 2020 at 03:03 PM



“ Mr Tobin was one those special people that touched your life in a positive way. Had the pleasure of having him as a baseball coach and later cherished his visits to my store where we talked mostly about baseball. He will truly be missed

mike lanza - April 20, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ Thank you Mike.

Kevin Tobin - April 21, 2020 at 08:03 AM



“ Mr. Tobin was my Little League Coach - we reconnected at OLSS where he always fondly remembered our LL days. His granddaughters played BB with (in travel ball)and against (OLSS vs St. Clares) my daughter Jen years ago. Wonderful man. True gentleman. May he rest in peace. Condolences to Lynn, Russell and all the family on your great loss. Karl Debbie and family

karl - May 21, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ Hey Kevin, just found out about your dad's passing. He was a great man. So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family's healing!

Richard Romano - May 06, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ Thanks so much Richie.

Kevin - May 07, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ Dear Lynne Marie and family,
As you know, Lynn Marie, I had the pleasure of meeting your dad and the others at the Father-Daughter Dance at St. Joseph by the Sea, H.S. He and Marianna Lavin's dad, Tom, danced with me, as our own father had passed away. Your dad was so pleasant, nice guy, fond memories.
God Bless.
Teri Torsney

Teresa Torsney - April 25, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Tobin. A man who loves his family and was very proud of them. I enjoyed talking to him after ballgames and listening to Jimmy talk about his dad. Mr Tobin not only served his country but also protected all of us in NYC. He is a man I have the utmost respect for and his family. He will be missed but not forgotten. May he rest in peace.

Jim stefanski - April 20, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ Thank you Jim.

Kevin Tobin - April 21, 2020 at 08:03 AM



“ BILL CRISTALLO lit a candle in memory of James Tobin



BILL CRISTALLO - April 16, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ I AM SO SADDENED UPON READING ABOUT THE LOST OF JIM TOBIN. HE WAS SUCH A KIND AND BEAUTIFUL MAN. I CROSSED PATHS WITH JIM AS HIS ELECTRICIAN FOR MANY YEARS.WE USED TO SEE EACH OTHER AT MASS AT HOLY CHILD. MY HEART GOES OUT TO JIMS ENTIRE FAMILY, IN THERE TIME OF NEED. MAY JIM RIP WITH OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST. BILL CRISTALLO

BILL CRISTALLO - April 16, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ Thank you Bill.

Kevin Tobin - April 21, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss- such a wonderful, loving family man. So many fond memories of him that we will always cherish. May he now rest in peace. Sending our love and sympathy to all of his beloved family.
Cousin Regina and Vincent Cuccaro

regina cuccaro - April 13, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ Thank you Regina & Vincent

Kevin Tobin - April 15, 2020 at 07:15 AM



“ Uncle Jimmy is probably one of the nicest people I have known in my lifetime. I met Uncle Jimmy after my family moved from Tottenville to Princes Bay when I was 10. I began attending Our Lady Star of the Sea elementary school and much to my surprise discovered I had a cousin Lynn Marie in my class. Soon after that, I met Uncle Jimmy & Aunt Anna Marie.

Uncle Jimmy was just so real, so genuine to the bone. Over the years when we would see one another and he'd ask, "Karen, how are you doing? How is your family?" I felt that he really wanted to know. I could feel his deep love of family, always. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed.

Karen (Tobin) McDonald - April 12, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ Thank you Karen.

Kevin Tobin - April 12, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ Jimmy Tobin was a strong, kind, caring spiritual man of honor and integrity. He loved his family dearly and was so very proud of his children and grandchildren. He was a long time loyal friend to my dad Joe and my mom Camille since their teen years. They had many years of good times. Our family is so thankful for his friendship. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace and enjoy his heavenly reward. With love, and our deepest sympathy Camille, Barbara and Joann

Barbara Barton - April 11, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ Thank you Mrs. Sullivan, Barbara & Joann.

Kevin - April 11, 2020 at 04:43 PM



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John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - April 11, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a wonderful man and I think I learned the importance of having good people as your best friends and appreciating those relationships from my dad, John, and your dad. They had a wonderful life long friendship that was so genuine. My thoughts and prayers for your dad and family.
Karen Luongo

Karen LuongoDeRenzi - April 11, 2020 at 08:42 AM



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“ Thank you Karen.
Kevin Tobin - April 11, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ Thank you Karen.
Kevin Tobin - April 12, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ Grace Badyna lit a candle in memory of James Tobin



grace badyna - April 10, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ Thank you Grace
Kevin Tobin - April 11, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ Lynne, Jimmy, Kevin I'm so sorry for your loss. Your dad was an amazing man. The Patriarch of the Tobin clan, the last of The Greatest Generation. And I know Terry and Peggy and all Y'all's kids are feeling it just as hard. He became grand dad to the entire Eltingville family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I'm sorry we can't all surround you at this time as we normally would. I'm certain Uncle Jim is in Heaven having a party with Dutchie and my dad and Eddie...I think they all Decided heaven needed a little class and they called him Home! I love you all and look forward to celebrating Uncle Jims life when we can be together

Connie Tobin - April 10, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about your dad he was a true gentleman and always took time to have conversations he will be missed love to all during this difficult time kathie and jim stefanski

Kathie stefanski - April 10, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ Thank you Connie.

Thank you Kathie.

Kevin Tobin - April 11, 2020 at 04:45 PM