



James O'Keefe, Sr.

July 7, 1927 - January 20, 2022

James O'Keefe, Sr., 94 of Great Kills, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at JFK Medical Center in Edison, New Jersey.

Born Thursday, July 7, 1927 in the Bronx, New York, he was a most beloved son of the late John and Helen O'Keefe, and brother to the late John, William, and Helen Niederhauser.

Just like many young men of his era, James felt a calling to serve the United States as a brave and courageous Marine during World War II from 1944-1946. For his patriotism and heroism, and for this sacrifice, James is due the eternal thanks of a grateful nation.

James was the precious husband of Frances Hoffman O'Keefe, to whom he remained in wedded bliss for 73 wonderful years. James and Frances, together, would embark on the greatest adventure of their lives, as they became the parents to their greatest successes, their children, Suzanne, Maureen, Patricia, James, Dennis, Karren, Elizabeth, and the late Kevin. Also mourning the immense loss of their fond father-in-law are Gayle O'Keefe, Joann O'Keefe, and Rick Buttermark. James' legacy is sure to live on through the lights of his life, his 13 grandchildren. He delighted in being able to see a third generation of his family unfold with 14 great-grandchildren, and was beyond thrilled to welcome a great-great-grandson into the fold before his

passing.

Scores of nieces, nephews, and greater extended family will mourn the loss of James forevermore.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2022, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

A Funeral Service will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2022, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Private Cremation to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations to honor Jame's life and legacy be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
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Staten Island, NY 10312

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JAN 28. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 28. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James O'Keefe, Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of James O'Keefe, Sr..*



January 28, 2022 at 10:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James O'Keefe, Sr..*



January 28, 2022 at 08:50 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Patricia Guli - January 26, 2022 at 03:02 PM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Patricia Guli - January 25, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James O'Keefe, Sr..



January 24, 2022 at 03:12 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Dennis Okeefe - January 24, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James O'Keefe, Sr..*



January 23, 2022 at 08:07 PM



“ *To my Second Family,
My heart is broken at the loss of a truly wonderful and gentle man.
From the first time I met him and the whole O'Keefe clan, I was welcomed with open arms and heart. I will be with you all in spirit and love.
Forever in my heart.
Lauren Saverino*

Lauren Saverino - January 23, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *9 files added to the tribute wall*



Patricia Guli - January 23, 2022 at 09:13 AM

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Patricia Guli - January 22, 2022 at 04:44 PM

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Patricia Guli - January 22, 2022 at 04:17 PM

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Patricia Guli - January 22, 2022 at 04:11 PM

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“ *Patricia Guli lit a candle in memory of James O'Keefe, Sr.*



Patricia Guli - January 22, 2022 at 04:08 PM