



James "Jim" Tighe

March 3, 2016

James "Jim" D. Tighe, 77, of Old Saybrook, husband of Joyce Mattson Tighe for the past 53 years, passed away Thursday March 3, 2016 at CT Hospice in Branford. Born in Hartford, Jim is a former Kensington and Middletown resident until moving to Old Saybrook in 2004. A graduate of Berlin High School, Class of 1957, Jim later served on the Berlin Board of Education in the 1980's. He was President of the Micron Company in Berlin and retired in 2012 after 50 years. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Old Saybrook; was an avid golfer, card player, and tennis player; loved spending time with his grandchildren and played every Thursday in the Timberlin Golf League for many years.

Besides his wife Joyce, he leaves his mother, Florence Przystawski Varricchione of Middletown; his four children, Tom Tighe and his wife Colleen of Simsbury; Tammy Stemen and her husband Chris of New Haven; Ted Tighe and his wife Linda of Berlin; and Tracy Johnston and her husband Sean of West Hartford; a sister, Holly Baldyga and her husband Bruce of Middletown; and nine grandchildren, Megan, Kara and Jack Tighe; Charlie and Nate Stemen; Neil and Gwen Tighe; and Phoebe and Tighe Johnston; and three nieces. Jim was predeceased by his father, Francis Tighe his step father Nicholas Varricchione, and a sister, Tali Varricchione.

Memorial Services are Tuesday 11 AM at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

1103 Chamberlain Highway, Kensington. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are Monday 4 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Donations may be made to the VNA's Strong House Adult Day Center, 546 Durham Road, Madison, CT 06443. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by "clicking" [SEND CONDOLENCES](#) at the botom of the page.

Tribute Wall

HT

“ So sad to hear of Jim's passing. Jim has always had a special place in my heart. He was a good friend of my older brother Bob, and one day in 1959 or 1960, Jim came to see Bob on his new Harley motorcycle. Jim offered to give me a ride which was life changing for me. In later years, I would run into Jim only occasionally, and I got to tell him how special that day was for me. It was always so nice talking to this very nice man. Rest in Peace my friend.

Hank Thompson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Johnston and Tighe families.

Millman Family - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Joyce and Family, Joel and I are deeply saddened to hear the news of Jim's passing. You and your family are in our prayers.

Gloria and Joel Deshane - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

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HB

“ Dear Joyce and family:
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Jim was a lovely man. I feel blessed to have known him even for a short time. Love lives on in it's effect on people; that surely shows in your family.
With sincere sympathy, Helen Brown

Helen Brown - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Jim,

I just want to thank you for letting me be your “wing man” for the time we spent together as partners in the Berlin Independent Golf League. Little did I know the day we agreed to be partners, I would share the next ten plus years with a gentlemen who had the same values in life as my Dad. We became more than partners, we were friends… you were my second Dad. You invited me into your family and you became a part of mine.

So next time we meet, I’ll do what your wing man does, step aside and let you hit first, tell you “great shot, get in the cart, we have a match to win”. Love Marcel

Marcel Ouellette - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I worked at Micron from 1997 until the last day, and enjoyed the times that I got to talk with Jim. I'm very sorry for your loss. He was a great guy.

Jason Rochette - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Joyce and Children, We are so sad to hear that Jim passed. I have so many great memories of our years of friendship, and want to express my most sincere condolences to all of you. Flo and myself will keep all of you in our prayers
Dan and Flo Sirois

Daniel Sirois - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I remember the good times that all of us cousins had at the Biondi cottage at Highland Lake! So sorry that you passed so young. You have a beautiful family.

Grace Shaia - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ As a childhood friend of Jim's sister Holly, I remember Jim as a kind soul who was always smiling and always well dressed. My sincerest condolences to Jim's family.

Ruth Lewis - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

OH

“ I met Mr. Tighe when I made it to Little League in Berlin Ct. when I was an 8 year old kid. I have known Mr. Tighe since then and we became even closer when I started to play in the Thursday night league. This wonderful man would always go out of his way to say hello and buy you a beverage no matter what was going on. This man raised a wonderful family with his beautiful wife and he will missed greatly. Well Mr. Tighe I am sorry I could not have seen you before God took another angel to the skies but I am sure you are at rest now and we will definitely speak again. Teddy and family my thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless you all. Owen Hughes

Owen D Hughes - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

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JB

“ Joyce and Family, so sorry to hear of Jim's passing, he was a great husband and father to his children and wife, he will always be remembered in our thoughts and prayers, Jim and Adele Burt

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