



James M. Horgan

December 21, 1940 - December 15, 2018

Ayer: James M. Horgan, 77, of Ayer, died Saturday evening, December 15, 2018 at his home. Jim was born in Ayer on December 21, 1940 and was the youngest of nine children born to Charles and Anna (Feeney) Horgan and was a lifelong resident of Ayer.

Jim graduated from Country Day School in Groton and Notre Dame High School in Fitchburg in 1959. Upon graduation of high school, he attended Worcester Industrial Technical Institute and received a diploma in Drafting & Tool Design in 1962. Jim served his country as a member of the United States Navy and was stationed on the USS Shangri-La from 1962 through 1964 and continued as a reservist until 1967. Jim worked as a central office technician with New England Telephone & Telegraph beginning in 1965. He continued to work in a career that he loved for over forty years, retiring from Verizon in 2005. After retirement, he spent time traveling throughout Europe as well as the United States with his wife, Carol. He was enthusiastic about antiquing and flea marketing and most especially enjoyed restoring furniture. To family and friends, he was known as a “Jack of All Trades” as no project was too big or too small.

He leaves his loving wife and best friend of eighteen years, Carol (Marsolais) Horgan a son, Daniel Horgan of Ayer; two daughters, Nancy Charbonneau of Lunenburg and Katy Perales of Nantucket; two stepdaughters, Candice Hyde

of Weare, NH and Theresa Carpenter of Groton; four grandchildren, Myles Charbonneau, Savannah Carpenter, Jonas Carpenter and Liam Perales; two brothers, Philip Horgan and John Horgan both of Ayer as well as over forty nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by Helen Poitras, Mary Cote, Ruth Hederson, Charles Horgan, Edna Dowey and Thomas Horgan

Jim was a humble, loyal man that loved his family, friends and his community of Ayer. He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and for many years taught in the CCD program. He was a former member of the Knights of Columbus and served many hours on the Ayer Zoning Board. He was an avid bowler and a member of the bowling leagues at Harvard Lanes. Since a young age, he began playing hockey on Schoolhouse Pond and continued playing well into his fifties in a men's league in Groton. He also enjoyed fishing, reading and telling jokes to anyone he met.

A mass of Christian burial will be 11 AM Thursday, December 20th at St. Mary's Church, 31 Shirley Street, Ayer. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Calling hours are 4-7 Wednesday at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer. Please see www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information or to leave an on line condolence.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemtery

Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Mass

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church
31 Shirley Street
Ayer, MA 01432

Tribute Wall

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“ Jim was a very well liked fellow classmate at Notre Dame High School. I remember him fondly as always a gentleman, always friendly, always Ayer proud, and always in good humor. Rest in peace dear Jim.

bob larkin - December 23, 2018 at 05:20 PM

MM

“ Uncle Jim. We will miss your humor and funny stories. Your are finally at peace. Our heartfelt sorry to Nancy, Danny, Katie, Myles and Liam.

Maureen McCarthy - December 19, 2018 at 08:31 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of James M. Horgan.



December 19, 2018 at 07:51 AM



“ Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of James M. Horgan.



December 18, 2018 at 11:01 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of James M. Horgan.*



December 18, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of James M. Horgan.*



December 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Jim's family. Although I never met Jim in person, we worked together over the phone for several years. I have to admit that initially I thought he was gruff but before long I saw the sweetness in him and we became good friends. I used to kid him that he needed to retire to make room for young blood, but I missed him dearly when he finally hung up his tools. I'll always remember him fondly.
Sincerely, Lauren Conti*

Lauren Conti - December 17, 2018 at 06:36 PM



“ *Carol, Nancy, Danny, & Katy, I am so so sorry for the passing of Jim. He was a good man with a great sense of humor. My thoughts are with you all during this sad time
Denise Stepleton*

Denise Stepleton - December 17, 2018 at 04:33 PM

DD

A life long friend & a great guy...RIP Jim! Dave & Diane Dolan

Dave & Diane Dolan - December 18, 2018 at 06:14 PM

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“ *From Mike Horgan and Ed Balmelli purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Basket for the family of James M. Horgan.*



From Mike Horgan and Ed Balmelli - December 17, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of James M. Horgan.*



December 16, 2018 at 09:21 PM

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“ *Pat and Tom Haggerty purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of James M. Horgan.*



Pat and Tom Haggerty - December 16, 2018 at 01:37 PM