



James W. Kennedy

November 15, 1954 - April 27, 2020

James W. Kennedy, 65, of Townsend, died Monday evening, April 27, 2020 in his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Syracuse, NY, on November 15, 1954, a son of the late Ronald W. and Constance (Jewtraw) Kennedy and has resided in Townsend for the last 19 years.

Jim graduated from Corcoran High School in Syracuse in 1972 and SUNY Morrisville in Morrisville, NY in 1974.

He worked in the pharmaceutical industry for 44 years retiring in 2018 as a Quality Control Lead Staff Scientist.

Jim enjoyed spending time with his family camping, fishing and participating in various outdoor activities. Jim was very involved in, and enjoyed spending time at the Townsend Rod & Gun Club, where he volunteered a lot of his time. Jim was always tinkering in the garage and was a collector of John Deere tractors. He thoroughly enjoyed maintaining and riding his motorcycle and tractors. Jim also enjoyed doing cross word puzzles and brain teasers. Always curious, Jim was constantly reading and educating himself about whatever topic piqued his interest at that time.

He leaves his wife of 31 years, Alice T. (Dolan) Kennedy of Townsend; two sons, Justin P. Kennedy and Kyle J. Kennedy both of Townsend; a daughter, Rachel L. Kennedy of Ashburnham and two grandchildren, Mason and Lena; four brothers, Ronald "Skip" Kennedy of Lake Placid, NY, David Kennedy and his wife Annie of Syracuse, Steven Kennedy of Pulaski, NY and Thomas Kennedy of Bridgeport, NY; several nephews, nieces and grand nephews and nieces.

A private service will be held in the T.J. Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main St., Townsend followed by a burial in the North Elba Cemetery in Lake Placid, NY. Please remember social distancing should you decide to come pay your respects.

In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in memory of James Kennedy to support Merkel Cell Carcinoma under the direction of Dr. David Miller at the Mass General Cancer Center. Donations can be made online at giving.massgeneral.org.

Checks made payable to Massachusetts General Hospital can be mailed to:
MGH Development Office
C/O Tara Henry
125 Nashua Street, Suite 540
Boston, Ma 02114-1101

For further information or to leave an online condolence please visit www.andersonfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

North Elba Cemetery

Llake Placid , NY

Tribute Wall

KS

“ Jim was first my mentor, then my boss, but ultimately he was my dear friend. There are people in this world who make such an impact in your life, teach you so much about yourself, that you can't imagine who you would be had you never met them. Jim was that person to me. My deepest sympathies to his family for their loss. It is truly heartbreaking.

Sincerely,

Kristin Schuller (former colleague at Pharmalucence)

Kristin Schuller - April 30, 2020 at 09:42 PM

KG

Yes, Jim was that kind of guy. He will be really missed at the TR & GC. As a retired old guy I know the CLUB is at a real loss. My prayers go out to the family in these trying times.

Ken Gerken

KEN GERKEN - May 02, 2020 at 11:43 AM

SF

“ When I read that Jim had passed, I could not believe it. I worked with him, went to the range and developed a friendship with him. I will miss him and never forget him. He was a great story teller and always willing to lend a hand. Rest In Peace my friend. Every time I shoot at the Gun club I will remember him and everything he taught me about firearm safety. My condolences to his family and god be with you.

I am so sorry for you loss,

Steven J. Ferris (A friend and colleague)

Steven Ferris - April 30, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of James W. Kennedy.*



April 30, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ *May Jim rest in peace and his memory give his family comfort. Sending my thoughts and prayers to them.*

- Elizabeth Trowbridge (a friend and colleague from Pharmalucence)

Elizabeth Trowbridge - April 30, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of James W. Kennedy.*



April 30, 2020 at 02:05 PM

JF

“ My sincere condolences to all of Jim's family and friends. His passing is a huge loss to many of his former colleagues. I had the pleasure of working with Jim for 20 years at CIS-US (aka CIS-BIO, Berlex/Bayer AG, Pharmalucence, and Sun Pharma)! Jim was instrumental keeping many of us grounded with his unique sense of humor, especially during the more stressful times. Jim was always good for a story, a lending hand, and thoughtful resolutions for many problems. I recall that after he retired, one of his former proteges said, "I need to channel my inner Jim to respond to this." It was a pleasure and an honor to consider him my friend. I believe many of us will continue to channel our inner Jim.



God Bless

Jeanne Fiore

Jeanne Fiore - April 30, 2020 at 01:48 PM

AR

“ Jim and I became friends as co-workers 15 years ago. I will always remember our lunches together, our talks about current affairs, and his endless patience trying to teach my wife and I how to shoot. Mostly I will remember what a great guy Jim was. He will be missed. Our prayers go out to Alice and her family.

Alan and Denise Rosen

Alan and Denise Rosen - April 30, 2020 at 10:46 AM

LB

“ Jim is our cousin. We Haven't seen him in years, but We think of him often. We are so sad to hear of his passing. He was such a smart, kind and caring person. We are so sad to learn of his illness. Prayers to you, Alice and your family. Love, Helen, Bob, Phillip, Kevin, Lori, Lisa and Harold Kennedy.

Lori Blanchard - April 29, 2020 at 06:46 PM

MR

“ We send our deepest regards to Kyle Kennedy and his family , may his joyful memories help you get through these hard times. May He Rest In Peace .

-Mack & Elita One

Mackinley Rattey - April 29, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of James W. Kennedy.



April 29, 2020 at 03:31 PM