



## James Laitala

December 11, 2017

Mr. Laitala was born in Fitchburg, August 12, 1944, a son of George and Elsie (Sillanpaa) Laitala and was a lifelong Townsend resident. He attended North Middlesex Regional High School in Townsend before graduating from Fitchburg Technical High School.

For thirty years Jim worked as a cement truck driver for Redi Mix Concrete Company in Nashua before retiring in 2010. Prior to that he worked for several companies including the Szocik Company in Lunenburg.

He leaves his wife of 30 years, Susan L. (Leonard) Laitala; two daughters, Lisa A. Laitala-Washburne and her husband, Mark of Townsend, Heidi L. Wood and her husband, Andy of Fitzwilliam, NH; two stepdaughters, Sandi L. Wiltshire and her husband, Bryan of Leominster, Sherri L. Blais and her husband, Bob of Manchester, NH; two brothers, George Laitala of Maine, his twin brother, John Laitala of Fitchburg; a sister, Joanne Laitala of Ijamsville, MD; 7 grandchildren, Blaine Washburne, Olivia Washburne, McKenzie Wood, Jacob Wood, Ryan Wiltshire, Ericka Blais and Kyle Blais.

He was the brother of the late Janice Rheault and Judith M. Aaltonen both of Townsend and the grandfather of the late Chelsea Laitala Washburne who died in 1999.

For 32 years Mr. Laitala served his community on the Townsend Fire Department, retiring in 1998 at the rank of Captain at Hose Company # 2. He enjoyed bowling, camping and watching NASCAR racing. He participated for many years in the Townsend Horseshoe League.

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Our deepest condolences to you all a great man*

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**Szocik family** - March 27, 2018 at 06:29 AM

SB

“ *Jim was a man who did not boast about his accomplishments, kept a low profile enjoying his life & always remaining positive. Was a devoted husband and willing to be of service always to others. An asset and stable influence to our community at Oxbow Campground where he enjoyed spending his summer days with his loving & devoted wife Sue. A wonderful human being who will always be remembered as thinking of others. May God comfort Sue and his family at this time.*

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**S Worthen Brown** - December 17, 2017 at 10:28 AM

BK

“ *Jim, I remember all the great times we had as wrench-heads and buddies. May you rest in peace my friend.*

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**Bruce Koch** - December 16, 2017 at 06:56 PM

RS

“ *We also rode the school bus in our earlier years.*

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**Russ Syrjala** - December 16, 2017 at 06:28 PM



“ When we were kids, upstream from pat ties on the squannacook, the Laitala twins could make the running jump from the high sand bank and land in the river. Great long ago memories from Townsend.  
Sorry for your loss.

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December 16, 2017 at 06:26 PM



“ Sue, So sorry for the loss of Jimbo a great person and a friend may god be with you in these hard times. Love Jim Tumber

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**Jim Timber Sr** - December 16, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Jimmy' s family. He will truly be missed by many.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Norm and Diane

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**Norman and Duane Beausoleil** - December 16, 2017 at 08:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family. We were so sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Jim will truly be missed.

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**Dan & Jennifer Chase** - December 15, 2017 at 06:38 PM



“ My heart goes out to you and your family Susie. I always remember him smiling and what a good Dad he was to Lisa and Heidi. Hugs to all of you.

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**Rhonda McCorquodale Whitman** - December 15, 2017 at 02:58 PM

CB

“ Sue, Sandi, Sherri, Heidi, Lisa and Families

*We were sorry to here of Jimmy, Dad and Papa passing He was and Icon of Townsend. Always have memories of camping, activities at the Fire Department and etc. Jimmy always had a smile which I will never forget. We did have something in common being fraternal twin. Jimmy you will be missed but not forgotten.*

*Love to all Cecile*

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**cecile Brown-Framcp** - December 15, 2017 at 12:06 PM

KB

“ *My heart and prayers go out to all of you. Jimmy was a very special person and such a good husband, father, step-father and grandfather. May your memories keep your hearts warm until you meet again. Love, Karen*

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**Karen McCorquodale Baldyga** - December 15, 2017 at 08:03 AM

MF

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Sue and all family and friends. Prayers for peace and comfort through this difficult time.*

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**Michael O'Brien and family** - December 14, 2017 at 11:23 PM

AH

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing and send my deepest condolences.*

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**Abbey (Gibson) Holland** - December 14, 2017 at 06:56 PM

WS

“ *We had some good times Rest in peace my friend.*

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**William (Bill) Spaulding** - December 14, 2017 at 06:32 PM

RS

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Laitala Family ! My heart is broken for you. Jimmy was one of the Best*

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**Renee Silva** - December 14, 2017 at 05:34 PM

BB

“ *Sue,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family thru this difficult time. Jimmy will be missed by many!*

*Much love to you all,  
Bubba, Becky and kids*

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**Brian & Becky Borneman** - December 14, 2017 at 03:57 PM

KL

“ *We are so sorry about Jimmy. We will miss him at NASCAR!*

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**Kevin and Linda** - December 14, 2017 at 03:46 PM

TG

“ *Sue and family,  
I was so sorry to read about Jimmy's passing.  
I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Tom and Kathie Gammel** - December 14, 2017 at 02:26 PM

SL

“ *Sue i am so sorry to hear of your loss. You would remember me as Sandy Caron I lived at 12 Squannacook terrace . I loss my husband also. In 2015 we were married 40 years. He was 59 years old.  
Please except my condolences ❤️*

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**Sandra Ledvina** - December 14, 2017 at 01:08 PM

PL

“ December 14, 2017  
*Sue and family, so sorry for your loss. Jimmy was a great guy and will be missed by many!*

*Prayers for you!*  
*Patti*

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**Patti Ladue** - December 14, 2017 at 01:05 PM

JG

“ *My deepest sympathy to your family.*

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**Jean Gibson** - December 14, 2017 at 09:29 AM

SL

“ *Sue & family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Will keep you in my prayers.*

*With deepest sympathy*

*Sally*

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**Sally (May) Lindsay** - December 14, 2017 at 09:12 AM

EM

“ *Deepest regrets and condolences during this difficult time.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Erv. and Janet*

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**Erv and Janet Marshall** - December 14, 2017 at 07:48 AM

PW

“ Sue, Sandi, and Sherri  
So sorry to hear of your loss. Will keep you in my Prayers

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**Priscilla (Amadon) Wentworth** - December 13, 2017 at 08:00 PM

SA

“ Deepest sympathy to the Laitala Family.

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**Steve and Sharon Amadon** - December 13, 2017 at 07:37 PM

LN

“ Dear Sue and family, I was so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a great guy and will be missed by all that knew him.

*With deepest sympathy, Libby*

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**Libby Nolan** - December 13, 2017 at 06:37 PM

GM

“ Can't express how sorry we are for the loss of Jim. He will always be near and dear to us as is the family. He will be dearly missed by all. Sending positive thoughts and prayers your way.

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**Gary and Kim Mooshian** - December 13, 2017 at 05:29 PM

PF

“ Dear Sue and family, We are so sorry for your loss. May your good memories help you through this difficult time. Hugs and love always.

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**Peg & Hugh Fowler** - December 13, 2017 at 04:57 PM

MM

“ Sandi,

*I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your stepfather. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Marie*

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**Marie Marciano** - December 13, 2017 at 04:27 PM

CW

“ *So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My sincere condolences to all the family.*

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**Carol Wright** - December 13, 2017 at 04:25 PM

SF

“ *To the Laitala Family*

*We are so very sorry for your loss and very Thankful for his service to our Town.*

*The Shifrin Family*

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**Shifrin Family** - December 13, 2017 at 03:53 PM

TM

“ *Sue, so sorry for your loss.. You lost a beautiful man and my heart goes out to you.*

*My deepest sympathy,*

*Terri*

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**Terri metrano** - December 13, 2017 at 02:28 PM

ER

“ SUE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF JIM PASSING WE GO BACK MANY YEARS BETWEEN WORK AND THE FIRE DEPT HE WAS ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS MAY YOU REST IN PEACE OLD FRIEND

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**ED RAUHALA** - December 13, 2017 at 01:37 PM

ST

“ Susie, Our hearts go out to you and the Girls. We are so sorry to hear this news, please accept our sincere condolences. May you all find comfort in the knowledge of the love and support of family and friends.

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**Skip & Evie Tumber** - December 13, 2017 at 12:31 PM

PR

“ We are so sorry to learn the news of Jim. Please accept our sincere condolences to you and the family. Jim was the best.

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**Polly & Roger** - December 13, 2017 at 10:32 AM

SD

“ RIP.. my friend.. another Angel for God to take care of.. always will remember you my little “Leprechaun”.. Ali of great times in our earlier years.. so glad to have them..my condolences to your family..

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**Susan (Holt) Dow** - December 13, 2017 at 10:31 AM

RJ

“ My condolences to the Laitala family. Jimmy was one of the good ones

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**Ronnie Knox jr** - December 13, 2017 at 10:18 AM