



Jim Kazeniak

September 7, 1947 - June 28, 2025

WESTFORD - H. James Kazeniak, 77, passed away on Saturday June 28, 2025.

Jim was born in Lowell on September 7, 1947, to the late Herbert and Marjorie (Latham) Kazeniak. He graduated from Westford Academy in 1965 and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in History from St. Anselm College. Jim began his career as a social studies teacher before earning a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College, which led him to a new career as a Probation Officer.

Jim's career spanned 38 years, working his way up to Chief Probation Officer for the Ayer District Court, serving as President of the Chief Probation Officer's Association for the State of Massachusetts, and retiring in 2010. Raised in Forge Village, deeply rooted in and committed to his hometown of Westford, Jim served on the Board of Trustees for Westford Academy, was a member of the Westford Academy Sports Hall of Fame Committee, spent 30 years on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and devoted many happy years to coaching youth baseball and basketball. A proud Army Reservist, Jim was also a member of the Graniteville Legion, Post 159.

Jim was an avid Celtics fan who loved golfing, cheering on his grandkids at their games, and could often be found on a barstool swapping stories with

friends and strangers alike—but above all, he loved spending time with his family.

Jim is survived by his wife of 55 years, Pam (Forty) Kazeniak of Westford; two children, Kate Burke and husband Ryan of Charlestown, Andrew Kazeniak and wife Sayuri of Melrose; grandchildren, Sawyer and Chase Burke, Reina and Noa Kazeniak; sisters, Marisha Taylor of Vero Beach, FL and Mildred Kazeniak of Westford; and brothers-in-law Kent Forty of Mason, NH and Karl Forty of Westford.

Calling hours will be held at Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer on Tuesday, July 8 from 3-7pm. The funeral Mass will be held at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 107 N. Main St., Westford on Wednesday, July 9 at 11:00am.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to the Friends of the Cameron Senior Center of Westford or to the Wish Project of North Chelmsford.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Catherine of Alexandria Church
107 North Main Street
Westford, MA 01886

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ I always felt great when I met Jim walking around Hildreth Hills. So up beat, so positive. I was proud to serve with him on the Westford Board of Appeals. He brough common sense and good judgement to our meetings. My sincere condolences to Pam and their family. Jim made this world a better place.
Ron Johnson

Ron Johnson - July 08, 2025 at 04:54 PM

BF

“ Jim has been an endeared man to so many! We have been truly blessed to have been embraced by his joyful spirit, giving heart, and treasured friendship. We've much admired him as a family man, dedicated to his dear wife Pam, children Kate and Andrew, and cherished grandchildren.
He has indeed left our family with an indelible impression of warmth in our hearts as we remember him.
Our sincerest sympathy to Pam and all family at this difficult time.
May God keep you close in His care and comfort you. With our love and prayers, Rose, Ann Marie & Maryann Bartolo

Bartolo Family - July 07, 2025 at 03:40 PM

PB

“ My condolences to the Kazeniak Family and Friends. Jim gave me the opportunity to do an internship at the Probation Office while I was in college. I will be eternally grateful for his help and mentorship.

Paula Boisseau - July 07, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim Kazeniak.*



July 07, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jim Kazeniak.

July 07, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ *Jack & Janice Connolly purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jim Kazeniak.*



Jack & Janice Connolly - July 06, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Jim Kazeniak.*



July 06, 2025 at 01:53 PM

SW

“ When Jim worked in the yard he always had a ball game playing on the radio. It was comforting to hear.
Pam, Paul and I are so very sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Paul and Suzanne Welch

Suzanne and Paul Welch - July 05, 2025 at 03:14 PM

JF

“ Dear Pam, Kate, Andrew,
Jimmy Kazeniak holds a special place in our hearts. Please accept our deepest condolences on his passing. We have wonderful memories of John and Jim coaching together at Groton-Dunstable and the friendship that grew out of those days. His smile, his humor, his welcoming demeanor always made us and all of his many friends feel special.

Pam, may the love he had for you, Kate, and Andrew sustain you in your grief. May his memory be a blessing. Love, John and Mary

John and Mary Fahey - July 05, 2025 at 01:16 PM

JF

“ John and Mary Fahey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jim Kazeniak.



John and Mary Fahey - July 05, 2025 at 01:01 PM

JF

“ John and Mary Fahey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim Kazeniak.

John and Mary Fahey - July 05, 2025 at 01:01 PM

JK

“ Our deepest sympathy to Pam and family. We will keep you all in our prayers at this difficult time. Bob and Jean Kokernak

Jean Kokernak - July 05, 2025 at 11:34 AM

TF

“ The Hassett and Swaylik Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jim Kazeniac.



The Hassett and Swaylik Families - July 05, 2025 at 11:14 AM

TF

“ The Hassett and Swaylik Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim Kazeniac.

The Hassett and Swaylik Families - July 05, 2025 at 11:14 AM

KF

“ Kimball Farm Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Jim Kazeniac.



Kimball Farm Family - July 04, 2025 at 01:17 PM

KF

“ Kimball Farm Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim Kazeniac.

Kimball Farm Family - July 04, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Kazeniak.



July 04, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jim Kazeniak.

July 04, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ I first met Jim when he helped me navigate the court system. Soldiers who were involved in any Alcohol/Drug incidents worked with Jim & myself. As a Mental Health Counselor with the Army , it was my job that when soldier's got in to trouble with the civilian world, to ensure they complied with the court requirements. From jump street, Jim was awesome. !! He made sure the technical requirements of probation were met, to ensure soldier compliance. Not only did he help Fort Devens soldiers, but he helped me put together a Drunk-Driving Prevention Movie that helped soldiers AROUND THE WORLD, stationed overseas. Jim coordinated with the Judge for use of courtroom, law enforcement ,court personnel , the Judge himself , etc. Jim 's dedication, knowledge, & technical expertise had a profound effect on... not just soldiers.....but on me. I treasured our friendship & I will see him on the other side.

Margaret Ward - July 04, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jim Kazeniac.*



July 03, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jim Kazeniac.

July 03, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ *I first knew Jim as my Civics teacher and basketball coach in the early seventies at Groton High School. Our paths continued to pass many times after he became a probation officer and I became a police officer in Pepperell. We both ended up retiring in 2010 after successful careers. I considered Jim a good friend and law enforcement peer. Condolences to his family and may he rest in peace.*

Alan Davis - July 03, 2025 at 04:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jim Kazeniac.*



July 03, 2025 at 11:59 AM



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July 03, 2025 at 08:20 AM



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July 03, 2025 at 08:20 AM



“ I am so incredibly sad to hear of my cousin Jim's passing. Every time I saw him he always had a big smile and a hug. He will be missed by so many. Sending love, prayers and hugs to Pam, their children and grandchildren. Rest in peace Jimmy.

Ellen Latham - July 02, 2025 at 03:51 PM

BL

“ *Jim and I were classmates at St Anselm
He was always a n outstanding person who I was able to stay in
contact with after our college years
My condolences to his family*

Bob LaPorte - July 02, 2025 at 03:34 PM

TC

“ *Chief! My sympathy to the Kazeniak family! Jim's smile and laughter
were contagious! He will be missed by so many. A peaceful rest to
you Sir!*

Tobe Conway - July 02, 2025 at 02:49 PM

TC

“ *Tobe Conway lit a candle in memory of Jim
Kazeniak*



Tobe Conway - July 02, 2025 at 02:46 PM

TS

“ *So sad to learn of Jim's passing. Proud Army veteran and member
of F S Healy American Legion Post 159. Prayers are with Pam and
the entire family.*

Terry Stader - July 02, 2025 at 01:48 PM

JC

“ Jim’s parents lived across from us when we first moved to Forge over 50 years ago. He and my husband were on the same over-30 softball team for years. A gentle and generous man - always ready to provide advice and counsel when asked. A terrible loss for his family. Judy and Rick Culver

judith culver - July 02, 2025 at 01:30 PM

GC

Very sorry to hear this. Jim was a oeer of mine in the Probation Service and my first go to for solid and professional advice. A great guy that I remember fondly.

Gary Cowles - July 02, 2025 at 05:19 PM

BR

“ I’m so sorry for the loss to the Kazeniac family, Jimmy was a great guy and a huge asset to the communities of Ayer and Forge Village. Always a gentleman and I will miss seeing him around town... Beaver.

Beaver Rogers - July 02, 2025 at 01:03 PM

PH

“ My sincere condolences to the Kazeniac family. So many great memories of those days in forge , Ayer DC , pickup basketball games. Rest in peace Jimmy . Dennis Haran

Patrick Haran - July 02, 2025 at 09:26 AM