



James Robert Gardner

February 5, 1960 - February 13, 2025

James Robert Gardner (Jimmy/Jim), 65 of Old Bridge, New Jersey passed away on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at the Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Jim was born in Bayonne Hospital on February 5, 1960 to the late Robert A. Gardner and Alice E.(Parke) Gardner.

During his childhood Jim, following in the footsteps of his father, enjoyed bowling and was in youth bowling leagues and tournaments over many years. He also enjoyed playing softball in neighborhood pick up games, coached by his dad, that often ended up in Bayonne Park.

Jim was a graduate of Henry Snyder High School. He often said the best part of high school were his shop classes where he learned the skills that helped him hire onto his first job.

Soon after high school Jim started a lifelong career in the chemical industry. He started his journey at American Chemicals, learning the distribution business and also acted as the main consultant for transitioning the company when it was acquired by Houghton Chemicals in 1990. As his career progressed, Jim would later find an opportunity at John C. Dolph Co (later becoming Von Roll) where within a short period Jim had progressed to the

Supply Chain Manager for North America where he would spend over 20 years of his career. Most recently Jim was the director of purchasing for Pflaumer Brothers in Ewing, NJ where he was tasked to help grow the Polyaspartic business along with Harley and Craig of Pflaumer Brothers Inc.

Jim would meet the love of his life more than 20 years ago, Leigh Ann. The couple would marry a year later, and live together in Spotswood before eventually settling in Old Bridge. Jim loved spending time at their Lakehouse on Lake Wallenpaupack in Pennsylvania. He enjoyed spending time on the pontoon boat out on the lake and watching the many sunsets. Jim also loved fast cars, motorcycles, and fishing. More than anything Jim loved being with family and friends and he will be deeply missed by all those that love him.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, Bob and Alice; grandparents James and Pauline (Theis) Gardner, Edwin and Alice (Servis) Parke; Aunts and Uncles Edwin Parke Jr (Mildred), Robert Parke (Geraldine), John Parke, Martha Jean Parke Stewart (Douglas), Edith Parke Dichiara (Alfred), Anne Gardner, William Gardner (Thomassina), Joan Gardner Hilinsky (Bernard); cousins Arlene Parke Vance, Donna Jean Stewart, Douglas Stewart, James W. Gardner, William Hilinsky, Paula Hilinsky Matos.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 20 years Leigh Ann Gardner, his sister Debra (Gardner) Sizemore (James); nephew Gregory Sizemore; stepson Tyler Licata; Mother-in Law, Barbara Benko; Sisters-in-Laws Lisa Rodriguez (Carlos), Laura Ceriello (John) and nieces and nephews Ava, Grant, & Luchia; his Aunt Maryjane (McCarthy) Parke; and many cousins.

A celebration of Jims' life will take place from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Such precious memories and photos shared with all of us on this page! I'll always remember my cousin as larger than life, living in the moment, life of the party, kind, funny and thoughtful. Grateful for each reunion because I definitely didn't see him enough or our family enough but I will cherish the reunion memories and the times he visited us in Florida. Hard to believe we are living here without him and the brilliant light he shared with all that knew him. My heartfelt condolences and prayers. Rest in Peace dear cousin.

Tracy Pullen - March 03, 2025 at 04:47 PM

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“ Jim was such a sincere and genuine person and I feel truly fortunate to have had him as a friend for so many years. Regretfully I wasn't able to attend the services, please know that my thoughts are with you all during this difficult time. I will miss our conversations, and his loss is deeply felt. Jim's kindness and authenticity made him a joy to be around, and he will be missed more than words can express.

Shaun Julian - March 02, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Robert Gardner.



February 28, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of James Robert Gardner.*



February 28, 2025 at 02:50 PM



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

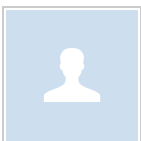
February 28, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ 117 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - February 28, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James Robert Gardner.*



February 28, 2025 at 07:12 AM



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

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“ Kathy Witos & Nick Cerilli purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Robert Gardner.



Kathy Witos & Nick Cerilli - February 27, 2025 at 10:09 PM



“ Kathy Witos & Nick Cerilli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Robert Gardner.

Kathy Witos & Nick Cerilli - February 27, 2025 at 10:09 PM



“ My deepest condolences to all of Jim's relatives, especially his wife, he spoke fondly of her and talk of getting home to her always seemed to bring a smile to him.
I'll miss my colleague, though my time with him was brief, he was always helpful and full of advice, I'll cherish our talks! Rest in Peace, Jim!
-Matt

Matthew Laughland - February 26, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Robert Gardner.



February 26, 2025 at 08:43 AM



“ I remember when we were kids all the times we came to visit you in Jersey City May you rest in peace Cousin Jimmy Love Cousin Patty and Family

Patricia Gagnon (Cousin) - February 19, 2025 at 07:22 AM



“ Patricia G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Robert Gardner.

Patricia G. - February 19, 2025 at 07:18 AM