



James C. Piren

November 15, 1964 - March 10, 2022

James C. Piren, beloved partner, son, brother and father, passed away unexpectedly in his home on March 10, 2022 in Poughkeepsie, NY. Born in Brooklyn, NY on November 15, 1964, he graduated Bishop Ford high school in 1982. From a young age, teachers thought of him as a sensitive and creative soul. Following high school, he joined the police academy in 1987 and worked at Manhattan's Midtown South Precinct from 1988-2008. He received the Medal for Valor in 1995 and was a first responder during the tragic events of 9/11 and its aftermath. Following his retirement from the NYPD, he went back to school at Sullivan County Community College to become a Registered Nurse. His career as an RN was devoted to working in hospice and behavioral health. James was a proud union representative for 1199. James was loved by many for his quirky sense of humor and patient ability to listen and understand the problems of others. Jim had many interests including an interest in cameras, watches, cars, boats, cooking and music.

James will be undergoing a private, eco-friendly green burial to honor his wishes with only his immediate family. Due to the nature of his natural burial and lack of a viewing/wake, the family is asking to please not send flowers.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Sullivan County SPCA or to the following charities to assist in Ukrainian relief efforts:

Sullivan County SPCA:

<https://sullivanspca.org/donate>

Ukraine Red Cross:

https://donate.redcrossredcrescent.org/ua/donate/~my-donation?_cv=1

World Central Kitchen (currently in Ukraine deploying chefs to provide meals):

<https://donate.wck.org/give/396273/#!/donation/checkout>

A Celebration of Life will take place Saturday, April 30th 2pm-7pm at the Switch Inn, 126 E Main St Middletown, NY 10940. RSVP by April 20th to mark.e.ashley1@gmail.com please let us know if you need assistance with public transportation.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR **15**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rosendale Cemetery
793 Springtown Road
Tillison, NY 12486

Celebration of Life

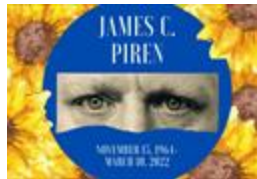
APR **30**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Switch Inn
126 E. Main Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Tribute Wall

JP

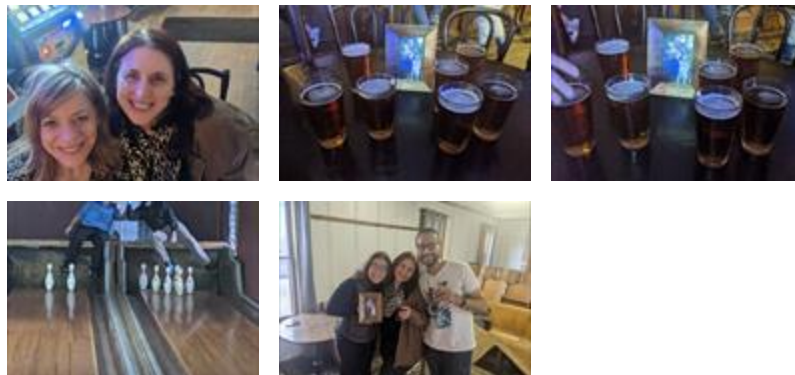
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James piren - April 05, 2022 at 06:29 PM

JP

“ A good send off at his favorite bar



James s. piren - March 16, 2022 at 10:05 AM

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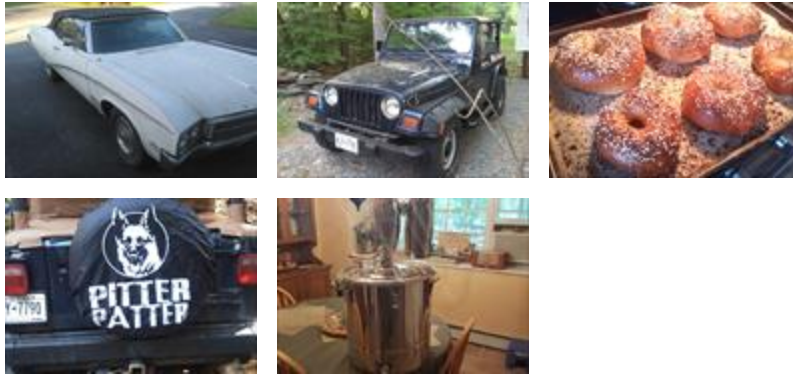
“ It's so sad to read about my second cousin. I have such fond memories of Jim visiting me at my apt at 36th st when he was a policeman. His precinct was next door and he would often stop by for coffee. He was such a lovely person and I always thought it was great that NY had cops like him. My sympathy for the many people he leaves behind. Cathe Neukum



cathe neukum - March 15, 2022 at 05:23 PM

JP

“ I just wanted to post pictures of some of projects we did together. My dad was always down to try anything and loved new hobbies I'm really going to miss my moonshining partner in crime.



James s. piren - March 14, 2022 at 11:57 AM

BO

I worked with your dad in Poughkeepsie and we talked pretty regularly. I was shocked when I heard the news and I'm so sorry for your loss! He had a good heart and cared for his patients. He will be missed! May he Rest In Peace. May God give you comfort through your grief and give you a Peace that passes understanding, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Brian O'Donohue - March 16, 2022 at 10:04 AM

JP

“ Jim was an amazing father to my husband and a wonderful father-in-law. I am going to miss Jim popping in with an antique or spirits in tow and of course a story to go along with it. He also made the holidays so special at the Piren’s with his traditional Polish/Ukrainian dishes that brought their culture alive. Most of all-I am going to miss how you made my husband laugh and smile through all of the hobbies you both shared❤️ No matter what, you were always there for Jim when he needed you-I will always cherish that about you. Your spirit will live on through all of us, and we will never forget you.



Jessica Piren - March 13, 2022 at 06:50 PM

PS

Beautifully said Jess. He introduced me to many types of food and introduced me to cooking!

patty schuppe - March 13, 2022 at 07:12 PM

EP

“ I am so saddened to hear this. I haven’t seen him in many years but he made a lasting impression with things he said, and the stories he told. Ironically I was just thinking of him the other day. I definitely felt safer knowing he was working the same shift on BHU. A very good man.

Elyse Porter - March 13, 2022 at 06:37 PM

JP

“ My brother was a huge influence on me when I was growing up,. There is 10 years between us and I feel like the quirky teenage Jim had a hand in shaping my personality and humor. I remember when I was about 7 years old, i was obsessed with my Miss Piggy song album. I think he got sick of hearing it and gave me what he called a "children's album" which was Pink Floyd's Pigs on the Wing. I was really pumped to play it when I saw the pig on the cover.. however. It didn't have quite the same hook as Miss Piggy :) I also thought SPAM was a real delicacy because he would dress up the SPAM like a little holiday ham and decorate with cloves and put a maple glaze on it. We weren't always in close contact as adults, but he was always there for me and could make me laugh when times were unprecedentedly difficult. I miss you big brother, hope you are resting well and are at peace on the other side.



Jenn Piren - March 13, 2022 at 05:58 PM

JR

“ I worked with Jim at MidHudson Regional Hospital. He was wise man and I loved his sense of humor. Condolences to his family and significant other.

Jacqueline Edwards, RN - March 13, 2022 at 05:15 PM

DM

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Denise Maloney-Piren - March 13, 2022 at 10:54 AM

DM

This is Jim with his youngest son, Patrick.

Denise Maloney-Piren - March 13, 2022 at 10:56 AM

TC

“ *Jim Piren was in my American History class during his junior year at Bishop Ford High School. He was a very shy young man but enjoyed talking to me about things that were going on in the world outside of class when I was on cafeteria duty. We got off on the wrong foot at the start of the school year because he often didn't do his homework and I used to embarrass him as I did with other male students about being lazy. He never raised his hand when I used to question the class about things we were covering (e.g. the revolutionary war). One day we were talking about products the then Soviet Union sold in the United States. I told the class that Russia exported a certain brand of vodka but I couldn't remember the name. Suddenly, Jim raised his hand and named the brand with perfect Russian pronunciation. The class roared at the answer and I remember commenting, "Are you a drinking man?" I still recall Jim's delight at knowing the answer, as well as getting the attention of the class.*

Rest In Peace Jim.

Tom Coleman

Tom Coleman - March 13, 2022 at 10:33 AM

TA

“ Posted on Facebook by my son Devon. He made such a difference in everyone’s life.



Traci Ashley - March 13, 2022 at 10:25 AM

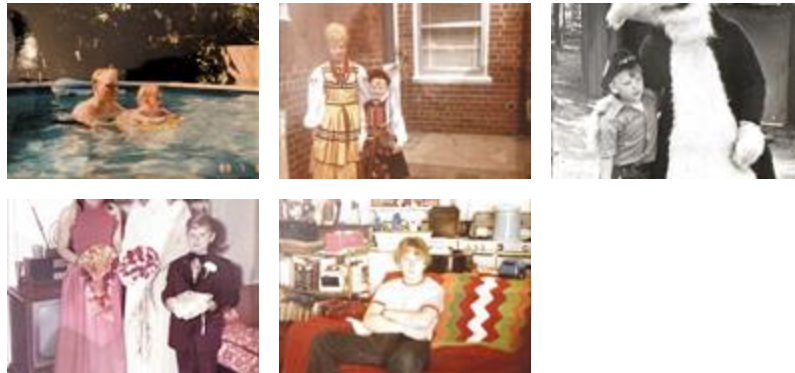
JL

“ I just wanted to send my sincerest sympathies to Jim and Jess and Cori. I never met your dad but I have felt the pain of losing a parent to an unexpected death❤️
Janet Langlitz

Janet Langlitz - March 13, 2022 at 10:08 AM

JS

“ 40 files added to the tribute wall



jspiren - March 12, 2022 at 07:57 PM

TA

“ I took some pictures from his iCloud album and combined with mine and Marks. He will always be missed and loved.



Traci Ashley - March 12, 2022 at 01:40 PM

JP

Thank you so much for including the photos that really capture his eccentric personality

James s. piren - March 12, 2022 at 03:30 PM

DB

These are great pictures and they capture the spirit of a very special man.

Diane Blumson - March 12, 2022 at 11:19 PM

HA

What a loss and a life lived. I remain grateful that among the many ways Jim served he also helped both Mom and Dad at the ends of their lives. May all our lives be joyful prayers in that spirit.

Hannah Ashley - March 15, 2022 at 11:27 AM

BM

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Brian McInerney - March 12, 2022 at 01:06 PM

BM

Jim & I were partners in the Midtown South Precinct of the NYPD for quite a few years, & again when we were both assigned to the Traffic Control Division. There was nobody I trusted more to have my back, & I always tried to cover his the same way. More importantly, this did not just apply to our employment, he was also a best friend & brother. We not only spent our work shifts together, we commuted together & spent a LOT of time together off-duty. Although life inevitably took us in different directions, we always shared that bond & would somehow know to get in touch with each other when needed. It has always been a great source of security to me knowing that Jim was a phone call or text away if I needed him. Although the pandemic made it difficult to be together in person, we whiled many hours away texting about every subject under the sun. Jim's mind was sharp & constantly working, his interests were many & varied. He took great joy in those he loved & spent a lot of time talking of them. I'm a better person for having had Jim be such an important part of my life & I will always miss my partner & friend.

Brian McInerney - March 14, 2022 at 07:27 PM

JS

“ 37 files added to the album James C. Piren



jspiren - March 12, 2022 at 12:13 PM