



## James E. Ragard

September 9, 1932 - March 4, 2014

### JAMES E. RAGARD

James E. Ragard, 81, of Great Bend, PA was called home to be with the Lord on March 4, 2014. He is survived by his loving wife 62 years, Mary Joan.

He is also survived by five children, John and Tami Ragard, Ellen and Rick Dorman, Cindy and Jim Gillespie, Tom and Maria Ragard, and Bob and Kathy Ragard; 15 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; a sister, Joan Haines; sister-in-law, Barb Tamke; numerous nieces and nephews; faithful companion, Casey. He was predeceased by his brother, Richard and his parents, Nicholas and Ethel Ragard.

Jim served with the United States Army during the Korean War. He was the owner of Reale's Pizza for many years, past owner of Danceland with his sister, and 38 year employee with the Lackawanna Railroad. Jim had won the Binghamton Press ♦♦♦s Bowling Tournament with Chris DeLucia. He was a life member of both the American Legion Post #357 and the V.F.W. Post #6223. Jim enjoyed his lottery and his ticket playing. He was a faithful member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

The family would like to thank the staff of Barnes-Kasson Hospital and Dr. B. Patel for the care he received and also the staff of S.N.F. for making sure that

Mom was with Dad daily.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Great Bend, PA, Saturday, March 8, 2014. Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Tuttle-Yeisley Funeral Home, Inc., Hallstead, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lourdes Oncology, 169 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, NY 13905, the V.F.W., the American Legion, or the Great Bend Hose Company No. 1.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Tuttle-Yeisley Funeral Home, Inc.  
25 Susquehanna Ave.  
P.O. Box 936  
Hallstead, PA 18822  
(570) 879-2287  
ayeisley@gmail.com

## Visitation

MAR 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tuttle-Yeisley Funeral Home, Inc.  
25 Susquehanna Ave.  
P.O. Box 936  
Hallstead, PA 18822  
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## Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church  
Great Bend, PA 18821

# Tribute Wall

ED

“ *Ellen Ragard Dorman lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard*



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**ellen ragard dorman** - March 18, 2014 at 08:14 PM

DS

“ *Deb (Brant) Sterkenberg lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard*



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**Deb (Brant) Sterkenberg** - March 08, 2014 at 12:42 PM

DS

*Ellen and family, many good memories with your Dad (and Mom). From elementary school to Goldie Beacom. Thinking of all of you at this time.  
Deb Brant Sterkenberg*

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**Deb (Brant) Sterkenberg** - March 08, 2014 at 12:49 PM

JG

“ *So sorry we could not be there, but we are with you all in mind and spirit! God Bless all the Ragard children and remember all the great times we had with your Dad, we loved his as a father! John and Sandy Gillespie*

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**john gillespie** - March 08, 2014 at 09:42 AM

DS

“ To the Ragard family: your Dad (and Mom) played such a significant part of my childhood & early adulthood. Looking back, the Ragard house seemed to be the epicenter of Great Bend. There are so many pleasant memories! What a wonderful Dad. Hoping all your pleasant memories throughout the years can carry you through these difficult days. Deb (Brant) Sterkenberg

Deb (Brant) Sterkenberg - March 07, 2014 at 11:07 PM

SE

“ Shawn Edwards lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard



Shawn Edwards - March 07, 2014 at 04:44 PM

SM

“ Steve And Marcy lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard



Steve and Marcy - March 07, 2014 at 09:36 AM

MM

“ Mary Maino lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard



Mary Maino - March 07, 2014 at 08:20 AM

DS

“ To the Ragard family: your Dad (and Mom) played such a significant role in my childhood/ young adulthood memories. Their home was literally the epicenter of Great Bend. Jim was such a loving and fun person. What a great Dad! Hoping the happy memories of Jim will help you through these difficult times. Deb (Brant) Sterkenberg

deb brant sterkenberg - March 07, 2014 at 05:00 AM

DS

“ To the Ragard family; your family has been such a memorable part of my childhood with your Dad ( and Mom) being such a significant part of it. Your Dad was such a fun and loving person. Jim, thank you for being a pillar of the Great Bend community and making such a difference in so many lives!

Deb (Brant) Sterkenberg

deb sterkenberg - March 07, 2014 at 04:31 AM

PM

“ Paul McCain lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard



Paul McCain - March 06, 2014 at 04:58 PM

SC

“ A wonderful Great Bend-Hallstead "icon" has now become a wonderful angel watching over all. He always had a friendly greeting & a smile that just warmed your heart. To Jims family: cherish all those wonderful memories to help pull you through the tough times. My thoughts & prayers are with you. May God Bless.  
Sally Schwarztrauber Carvin



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**Sally Carvin** - March 06, 2014 at 03:51 PM

AT

“ Anthony Tomeo lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard



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**Anthony Tomeo** - March 06, 2014 at 09:42 AM



“ Amanda Sorondo lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard



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**Amanda Sorondo** - March 06, 2014 at 09:02 AM

LK

“ *Linda Koshinski lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard*



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**Linda Koshinski** - March 06, 2014 at 08:58 AM

JD

“ *Judy Dibble lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard*



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**Judy Dibble** - March 06, 2014 at 08:54 AM



“ *In the short time I came to know you.. You were always one of my favorite people to see when I came in.. I will never forget the last night I spent with you.. I got to meet your son John, who was there to see you an I just hope he got to bring your dog up to see you on your last day with us all.. You told me you knew you didn't have long an I knew you would spend that precious time with your family, and that made you happy.. I will miss you an an grateful I got to know you even under the circumstances.. <3 rest well <3 Lisa Rhinebeck*



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**Lisa Rhinebeck** - March 06, 2014 at 08:21 AM

JS

“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to the entire Ragard family. Sending love and hugs from The Skinner Family ?*

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**jeane skinner** - March 06, 2014 at 07:33 AM

MD

“ *Marcie Dorunda lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard*



Marcie Dorunda - March 06, 2014 at 05:37 AM

SP

“ *Jimmy was such a wonderful man and had such influence on so many lives over the years. He always had a smile and kind word. He will be greatly missed by so very many people. Rest comfortably Jim.*



Sherri Cartwright Pyle - March 06, 2014 at 05:36 AM



“ *Tracy Haley lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard*



Tracy Haley - March 06, 2014 at 01:57 AM

KR

“ *Kathy Ragard lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard*



Kathy Ragard - March 05, 2014 at 09:50 PM

KC

“ Keith Carman lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard



Keith Carman - March 05, 2014 at 09:48 PM

BB

“ Bryant & Lisa Beach lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard



Bryant & Lisa Beach - March 05, 2014 at 09:07 PM

TH

“ Trudy & Dale Henry lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard



Trudy & Dale Henry - March 05, 2014 at 09:04 PM



“ Kevin Shibley lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard



Kevin Shibley - March 05, 2014 at 08:59 PM

LR

“ *Laura Ralston lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard*



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**laura ralston** - March 05, 2014 at 08:36 PM

KF

“ *Ken Fish and Family*



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**Ken Fish** - March 05, 2014 at 08:31 PM

KM

“ *To the Ragard family: Jimmy took the time to provide a safe, fun place for the local kids. We all appreciated the teen center as we were growing up. I guess he was a dad to us all. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers from Ray and Karann Mead.*

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**Karann Mead** - March 05, 2014 at 08:10 PM

LT

“ *Loren & Patti Teeple lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard*



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**Loren & Patti Teeple** - March 05, 2014 at 08:00 PM

BK

“ *Brian & Lisa Kowalewski lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard*



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**Brian & Lisa Kowalewski** - March 05, 2014 at 07:58 PM

BG

“ *Betty And Glenn lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard*



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**Betty and Glenn** - March 05, 2014 at 07:55 PM

TC

“ *I will always remember Jimmy for his waves as he drove by the house while checking out the town with his favorite traveling buddy. Also for supplying paint for our outside cellar doors when they really needed some help.*

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**Toni Collins** - March 05, 2014 at 07:40 PM

ED

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**ellen ragard dorman** - March 05, 2014 at 06:16 PM

SD

“ *Praying for you all.*

Sarah Devaney - March 05, 2014 at 06:15 PM

JS

“ *James Schoonover lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard*



James Schoonover - March 05, 2014 at 05:29 PM

ED

“ *I Could of Danced all Night....when I was a little girl you use to pick me up and twirl me around in your arms. Thank you and mom for my love of the old classical music. Love you dad.*

*ellen*

ellen ragard dorman - March 05, 2014 at 05:21 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James E. Ragard.*



March 05, 2014 at 05:17 PM

BC

“ *RIP Uncle Jimmy. Love your very much. We had some great fun years. Billy Carangelo*

billy carangelo - March 05, 2014 at 03:33 PM

CJ

“ *Chris Jones lit a candle in memory of James E. Ragard*



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**Chris Jones** - March 05, 2014 at 02:51 PM