



James A. Vincent

June 1, 1953 - May 3, 2024

James Andrew Vincent, 70, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend died on May 3, 2024, in Altamonte Springs, Florida after a long illness. He is pre-deceased by his father, Joseph Vincent and his mother, Helen Alpine Vincent. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Carol (Parra) of Winter Springs, sons Justin (Haney) of Winter Springs, FL and Brian (Samantha), of Clover, SC, sister Carole Ligotti (Daniel) of Winter Springs, FL and brother, Joseph Vincent (Jette) of Littleton, CO, two grandchildren, Aiden and Avery and sister-in law's, brother-in-law's, nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Born on June 1, 1953, Jim was raised in Tarrytown and attended the Tarrytown Public Schools. He worked at Sleepy Hollow Country Club, completed one year of college, and then worked for Metro North before becoming a Tarrytown Police Officer in 1979. Like his father, Lt. Joseph Andrew Vincent of the Tarrytown Police Department and grandfather, Ralph Alpine, a Prohibition Agent, Jim pursued a lifelong dream of becoming a Police Officer and K-9 Officer. He influenced and motivated so many young and older people along the path of his career and later in life. Jim inspired both of his sons who proudly followed in his footsteps and are in law enforcement. Jim retired in June of 1999, after 20 years. He enjoyed sharing stories with family and friends about his days as a Police Officer and K-9 Handler.

During his time as a K-9 Officer, Jim received many awards and commendations, as well as personal notes from the children and adults he interacted with along the way. He was most proud and passionate of establishing K-9 training programs with area departments. He founded the Hudson Valley K-9 Association and was a board member of North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). Jim participated in many competitions and training exercises with his work dogs. His passion and memories live on in the many stories he shared over the years.

One of Jim's other passions was ice hockey. He played for the Junior Varsity and Varsity Sleepy Hollow High School Ice Hockey Teams from 1968-1972. His passion for ice hockey was passed along to his sons Justin and Brian. Despite being a police officer and having a demanding schedule, Jim always found time to be at the rink whether he was coaching, organizing tournaments, putting together fundraisers, or acting as a chauffeur for both his sons. He is most proud of his grandson, Aiden who is continuing the Vincent tradition of playing hockey and would attend practices and games, remembering the days when both his sons were on the ice. There were many proud moments and it brought great joy to his life.

While living in Hampstead, NC, Jim and his family opened the Wilmington Slot Car Raceway. He enjoyed the hobby of slot car racing and shared that enthusiasm with his sons. He introduced the hobby to children and adults in the Wilmington area. Jim scheduled and hosted many races, arranged parties for children, adults and those in the corporate world who wanted to bond with employees and hosted fundraisers. He received many community awards and was written about in several publications. He loved watching the reaction by guests and patrons as he demonstrated the skill of racing slot cars around the track at high speeds. He was recognized as the Track Owner of the Year by the Junior NASCAR League.

He adored his grandchildren and was happy to have them close by. He was known as PopPop. Whether he was teaching Avery how to wink or trying to trick Aiden with his “fly away bird/come back bird” routine. He cherished having them in his life.

He lived in Tarrytown until 1979, Ossining, NY, until 2003, moved to Hampstead, NC until 2019 and then moved to Winter Springs, FL to be closed to family.

Jim left this world on his own terms and with grace and dignity. May you rest in peace and watch over us. You will be greatly missed, but know that you have left an impact on us all, along with many memories and stories to carry on your legacy. We will love you always and forever.

Family, friends, and fellow police officers are encouraged to bring their best Jim stories to the Wake to be held on Saturday, May 11th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Everyone has a “Jim Story” to tell!

Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home
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Tarrytown, NY 10591 914-631-0621

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **11**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Cremation

MAY **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ferncliff Cemetery

280 Secor Rd.

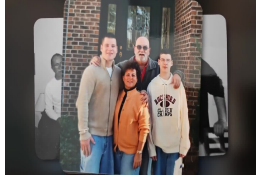
Hartsdale, NY 10530

Meeting at Funeral Home at 11am

Tribute Wall

DW

“ 1 file added to the album Slideshow



Dwyer - May 11, 2024 at 02:11 PM

LK

RIP Jimmy. 🙏🙏🙏

Lois Hennessey Kyle - May 17, 2024 at 07:25 PM

DF

“ I met Jimmy in the third grade. From the beginning he always wanted to play guns - and I should have known then where that would lead.

We did a lot of things together - rolled around on makeshift cardboard sleds on a vacant property of five hills, have milk shakes in the old Pinkus's on Main Street, and played around an A frame house that his father and mother were building for their retirement.

Jimmy could be salty - and peppery - but earthy with a sarcastic sense of humor. He was also a little bit of a con man. Once after finally persuading me to join him in Troop 11 of the Boy Scouts, we had to do a 5 mile hike in order to achieve a rank of second class. Since we hadn't been on one, Jimmy somehow finagled the assistant troop leader that carrying supplies from on a weekend outing made the distance - a whole half a mile. We got the second class rank and made it all the way up to - second class.

At W.I., we drifted apart and never regained our friendship. Many years later I was walking at night toward the Tarrytown Metro North train station, praying that I didn't fall through the wooden pedestrian bridge down to the tracks below, when a police car made a U turn heading toward me. I knew it was Jimmy.

He asked about me, my family, bitched about the things that bothered him, but also found joy in Carol and his sons, and life generally - always finding some way to have a good time .

A year and a half ago, Stew Abramson connected us after after about 40 years. He called me and we reminisced for 20 minutes about the things we did together. It was awkward, but good to hear from him. I planned on seeing him 3 months later when I drove up to Orlando to see Stew and left a voice mail inviting him and Carol to join us for lunch.

Alas, he was going to be away that week. I never got to see him again.

Jimmy, we had some good times together - and some bad ones. But you did what all of us strive for - you lived the life you were meant to live and made the world a better place.

Rest in eternal peace, old friend. Drew Frank

Drew Frank - May 10, 2024 at 06:47 PM

JL

Carol and family please accept my sincere condolence and am so sorry for your loss. Jimmy & I were acquaintances & ran into each other as teenagers. We never really hung out together but had mutual friends that brought us together at different times. I do remember one time when I had just waxed my car & he commented that you could eat of the car it was so clean. As kids we did skate at the Tarrytown lakes & had makeshift hockey games on the lake. Rest in peace Jimmy!

Joe Lofaro - May 11, 2024 at 10:02 AM

YF

“ Your AdventHealth Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of James A. Vincent.



Your AdventHealth Family - May 09, 2024 at 09:24 AM

TF

“ The entire Ziess family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of James A. Vincent.



The entire Ziess family - May 08, 2024 at 03:34 PM

JV

“ Joe and Jette Vincent purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James A. Vincent.



Joe and Jette Vincent - May 07, 2024 at 04:49 PM

FC

“ My Sincere condolences to Carol and your boys, may you rest in peace Jimmy. 🙏



Fran Capocci - May 07, 2024 at 04:31 PM

JC

“ I always thought that Jimmy's silver-tongued wit could have given Don Rickles a run for his money had he not gone down the other Productive Paths that he walked upon after graduating from Sleepy Hollow...a good policeman,a good small businessman,a good husband,father and Pop-Pop,,,,,,you were a unique chum Jimmy,,,very unique,,,,,say Hey to Lofaro up there and I'll know where you are when I get there,,,I'll just follow the direction of the sharp comments about how I'm dressed,,LOL

Jimmy Carroll - May 07, 2024 at 04:06 PM