



## DR. JAMES F. GLEESON

February 15, 1931 - October 24, 2021

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE TO:  
WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>

OR TO

OPERATION SMILE

<https://www.operationsmile.org>

VISITATION:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021

2PM TO 4PM AND 7PM TO 9PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

FUNERAL MASS:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

10AM

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

5635 BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD

OAK RIDGE, NJ 07438

Additionally the funeral mass will be streamed online at: <https://ststthomasjohn>.

org

INTERMENT:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

FOLLOWING FUNERAL MASS

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CEMETERY

ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH

Dr. James "Jim" F. Gleeson, 90 years of age, of the White Lake section of Oak Ridge, New Jersey, passed away on Sunday, October 24, 2021.

He was born on February 15, 1931 in Jersey City, New Jersey to the late Mary (nee Reidy) and James F. Gleeson.

Jim attended the local schools and graduated with a B.S. degree from St. Peter's College in 1952. He proudly served for three years in the US Army overseas in a sensitive position with a Top Secret clearance.

He met his wife Rosina in London where they were married in 1954. After returning to the US, Jim became a teacher in the Kearney, New Jersey school system where he became District Director of Tests and Measurements. He went on to receive a Master's Degree from Seton Hall University and a Doctorate from Rutgers University. He joined the West Milford Township public school system where he served as Supervisor of Instruction, Business Administrator and Superintendent of Schools. He joined Passaic County Tech in 1977 as Superintendent and Business Administrator.

Jim also served numerous years as the head of educational services at Greystone Hospital while also running a successful service business, Rullo & Gleeson Associates.

Jim was a member of numerous professional organizations. He has contributed time to civic causes by serving on an Adult School Board of Directors, Library Board of Directors, Township Zoning Board of Adjustment and Township Planning Board.

He has served on the Board of Directors of N.J. Cystic Fibrosis for three years as Secretary and Vice President.

Jim was an active member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church for 50 years, serving countless charities and organizations.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife Rosina, his loving children Jimmy and his wife Patricia, Cathy and her husband Gene, Rosemary and her husband Jerry, Paul and his wife Teri, and Robert and his wife Dania; his 12 cherished grandchildren Cheryl, Joe, Jim and his wife Claire, Christopher and his fiancée Dominique, Brittany and her husband Daniel, Daniel, Carly, Matthew, Jenny, R.J., Sara, and Brian; and his adored great grandchildren Aiden, Owen, and soon to be born Hunter.

We will greatly miss his unique sense of humor, generosity, wisdom and unconditional love.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, October 29, 2021 from 2-4pm and 7-9pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, New Jersey 07435 (for GPS use 1 Post Place).

A funeral mass will take place on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 10am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

Interment will follow at St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery, adjacent to the church.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Jim's name to: the Wounded Warrior Project <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org> or Operation Smile <https://www.operationssmile.org>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltész Funeral Home  
187 La Rue Road  
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)  
Newfoundland, NJ 07435  
(973) 697-6700  
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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187 La Rue Road  
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)  
Newfoundland, NJ 07435  
(973) 697-6700  
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## Funeral Mass

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church  
5635 Berkshire Valley Road  
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438  
(973) 208-0090

## Interment

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OCT **30**. 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery  
5635 Berkshire Valley Road  
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438  
(973) 208-0090

# Tribute Wall

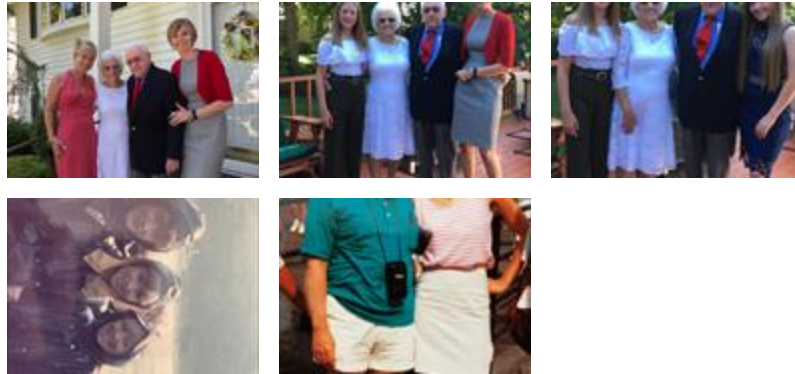
PT

“ We are so sorry to only hear about his passing today (11/22)! As his family, this is upsetting! We send our love and condolences to all as well as our prayers for the immediate family! So very sad!

patricia tomko - November 24, 2021 at 09:53 PM

LG

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Lesley Giles - October 31, 2021 at 04:44 PM

LG

“ Although I knew this time would come, I never allowed myself to think about it. My uncle Jim felt invincible. How could the world continue without him? He was always there, despite the physical miles that separated us. At every stage of my, and my sisters, lives he was by our sides. A steadfast beacon of love and support: never failing to celebrate our successes; providing words of wisdom and encouragement along the way; always present to understand problems and offer help and guidance. It's a times like this that you realise you can draw great comfort from all the laughter, smiles and good times we shared. He went out of his way to create those memories and I hope he knows how much they, and he meant to me. I will always remember his fantastic sense of humour and the wonderful stories he told – seeing the funny side of life was so important. It goes without saying that I will miss him enormously, but I am so glad that I can reflect on all the special times we spent together. They are my individual keepsake, with which I will never part, and they will always hold a very special place in my heart. Uncle Jim thank you – I love you!

*Do not stand at my grave and weep  
I am not there; I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sun on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush,  
Of quiet birds in circled flight,  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry.  
I am not there I did not die*

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**Lesley Giles** - October 31, 2021 at 03:31 PM



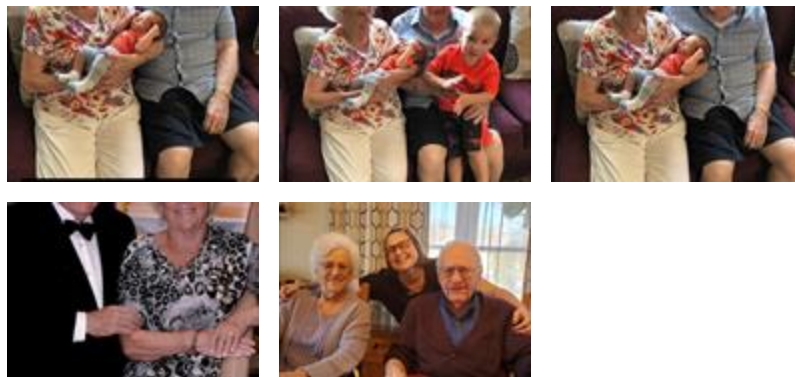
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of DR. JAMES F. GLEESON.



October 29, 2021 at 06:29 AM



“ You were, and always will be the protector, and guiding light for this family. Today you have left us, but please know you have left footsteps here so we can make you proud, and pass down your legacy to all the generations to come. Thank you for being my real life superhero. You have always given me the power, and strength to keep up my fight for my life, and hopefully I will do you proud to continue to live each and every day with no regrets, and make something of myself. I will always, and forever replay your last words to me in my head. "I will see you again on the other side." R.I.P. Poppy 💔



Cheryl Patterson - October 28, 2021 at 09:45 PM

CR

*Dear Jimmy, Patty and Family,  
Prayerful thoughts go with you today because you are so special, good and kind friends. Just thinking about you today and hoping you can cherish all your treasured memories to ease your pain. Sincere condolences to you both and your family. So sorry.*

*Love,  
Cheryl Rudinski*

Cheryl Rudinski - October 31, 2021 at 01:42 AM

JJ

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Jerry Jansen - October 28, 2021 at 08:01 PM

JJ

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jerry Jansen - October 28, 2021 at 07:58 PM



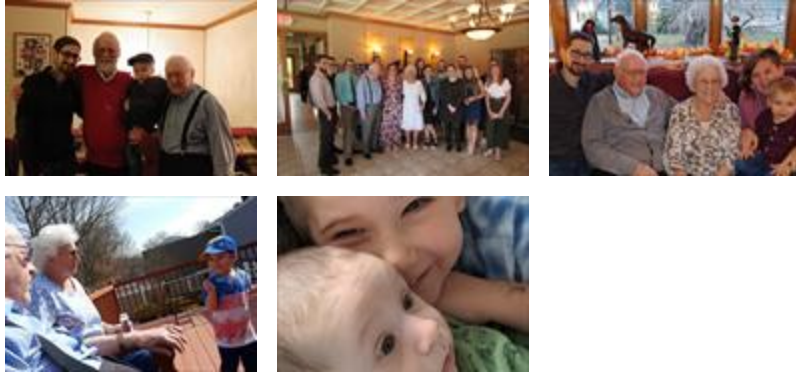
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of DR. JAMES F. GLEESON.*



October 28, 2021 at 07:00 PM



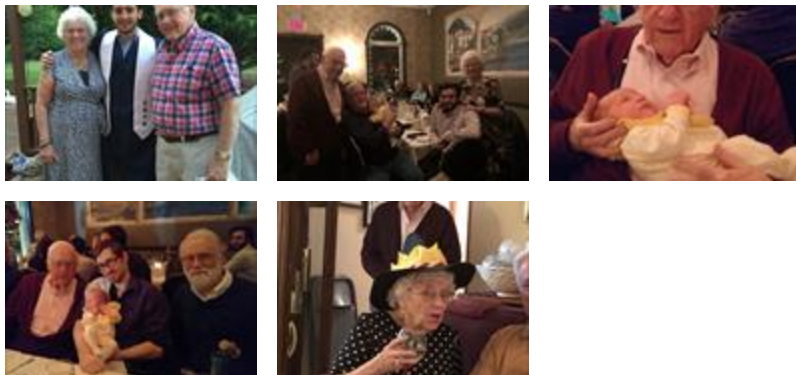
“ Thank you for all the wonderful memories. The boys and I will miss our lunch dates. My boys are better for having met you. RIP PopPop



Claire Gleeson - October 28, 2021 at 01:09 AM



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Dania - October 27, 2021 at 09:48 PM

ME

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Melanie** - October 27, 2021 at 08:15 AM

“ *The Dash*  
by Linda Ellis

*I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning to the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth  
and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.  
So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change?*

*For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.*

*To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.  
If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,  
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.*

*So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash,*

*Would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?*

*My dear uncle lived his dash in the best possible way. He had an incredible zest for life, a love of learning, a great sense of humour and a genuine interest in people. Above all, he was a devoted family man. The memories he worked hard to create will be cherished forever. He can be very proud of his dash and I am honoured and grateful to have been a part of it. All my love now and forever,  
Melanie x*

**Melanie** - October 27, 2021 at 08:13 AM

CP

*This poem holds a special spot in Cheryl's life as well.*

**cathy patterson** - October 27, 2021 at 04:02 PM

MB

*After I retired, Jim kept after me to travel, even suggesting the travel company; he and Rosina travelled everywhere - China, Egypt, Africa. I still haven't done those trips, but have enjoyed a lot of Europe. Thanks Jim, for being the special man you were. You will be missed. We'll keep Rosina busy. Love and hugs, Mary Buda*

**Mary Buda** - October 28, 2021 at 12:51 PM

JC

*Will always remember Rosina and Jim with us in the back of the bus in China. So many laughs and so many good times. He will be greatly missed! With Love, John and Eileen*

**John and Eileen Convery** - October 28, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of DR. JAMES F. GLEESON.*



October 26, 2021 at 07:23 PM