



James M. Kenny

January 3, 1958 - February 20, 2019

COLEBROOK — James M. Kenny, 61, of Colebrook, died peacefully at home with his family by his side on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019, after a 3-year, hard-fought and courageous battle with brain cancer.

He was born in Lowell, Mass., on Jan. 3, 1958, the son of the late John and Mary (Murphy) Kenny.

Jim grew up all over NH and VT, and attended schools in New Hampton, Fairlee, and Candia, but every summer was spent at camp on Diamond Pond in Stewartstown. He graduated from Woodstock Union High School in 1976 and from St. Michael's College in Winooski, VT, in 1980. He was in the Air Force ROTC program in college and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force. His career began at Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA, where he went through Navigator Training, then on to Loring AFB in Maine as a member of the B-52 squadron. Jim crosstrained into FB-111s at Plattsburgh AFB, was stationed at Pease AFB in Portsmouth, NH, with the 509th Bomb Wing/715th Bomb Squadron. He ended his 12-year career as an instructor back at Mather AFB, separating from the Air Force in July 1992 at the rank of Major.

In July 1992 he and his family bought the Northern Comfort Motel in Colebrook which he ran with love and pride until he was diagnosed in June of 2016 with glioblastoma. Jim was very involved in the community, serving as the Commander of the American Legion Post 62, President of the North Country Chamber of Commerce, and President of the Bungy Beavers Snowmobile Club before they merged with the Colebrook Ski-Bees. He was also involved in the Little League program as a coach to many area students.

Jim loved to snowmobile, hunt, fish, and travel with his family. He loved his Red Sox and bringing his sons to spring training games each year. He was an avid reader and loved history, especially World War II. He will be remembered for his infectious smile and his positive attitude.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Lisa (Kelley) Kenny, his two sons Brian of Dover, NH, and John of Colebrook; his sister Kathy Kenny of Windsor, VT; brothers John of Colebrook, Tom and wife Jenny of Groverton, IN, and Bill and wife Nancy of Truckee, CA; his mother-in-law, Irene Kelley of Middlebury, VT; sister-in-law Karen Kelley of Pretoria, South Africa; his brother-in-law Jeff Kelley of Middlebury, VT, as well as nieces and nephews.

At Jim's request, there will be no public calling hours or service. There will be a burial in the spring at the Bridgewater, VT, cemetery with military honors, as well as a Celebration of Life at a future date, of which notice will be given.

Memorial contributions in Jim's memory may be made to the Colebrook Ski-Bees Snowmobile Club, P.O. box 125, Colebrook, NH 03576; or the North Country Home Health & Hospice, 536 Cottage St., Littleton, NH 03561.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Just found out about Jim’s passing by way of an internet search. As a 30 plus year guest at the motel, I send my condolences to the Kenny family. Jim was always able to remember me as the guy who came up from Mexico. He will be missed.

Mark Ackerman - November 22, 2019 at 06:33 PM

CR

“ With Sympathy from Diamond Pond. The Roys

Cindy Roy - March 10, 2019 at 09:07 PM

PS

“ Deepest Sympathies to the Kenny family.

Pam & Jason Smith - March 02, 2019 at 09:42 PM

TI

“ Lisa - Kathy and I are so sad to hear about Jims passing. Jim was sheer joy to work with. When he entered any room – the room immediately filled with positivity. Jim never took himself too seriously but he was a giant among the many men and women that made up our close-knit FB-111 community. From the flight line to the Officers club, Jim made sure we never forgot how fortunate we were to be USAF Officers and aviators. His spirit lifted everyone around him and he never ever ran out of stories to tell. Tell your boys that their Dad was a man of courage, character, and humility. He was admired and respected by all and he never let his ego get the better of him. We are all blessed to have known him and spent time with him on the ground as well as in the air. I hope you will celebrate his life in a special way – because he was one-of-a-kind - a truly special man. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers in the days to come. Your sons would do well to carry on their Dad’s legacy.

Sincerely – Tony and Kathy Imondi

Tony Imondi - February 27, 2019 at 07:40 PM

JB

“ Sincere sympathy to the Kenny Family..

Hasen and Jeannine Burns.

Jeannine Burns - February 27, 2019 at 09:18 AM

EC

“ I’m sorry to hear about Jim Lisa, I know it’s been a long battle, he was certainly a great guy, I always think of watching the school ball games when the boys were young with Jim, it was always a lot of laughs and fun! He’ll certainly be missed

Ed Carrier - February 27, 2019 at 01:09 AM

DJ

“ As an FB-1111 “crew dog”, I remember Jim’s sense of humor, easy nature and mirthful smile, even amid stressful challenges. I imagine about now, he’s alongside a pristine lake with a fishing pole before a heavenly sunset. He was one-in-a-million and I’m grateful to have known this special man.

Daren Jack - February 26, 2019 at 11:31 PM

RR

My condolences, I met Jim about 10 years ago when we started staying at the Northern Comfort while snowmobiling. We soon found out we were both Air Force veterans and both were at Pease he as a pilot and me an air traffic controller and an instant friendship from that day on. Just got up here for a trip and found out about my friend.

Royce Rankin - March 11, 2019 at 10:07 PM

DR

“ Dear Friend and Brother for life. We served side by side flying the FB-111 in the USAF. This world lost a great one! My wife Becky and I continue to pray for Lisa, Brian, John and all of the Kenny’s and may God bless them with his strength and grace.



Dave Rutkewic - February 26, 2019 at 04:08 PM

GR

“ Jim was one of the truly good guys of this world. I was more because I knew him; the world is less for his passing.

Glenn A Rowley - February 26, 2019 at 03:36 PM

JB

“ Farewell my friend- Rest In Peace.

joe breen - February 26, 2019 at 12:19 PM

JB

“ *My deepest condolences to the Kenny family. I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a wonderful man, and I enjoyed talking with him about various things around town. He certainly will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Judy Hunt Budge - February 26, 2019 at 06:21 AM

SC

“ *Our north country has been enriched by Jim and the Kenny family in many ways over the years. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts are with you. Hugs!*

Stacey Campbell - February 25, 2019 at 10:40 AM

KR

“ *Kelley Rancourt lit a candle in memory of James M. Kenny*




kelley rancourt - February 25, 2019 at 10:02 AM

VB

“ *I will never forget the good times we've had. Jim and Lisa faced this challenge with the utmost grace, dignity and at times, even humor. Mike and I will miss you so much Jim..*

Valerie and Mike Bean - February 25, 2019 at 09:55 AM

 Doris Brock

“ *Doris Brock lit a candle in memory of James M. Kenny*



Doris Brock - February 24, 2019 at 07:16 AM

 Doris Brock

Lisa - though I never met you, I a hoping we get an opportunity to meet. I am so sorry for your loss. I cannot tell you how much his loss touched me. My heart goes out to you and I pray you find some comfort in the days ahead. In my heart today and the days ahead of you.

Doris Brock - February 24, 2019 at 07:18 AM

GR

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Glenn A Rowley - February 26, 2019 at 03:35 PM

CH

“ *Craig And Tina Hamelin lit a candle in memory of James M. Kenny*



Craig and Tina Hamelin - February 23, 2019 at 04:31 PM

SG

“ *Dear Lisa and family,*

We first met Jim coming to the area to snowmobile. He was one of the few places that would accept our beloved mini schnauzer - Hans. He was a wonderful man, very kind, warm and gracious, and he loved to tell his stories. He was most proud of his family, and we always looked forward to our visits. In later years, when our snowmobile ventures took us further north, Jim would ride his snowmobile up every year on 'closing day' at the Deer Mtn. Warming Hut just to see us and it meant so much that he would do that. I think secretly he wanted a hot dog too. Our sincere thoughts are with you all, Jim will always be a wonderful legend in the North Country and greatly missed by anyone that knew him.

Bob and Sue Gaudette, Alton, NH

Sue Gaudette - February 22, 2019 at 02:17 PM

 Wes
Lavin

“ *Dear Lisa and family,*

Jim meant so much to me over the years. I looked forward to chatting with him when visiting Colebrook. He always seemed to have a smile on his face and be very upbeat. His passing is not only a great loss for his family but also for the community.

He truly was a man of quality.

Wes Lavin

Wes Lavin - February 22, 2019 at 01:45 PM

Valerie
Mahnke

“ Valerie Mahnke lit a candle in memory of James M. Kenny



Valerie Mahnke - February 22, 2019 at 11:29 AM

MJ

“ So very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I always knew him as a cheerful, upbeat guy. He always had a smile for me. The community and the world will miss his joyful energy. Sending love and support to the entire family. Michele Johnsen

Michele Johnsen - February 22, 2019 at 08:58 AM

RD

“ Rita Donnell lit a candle in memory of James M. Kenny



Rita Donnell - February 21, 2019 at 08:50 PM

MG

“ Dear Lisa and family,
Our sincere condolences to you and your entire family. He was a good man. He will be missed by many people. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Michael and Melanie Gray - February 21, 2019 at 07:33 PM

CF

“ Dear Lisa and family-
My sincere condolences to you all for your loss. Jim was loved by all and will surely be missed. May all your wonderful memories help at this time and always to comfort you and warm your heart.

Carolyn Foss - February 21, 2019 at 06:11 PM

DB

“ *Lisa and family our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Keep all the great memories close to the heart and alive.
Sending hugs*



Debbie Boivin - February 21, 2019 at 05:55 PM

LB

“ *Lisa and Family,
So sorry to hear about Jim. He was a great man with an infectious smile! Our
prayer and thoughts are with you during this difficult time.
Lisa, Michael, Katelyn and Nicholas Bouchard*

Lisa Bouchard - February 21, 2019 at 04:48 PM