



James Edward Walsh

October 31, 1922 - May 4, 2014

James Edward Walsh, 91, of Towanda, Pennsylvania passed away peacefully at home early Sunday morning, May 4, 2014.

Jim, known to his friends as “Shanty”, was born on October 31, 1922, to Mary C. and James B. Walsh and is the last survivor of six children. His five siblings, Thomas, Robert and Mary Jane Walsh, Marjorie Schmeckenbecher, and Patricia Costello preceded him in death. He was also predeceased by his son John, who died in 2009.

Jim attended Saint Agnes School and graduated from Towanda high School. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps with service in the South Pacific during World War II. Upon discharge he returned to Towanda in 1946 and began work at the former W.T. Grant Store and Sylvania Electric in Towanda.

He married the former Marie E. McSparron on May 22, 1948 at the Epiphany Church in Sayre, Pennsylvania. In 1955 he was employed by the United States Postal Service as a rural route carrier until his retirement in 1982. His mail route patrons would always remark that they knew Jim was on his way with the mail when they heard whistling from his vehicle a mile down the road.

Jim was also a sales representative for Nationwide Insurance Company and

established a business with his son James B. Walsh.

Jim was a member of the SS. Peter and Paul Church in Towanda. He was a member of the Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus and former president of the Saint Agnes P.T.G. He was also instrumental in raising funds to build the present Saint Agnes School built in 1962. Jim was also a member of the Towanda American Legion, a former member of the Towanda Borough Council and was a volunteer for the Towanda Ambulance Association.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; sons Michael (Rozanne), James (Linda), and Joseph of Towanda. David (Grace) of Oakland, CA, and daughter Mary Ann of El Paso, TX. He was the proud grandfather of seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Additionally he is survived by four sisters-in-law, Carol Wichtowski of Elmira, NY, Pauline McSparron of Sayre, PA, Betty Walsh of Rochester, NY and Mary McSparron of Tonawanda, NY, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A Mass celebrating Jim's life will be held Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 11:30 A.M. at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Third St., Towanda. Towanda American Legion Post No. 42 will accord military honors at the church. Calling hours preceding the Mass will be held 9-11 A.M. Thursday at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be offered to Saint Agnes School, 102 Third Street, Towanda, Pennsylvania 18848.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Service

MAY 8. 11:30 AM (ET)

S.S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church
106 Third Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ *James Edward Walsh* ”

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *James Edward Walsh* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *James Edward Walsh* ”

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *James Edward Walsh* ”

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *James Edward Walsh* ”

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

JC

“ Dear Marie, Mike, Jim, Joe, David, Mary Ann,
I was saddened to hear the news about Shanty. He was always such an affable man with a big heart and a warm smile. He was often organizing activities for the Fourth Street kids. The St. Agnes BBQs and other events at the school always had his imprint. Please know that my family sends love and prayers in remembrance of a wonderful man and a great neighbor.

Warmest Regards,
Jack Calaman

Jack Calaman - May 12, 2014 at 05:44 PM

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“ Our beloved mailman. I just found out about Shanty from Diane Place's post on Caring Bridge. His whistling friendliness made him a hit on our route. He never failed to ask about my mom, Louise Benjamin, when I saw him in Tops or K-mart. He will be missed. Blessings on him for his part in the St. Agnes School. That school is part of his legacy. There will be much whistling in Heaven. May God give his family strength and comfort.

Elaine & Nelson Silverstrim - May 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

MR

“ My deepest sympathy to Mike and his family. Margo Roof

Margo Roof - May 07, 2014 at 09:26 AM