



## Jamie V. McPherson

December 7, 1935 - May 13, 2016

Jamie V. McPherson 12/7/35-5/13/16

Jamie V. McPherson of Towanda passed away unexpectedly at the Robert Packer Hospital on May 13, 2016. Born in Sayre, PA on December 7, 1935 he was the son of Vernon and Mable Chaffee McPherson. Jamie graduated from Towanda High School in 1953, attended Lafayette University and later transferred to Mansfield University to be closer to his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Virginia Spina. Married on June 3, 1956, they resided on Second Street in Towanda until building their home on Bridge Street Hill in 1963 where they raised their three children. Jamie began his teaching career in 1957 in the Troy School District. He received his Master's Degree from Elmira College and began teaching high school mathematics at Towanda High School. His educational career spanned twenty-five years during which he was well respected for his teaching abilities and helping his students to succeed in math. He loved the outdoors and in 1982 began a new position as a letter carrier for the Towanda Post Office until his retirement. Jamie enjoyed the many people he met on his various mail routes in town and also knew the names of their dogs, often carrying biscuits with him for his canine friends. Up until the time of his death he could recall almost any street address.

Jamie had a strong faith in the Lord. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Towanda for more than sixty years where he had served as an Elder and confirmation mentor. He sang in the Chancel Choir since high school and was recently honored for his many year of choir service.

He was a gifted bass and tenor singer. He sang many solos and also duets with Virginia over the years. Music was a large part of their life together. He played the trumpet in high school band and orchestra and could play the piano by ear. He also sang in a local barbershop quartet for many years. Jamie was a dedicated member of the Masonic Lodge. He was Past Worshipful Master of Union Wyalusing Lodge #108, and also a member of Chapter Knights Templar and Scottish Rite.

Jamie enjoyed golf and was a member of the Towanda Country Club for many years. He played in various tournaments and leagues over the years and enjoyed announcing at the TCC Invitational each August. Following retirement, his love of math prompted him to provide private tutoring and brought him back to the classroom to teach math at the community college level. He enjoyed gardening and made various outdoor Christmas decorations for their home. He loved dogs and passed this love for them on to his children. He enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys and was an avid Syracuse Orangemen basketball fan. He and Virginia enjoyed many winters in Lakeshore, Florida and also family vacations to Corolla, NC with their children. Jamie was a loving husband and father. His wit and unwavering dedication to those he loved will be greatly missed.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia and son Jay McPherson (Julie) of Georgia, Heather McPherson (Steve Davenport) of West Pittston, PA and Dawn (Michael) Terasavage of Towanda, as well as several cousins who were very special to him. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 5 Court St in Towanda. Union Wyalusing Lodge No. 108 will hold a service of remembrance Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Interment will be private in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Towanda. Memorials may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church in Towanda or an animal rescue/shelter of one's choice in Jamie's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

100 Oak Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 17.** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

**MAY 18.** 7:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
5 Court Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jamie V. McPherson*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Jamie V. McPherson*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Jamie V. McPherson*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Jamie V. McPherson*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Jamie V. McPherson*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *My condolences and sympathies to the entire McPherson and Davenport families! My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. - Chester Mummau, Wyalusing, PA*



**Chester Mummau** - May 18, 2016 at 10:23 PM

RH

“ He was a tough teacher, but my favorite, which I finally got the chance to tell him a couple of years ago. As an algebra teacher he taught me to "prove it" , which I have carried with me and used for the last 50 years. He will be missed.

*Roger Hemenway*

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**Roger Hemenway** - May 18, 2016 at 09:40 AM

TH

“ Great memories of all that Mr. McPherson has done over the years and all the lives he has touched. My condolences to the family. Tom Hinkson

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**Tom Hinkson** - May 17, 2016 at 09:49 PM

JL

“ To the family members of Jamie and my favorite cousin by marriage Virginia. I will miss Jamie tremendously, but have great memories I will cherish. I am so glad we had the opportunity to have the cousins reunions. I am sorry we cannot be there at this time but the miles between us are keeping us from coming. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love to all. Jonna and Bill

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**Jonna Looney** - May 17, 2016 at 01:01 PM



“ *The McPherson family  
No Matter how old we are,  
Losing a loved one is one of the deepest sorrows a heart can know,  
But his goodness, his caring and his wisdom lives on...  
Like a legacy of love that will always be with you.  
God Bless to all.*

*The Thomas family*

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**Shana Rene** - May 16, 2016 at 07:33 PM



“ *Dear Heather,  
Thinking of you and your family with deepest sympathy.  
Laura Hainley*

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**Laura Hainley** - May 16, 2016 at 04:46 PM



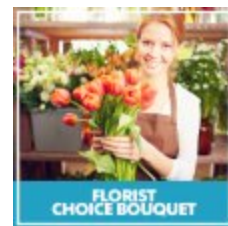
“ *our thoughts and prayers are with Virginia and family...Gena and  
Ray Perry*

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**ray perry** - May 15, 2016 at 05:39 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Jamie V. McPherson.*



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May 15, 2016 at 04:44 PM

LK

“ Jay and family -  
So sorry to read the news of your father's passing. Such a wonderful man who touched so very many lives.  
-Lori Kilmer

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**Lori Kilmer** - May 15, 2016 at 04:27 PM

EM

“ Mr. McPherson was a memorable teacher. He pushed and pushed and I distinctly remember "getting it", which I knew made him proud. I also sang with him in the choir and always marveled at his deep bass voice. To the entire McPherson family, my thoughts are with you. Eric Mullendore Chicago IL

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**Eric Mullendore** - May 15, 2016 at 01:54 PM

KL

“ The Towanda Class of 1972 extends its sympathies to the Jamie McPherson Family on the passing of their Husband and Father. Jamie was our Class Advisor in 1972 and a friend to many of us after our High School years. He and his wife Virginia attended many of our Class Reunions. We will miss you our friend.

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**Keith Eugene Long** - May 15, 2016 at 12:36 PM