



## James "Jim" Malley

December 2, 1949 - September 13, 2017

MALLEY, James Patrick "Jim" - age 67, of West Cape May NJ, and formerly of North Wales, PA died surrounded by loved ones on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at Keystone House Hospice, Wyndmoor, PA, where he spent the last 8 days of his life. Jim began his battle with kidney cancer in 2006, and five years ago, it metastasized to a tumor at the base of his spine. Jim fought bravely to keep his life and his family's life unchanged the last five years in spite of his disease and pain.

Most important to Jim was his family. Jim leaves his loving wife of 34 years, Marikay, his loving children, Liam, Philadelphia, PA, and Grace (Tony) Schiazza, Havertown, PA, and his grandson, Luca James Schiazza, who was born the week after Jim's passing, but joyfully awaited by Jim during his final months of life.

Jim was the son of Patrick Malley, County Donegal, Ireland, who came to the U.S. when he was 22 years old to work as a farm hand and eventually caretaker at The Highlands Estates in Blue Bell, PA, and Katharine "Katie" Duffy Malley, who sailed to the U.S. from County Mayo, Ireland when she was 16 years old. Jim grew up on the Highlands with his parents and brothers, Jack Malley (Ambler, PA) and Frank Malley (formerly of Philadelphia, PA, who pre-deceased Jim in 2009).

Jim graduated from Lansdale Catholic High School, Lansdale, PA, where he was a member of the cross county team. Jim received a BS in History from Parsons College, Iowa, and a Masters in Special Education from Slippery Rock University.

Jim began his career as a Special Education Teacher at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Norristown, PA, and then continued his teaching career at North Penn School District, Lansdale, PA, where he was also department chairperson, and soccer coach at Pennbrook Middle School. He was then promoted to Special Education Supervisor at North Penn. During his tenure at North Penn School District, Jim was also Administrator of the North Penn Alternative School. He was Student Services Liaison for the North Penn Parent Council, secondary Guidance Counselors, and Special Education

Transportation. Jim then moved to Wissahickon High School, Ambler, PA, as Supervisor, Special Education. Jim was also a Graduate Instructor at Gwynedd Mercy University. After his retirement from Wissahickon, Jim worked at Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit in Allentown, PA for four years, where he was a principal, Alternative School, and Supervisor, Special Education.

Jim was actively involved in the Council for Exceptional Children (C.E.C.) and served as a past Chapter President, and Regional Director. He received the C.E.C. Honor Award twice during his career. While at North Penn School District, Jim received the Superintendent's Honor Roll Award. Jim was an active participant in years past of the Multiple Sclerosis 150 Mile Bike Tour, receiving the Five Year Alumni Award.

Throughout Jim's career in special education, his entire focus was always on helping his students - to be their advocate in the system, to be their educator, their mentor, and their friend. Many students went on to graduation, and on to a better path in life because of the oversight of Jim Malley.

Jim and Marikay vacationed each summer in Cape May, NJ, with their children, and fulfilled their dream three years ago when Jim retired, moving permanently to their home in Cape May. The past few years, Jim worked part-time at the Cape May Peanut Butter Co. in Cape May.

We will always remember Jim for his kindness, his patience, his positive outlook, his sense of humor, his Irish pride, his outgoing personality, his love of newspapers, his handlebar mustache, and his love of family. He was truly one of a kind.

Jim's Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on October 21, 2017 at 11 AM in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 525 Washington St., Cape May, NJ where Jim's family will receive friends from 9:30 AM until 10:50 AM. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Cape May.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made through [www.inmemoryof-memorial.org/jim-malley](http://www.inmemoryof-memorial.org/jim-malley) to benefit The Special Olympics, Montgomery County, PA or to Keystone House Hospice, Wyndmoor, PA.

# Cemetery

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## St. Mary's Cemetery

1056 Seashore Road

Cape May (Lower Township), NJ,

# Events

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**OCT** **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:50AM

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Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

525 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ, US

**OCT** **Service** 11:00AM

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Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

525 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ, US

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Spilker Funeral Home** - October 21, 2017 at 10:24 AM



“ 1981..some have gone and some remain..

**Timothy** - October 29, 2017 at 01:23 AM



“ A beautiful tribute to a wonderful life

**Timothy** - October 29, 2017 at 01:25 AM



“ It simply cannot be that this wonderful man, so full of life and with so much joy and kindness to share...is gone. I wish the Malley family my deepest sympathy as your loss is just awful. Jim was my special ed supervisor at North Penn and he was a treasure! Yep- he was always running late and had tons of issues to deal with before he might get to yours, but he took care of the important things. And he always made it a point to visit our life skills class...calling each student by name. He was so good at making everyone feel special. I admired Jim professionally and enjoyed his friendship personally... I know he cherished his family and your photo tribute does an incredible job of illustrating the joy you all brought to his life. I am so very sad he suffered through the pain and grief of cancer...it is just not fair that a man so full of life could be stricken with that horrid disease. While we hurt because Jim is gone at least we know his body is finally free of illness and he is completely healed- living life among the angels. Your family is in my prayers as you also begin to heal from this terrible loss.

Warmest regards,  
Joanna Kemp

**Joanna Kemp** - October 20, 2017 at 09:57 AM

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“ 190 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Spilker Funeral Home** - October 17, 2017 at 03:40 PM



“ The world will miss this kind man with a gentle soul and so will we.

Our condolences to the Malley family.

With deepest sympathy, Linda and Chris Barr

**Linda L. Barr** - October 17, 2017 at 08:55 PM

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“ Hi Marikay and family - we just learned the news of Jim's passing. We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this incredibly difficult time of grief. We have many fond memories of Jim and your family from our Sunrise Drive days. May the memories you have of Jim sustain you all during the upcoming days and months. With warmest regards, Joe & Diane McCabe

**Diane McCabe** - September 27, 2017 at 11:51 AM

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“ Extending my deepest condolences to the Malley family. My life crossed Jim's several times during our professional careers. We were both special education administrators, college instructors at GMU, and fellow alums of SRU. Truly a decent guy who made the world a better place and no doubt will be missed by many.  
Bruce R. Taylor

**Bruce R Taylor** - September 27, 2017 at 05:51 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Jim two years ago at Cape May Peanut Butter Co. I was also interning at Cape May Stage, and Jim was so supportive of my endeavors. I loved working with him and I loved getting to know him.

**Mary Darling** - September 26, 2017 at 10:47 PM

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“ I am very saddened by the new of Jim passing. I worked with Jim last summer at Cape May Peanut Butter Co. He was one of the nicest people I've ever met! He was kind, funny, and always willing to help. My heart goes out to his family. I am sending his family love and light during this difficult time.



**Heather Hatala** - September 26, 2017 at 08:38 PM

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“ Jim was a good friend and colleague. I had the pleasure of knowing him for over 30 years and working closely with him at the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate for four. The friendship continued after our retirements. I enjoyed his dedication, sense of humor and positive attitude. My deepest sympathy to his family. He will be sorely missed.  
Jack Houser

**Jack Houser** - September 26, 2017 at 09:00 AM