



## James S. Toman

July 25, 1957 - July 25, 2024

On the day of his 67th birthday, Jim Toman, son of Donald Ball and Mary Toman, peacefully left his loving family and friends to start his new chapter. His famous heart and iron will, gave us many more years of laughter and memories than we ever thought possible. We are grateful.

He was blessed to spend 44 years of marriage with the love of his life, his best friend, his wife, Debra Samsa Toman. Oh, the laughter they shared! He cherished their daughter, Chelsea, with every breath of his life. She shared her partner, Chris Harrigan, Jim's project buddy, with him. He was loved by the best.

Also remaining behind are sisters, Linda Ball (Tom Griffith) and Donna Ball; brother, John Ball (Kelly); and the loving steps, Tim (Lisa) and Michelle (Tracie) Toman. He set a course for his nephews, Micah Adams and Jake Midlar (Brenda, Bradley and Zooey) during the years of their childhood and beyond.

He is also survived by nieces, Amanda (Kevin) Cole and Laura (Tim) Keefe; cousin, Beverly Ball Storms and family; the Samsa family: Stanley, Marcia, Bob, Edward and their children. He was thankful for his time with Chelsea's oldest friends, Tim, Mike and James who have always supplied laughter, love and support for so many years; and dear friends from his years at the

Onondaga County Sheriff's Department and the Sheraton University Hotel at Syracuse University where he was Director of Security since 2002.

The family is grateful to the staff at Unit 1-5 at St. Joseph's Hospital and Dana and Gina at the SJH Heart Failure Clinic, for these last weeks.

Calling hours will be held Sunday, July 28th from 4 to 6 pm at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St, Camillus. Services and burial will be private.

Please sign his guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **28**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home  
10 W. Genesee Street  
Camillus, NY 13031  
(315) 672-3400  
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<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments created a Tribute Video in memory of James S. Toman*



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**B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments** - July 28, 2024 at 08:20 PM

TC

*My Deepest Sympathies to the entire family and a big condolence Hug for Deb and Chelsie. I have known Jim and Deb for years working with the best realtor in the world Mary Toman. They became part of my family. Jim was the warmest nicest and funniest teddy bear ever!! I used to call him Big Daddy and he loved that nickname. He would put that on his cell phone in my name so he knew it was me calling. We had the biggest laughs. God Bless him and I pray for his entire family. Love , Your friend Trish*

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**Trish Cazzolli** - July 30, 2024 at 02:27 PM

AM

“ *Alice M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James S. Toman.*

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**Alice M.** - July 29, 2024 at 04:41 PM

PS

“ To Jim’s family,  
You don’t know me but my name is Patti Sparks and I am writing first of all to pass on my heartfelt and sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one and secondly, say the Lord has beckoned me to share something He put upon my heart to help you heal from your overwhelming loss. Jim’s birthday will be a double celebration for you once the pain of loss has lessened; you will remember that day as the day he was birthed onto and into his earthly home with his earthly family and also, the day he was birthed into his Heavenly home celebrating with his Heavenly Father! He won’t want you sad because “he fought the good fight and won his race”! Nothing and no one can ever hurt him again!  
I shall keep you and yours in my prayers! God bless you with His healing balm!

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**Patti Sparks** - July 28, 2024 at 05:02 PM

MT

“ Toman Family

*I am saddened by the loss of Jim. In 2009 after retiring from the SPD I began working for Syracuse University in there Public Safety Department. This is when I met Jim. We leaned on each other and communicated often whether it was dealing with a student or a visitor. Jim did his job with grace and dignity but most of all he was fair. When dealing with our students Jim was respectful and understood we were all kids at one time. I am truly going to miss Jim and I can rest assure you he is in a good place in god’s hands. Signal 94 Jim may you rest in peace.*

*God bless  
Mike Toia*

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**Mike Toia** - July 28, 2024 at 02:00 PM

MM

“ May the fond memories of your loved one, Jim, bring you solace and peace. Growing up in Tipperary Hill, I remember Linda, Donna & Johnny. Good people. And I was genuinely grateful for Jim’s mom Mary Toman’s expertise, assistance, and friendship when selling my home.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn (Tickner) McNamara

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**Marilyn McNamara** - July 28, 2024 at 11:59 AM

JS

“ Very sorry for your loss. Rocky & Josh

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**Josh Sahler** - July 28, 2024 at 11:20 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James S. Toman.



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July 28, 2024 at 08:17 AM

JS

“ John, Deb, Lindsay, Shannon, Sam’s, Shiv purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of James S. Toman.



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**John, Deb, Lindsay, Shannon, Sam’s, Shiv** - July 28, 2024 at 06:10 AM

BF

“ Beverly Ball Storms, Don Storms, and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James S. Toman.



Beverly Ball Storms, Don Storms, and family - July 27, 2024 at 09:42 PM

BF

“ Beverly Ball Storms, Don Storms, and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James S. Toman.

Beverly Ball Storms, Don Storms, and family - July 27, 2024 at 09:42 PM

BE

“ Jim was my boss at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel. He was the best boss I have ever had. Very caring and understanding. RIP Jim. You lived a great life.

Bernie - July 27, 2024 at 06:54 PM

KW

“ Debbie and Chelsea my thoughts are with you and your family.



Karen Williams - July 27, 2024 at 05:04 PM

TS

“ Thinking of you in your time of need ❤️  
Terry and JoAnne Souva



Terry and Joanne Souva - July 27, 2024 at 05:04 PM

PC

“ I never got to meet Jim, but know his sister Donna and she has always said Jim was a bundle of laughs and a kind and loving brother. I am so sorry for your loss and wish you peace. Patty Cramer - friend of Donna Ball

Patty Cramer - July 27, 2024 at 12:24 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James S. Toman.



July 26, 2024 at 11:34 PM

TS

“ The brothers and sisters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James S. Toman.

The brothers and sisters - July 26, 2024 at 11:34 PM

DB

“ Jim was my younger brother for the past 67 years. He was a wonderful husband and father and brother to everyone in his family and we will miss him all our lives. He left us all too soon, but his large and brave heart sustained him until this week when he passed on his 67th birthday. I know he is at peace now out there in his cosmic resting place, another shining bright star in the heavens. Rest in peace Jim. I love you and you'll always be in my heart.  
Donna

Donna Ball - July 26, 2024 at 10:31 PM

DK

When I initially met Jim, little did I know how deeply Jim would impact my life! He and Debbie welcomed me into their family. Always blessing me with his wit and wisdom! I am so bless. Jim was a shining star here on earth! A dedicated and loving husband and father. And extended love and care to his family members. My deepest sympathies and love to Debbie and Chelsea and family members. I miss you, Jim. Thank you for being in my life.

Deborah L. Kozielec - July 27, 2024 at 01:21 AM

DB

“ Rest in Peace Jim out there in the cosmos, another bright shining star in the heavens. I will miss you forever. Love, Donna

Donna Ball - July 26, 2024 at 10:29 PM

DB

“ Donna Ball lit a candle in memory of James S. Toman



Donna Ball - July 26, 2024 at 10:27 PM