



Mr. James J. Pyra

July 23, 1948 - April 12, 2026

Mr. James J. Pyra, 77, of Adams, died on Sunday, April 12, 2026, at Albany Medical Center.

He was born in Pittsfield on July 23, 1948, son of the late Edward and Jane (Danecki) Pyra. He attended schools in Adams and graduated from the former Adams Memorial High School with the class of 1967. He then went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics in 1971 and his master's in education in 1977, both from the former North Adams State College.

Jim was a mathematics teacher for many years for the Pittsfield Public School District, having worked at PHS, Crosby, Reid and eventually retiring from Taconic High School.

Jim was a communicant of St. Mary's of the Assumption Church, Cheshire. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, the former Carole A. St. Cyr, whom he married on September 7, 1970; his son Jacob Pyra and his fiancé Renee Durfee of Pittsfield; his daughter Beth Delaney of Lincoln Park, NJ and by many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother Gerald Pyra and by his sister Lorraine Robinson.

He enjoyed cooking for his friends and family, and being outdoors whether it was walking, hiking, biking or snowshoeing. Jim was also a devoted kayaker and proudly participated several times in the Great Josh Billings Run-Aground. He was an avid New York Giants fan and never missed a game whether he wanted to or not. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and most recently developed a love for cruises. He adored all animals, especially his

former grand-dogs Winston (English Bulldog) and Toby (Dachshund) and never shied away from taking them for walks or rides.

The funeral will be held on Monday, April 20th at 10:00 A.M. in St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Cheshire. Burial will be at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Calling hours are Sunday from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams.

The family requests the omission of flowers and suggests memorial donations be made to St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 191 Church St., Cheshire, MA 01225 or to the Berkshire Humane Society, 214 Barker Rd., Pittsfield, MA 01201.

The family would also like to acknowledge the great care given by Northern Berkshire EMS, North Adams Hospital and especially Albany Medical Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Paciorek Funeral Home
13 Hoosac Street
Adams, MA 01220
(413) 743-0815
jspaciorek@gmail.com
<https://www.paciorekfuneral.com/>

Liturgy of Christian Burial

APR **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
159 Church St.
Cheshire, MA 01225

Tribute Wall

GG

“ I was so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was one of my very close friends growing up and we spent a lot of time together. His close friendship and time with him was one of my losses when I left Adams after high school. I will forever remember him and the Polish Pitch games at his house when we were in high school.

Glen Germanowski - May 04 at 11:23 AM

EU

“ I had the privilege of teaching with Jim at both Crosby and Taconic. Recently I joined him and several other retired teachers for morning coffee and conversation. He was warm, thoughtful and kind. He also had an extraordinary sense of humor. I'll miss him very much! May his memory be a blessing! Ed Udel

Edward Udel - April 23 at 02:27 PM

DS

“ My sincerest condolences to Carol Jim's son and daughter, family, and friends. I was shocked this morning to hear of Jim,'s passing and remain in a state of shock. You are all in my thoughts and prayers, and I remember Jim and the years we spent teaching together on the red team at Reid middle school and at Taconic high school

I will miss the breakfasts, we had together and the funny stories and laughing and camaraderie that we shared. I will also miss seeing him on the Ashuwitcook trail on his bike or greeting one another as he paddled in his kayak on the lake. KJm was a great guy and he will be missed by all of us. He will not be forgotten as I will continue to remember him and pray for him and while old man running on the trail. He was a great guy. Dan

Dan Sullivan - April 23 at 11:13 AM

CD

“ *Beth & Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. May all your memories
bring you comfort during this sad time. My thoughts are with you.*

Connie (Payette) Devlin

Connie Devlin - April 20 at 11:19 AM

BE

“ *I was so sad to hear today of Jim's death. We shared many happy
moments together at Taconic and after retirement. He and I both
shared a strong interest local history and he helped me with my
Cheshire corner stone project. I am sorry that I am out of state and
unable to attend services.*

Barry Emery - April 20 at 09:03 AM

TH

“ *Peace.*



Theresa - April 19 at 12:02 PM

DS

“ *Growing up our families were very close I remember exchanging the
latest comic books with Jim and Gerald whenever a new one came
out Fond memories My condolences to the family
Dorothy(Danecki)Staiti*

Dorothy Staiti - April 17 at 08:35 AM



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Paciorek Funeral Home - April 16 at 12:57 PM

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I taught with Jim at Crosby Jr High and PHS. HE was a pleasure to have as a colleague Always even tempered and was a very good math teacher who was always patient and kind to his students. To his family please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of Jim. Nancy Woitkowski

Nancy Noonan Woitkowski - April 19 at 01:53 PM