



James C. Theres

September 28, 1930 - May 19, 2023

James “Jim” Theres, 92, of Springfield, MA passed away peacefully, among loved ones, on Friday May 19, 2023 at Mercy Medical Center. He was born in Brockton, MA on September 28, 1930, the son of the late Charles and Amelia (Propas) Theres. Jim is survived by his loving wife of seventy-one years, Shirley Anne (Jakubiec) Theres. They were married on May 14, 1952 in Springfield. He is also survived by his daughter Brenda (Theres) Dunley, two granddaughters; Kristine Dunley and Kaitlin Dunley. He is also survived by sisters-in-law Judith Jakubiec, Jean Jakubiec Graziano and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Joseph Jakubiec and his brother Charles Theres and sisters; Joan Vrahnos, Pauline Beeler, Bessie Asselin and Alice Martin. Jim attended Trade High School in Springfield and enlisted in the Marine Corps following graduation where he developed a lifelong love for photography. His photos in the service were taken from airplanes and helped his fellow Marines navigate the landscape. Jim went on to marry his high school sweetheart Shirley Anne and began a career as a tile setter working in homes and buildings all over the city and nearby towns. He was owner and operator of The House of Tile in Springfield. He held the title of President of The Wilbraham Camera Club. Later the club merged with Springfield Photographic Society which he was also a member and winning many awards. James Theres had a long and beautiful life during which the people who were lucky enough to know him were blessed with his patience and generosity as a selfless and giving individual. He will forever be loved and

missed by many. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. New England Funeral & Cremation Center, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please visit Jim's memorial page at www.nefcc.net for expressions of sympathy.

Tribute Wall

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“ I got to know Jim at the Springfield Photographic Society meetings. He was so friendly, helpful, and knowledgeable about photography. Always willing to lend a hand and give encouragement to others. He will be missed. My condolences to his wife, Shirley, and their family. RIP Jim. Carol Reed

Carol Reed - August 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM

RP

“ Jim was indeed a gentle soul. It was a pleasure to get to know him through the Springfield Photographic Society. He was most friendly, easy going & good natured, always willing to help others (me) and share his knowledge of photography. He will be remembered as one of the standard bearers of the club. My sincere condolences to his wife and family. Rosemary Polletta

Rosemary A. Polletta - June 06, 2023 at 02:25 PM

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“ I have so very many memories of Jimmy and they are all good ones as he always treated me like his own daughter💜 He always walked this earth as the essence of kindness and love towards everyone...When I first met him I was just 12 or 13 yrs old and he was always Mr. There's to me for many years to come as I became best friends with Brenda in 7th grade(she like her Dad was so kind to me and took me under her wing since I was fairly shy then,actually I believe it was Brenda who really helped me come out of my shell but thats another story😊)I remember walking all the way from my house on Padadena st to Brenda's house on Trafton rd to pick her up to go to Forest Park to hang with our friends or maybe I might meet her at her Dad's shop, House of Tile, on Belmont and sometimes she would be grounded and pleading with her Mom to let her out etc. And I waited and waited while they went back and forth and then Mr. There's would come out and shrug his shoulders so apologetically, I felt he was truly sad for me when he told me Brenda would not be coming out today..then he'd give me a little hopeful smile and say, "Very sorry you waited so long but Next time will be better Lisa, and its ok if you want to call her later ?" he always felt bad for me and I would say "that's ok Mr. Theres just tell Brenda I ll call her later thank you"trying hard not to show too much disappointment as i felt for him too...When i think of Jimmy I think not just of his sincere empathy for others but also his kind, lovely, funny, happy spirit as well...It wasn't until after i was married and a mother myself that i finally started calling him Jimmy(at his insistance) one summer picnic..he said "Hey Lisa no more Mr. Theres I keep telling you to call me Jimmy..thats it now..call me Jimmy"..he was smiling but also sounding a tiny bit frustrated in his demand which when the few times i saw him aggravated he was so harmless like a baby kitten,never to fear😊..So that day i started calling him Jimmy..it felt really strange at first but i had decades to get used to it..he was not only like a father to me but also a great friend and a mentor..over the years his kindness,and patience, his love and laughter..his sharing of lifes lessons..his goodness and strengths not only towards me were a gift but he taught me a better way to be..I never knew such a selfless person except for my own

Mom and I often said I believe they are two of God's special messengers here on earth, Angels among us💜 Jimmy you were an Angel on earth who is greatly and deeply missed, you gave us your all and taught us well ..I could write a book of all the wonderful things ..funny times..good laughs and talks about life, photography, plants,changing times etc.(all while eating our favorite Good n'Plenty😊😊)and I guess I already sort of wrote a book here but so much, much more in my memories and my heart...You, Jimmy, are a true Angel..thank you for all you have given to all of us ..sending you much love and light Mr. Theres..💜rest well nearer to God and all our loved ones in the spirit world Jimmy 🕊️ Forever love and blessings from Lisa and Steve Parker and all our family❤️💜💚💙

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Lisa Aveyard-Parker - June 06, 2023 at 12:52 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Shirley, Brenda,Kristine and Kaitlin. Jim will always be in our hearts. He was certainly a gentleman to all who knew him. His last work with tile, I believe is right here in our home kitchen. He was a great help to Tony when placing the tile. Our love to u all and God Bless..Jim Theres..Always..Aaron (Tony) and Linda Kashmanian.❤️

Linda Kashmanian - June 03, 2023 at 10:16 PM