



Jim Sulimay

September 26, 2024

Heaven gained another angel as Jim Sulimay peacefully left this world. Jim left behind a legacy as rich and timeless as his 50 year career. Born the third youngest of 16 children in the Sulimay family, Jim grew up in Fairmount in a household filled with love, hard work, and devotion. After serving as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne during his time in Okinawa, Jim decided to follow in his father's footsteps and pursue a career in barbering. His journey began under the guidance of his brother-in-law, Pete Colabelli. Jim also bartended at his family's bar, McGillin's Old Ale House. In 1963, Jim opened the doors to Jim Sulimay's Barbershop at 24th & Brown in Philadelphia's Fairmount neighborhood, where he proudly served the community for 50 years. Jim was an old-school barber with a kind heart and an infectious personality. Jim transformed his barbershop into a local institution. His daughter later joined him, working side-by-side for another 20 years before his granddaughter also joined the family business. Together they cultivated not just a thriving business but a hub of warmth, friendship, and tradition. Jim touched the lives of countless team members and clients, keeping everyone entertained with his stories and banter, always leaving a lasting impression. Jim is survived by his five children, Louie (Maria), Tina (Mark), Tara (Mike), Renata (Jay), and Jimmy (Leigh). He was the proud and beloved Pop to his grandchildren Mark, Cianna, Kate, Anthony, Daniel, Timmy, Mark, Patrick, Jason, Jaxon, Jimmy, Rocco, and Vito. His siblings, Madeline, Patricia, and Joe, continue to carry forward the Sulimay spirit, while he joins the late

Anthony, Elizabeth, Margaret, Josephine, Lucille, Marie, Maryellen, Loretta, Teresa, John, Thomas, and Kay in eternal peace along with his parents Anthony and Catherine. He was also the best uncle to all of his nieces and nephews, as they all have a funny “Uncle Jim” story. Jim will forever be remembered not only as a devoted paratrooper, barber, father, Pop, brother, uncle & friend but as an extraordinary human being. He had a heart full of generosity—whether offering the last dollar in his pocket or offering a meal to someone in need. He made sure to sponsor local youth sports, schools, or donate to local charities and contribute to fundraisers. His ability to make people feel special from the very moment they met him was a gift that extended to all who crossed his path. In his prime Jim was an avid runner. He enjoyed running marathons, and frequently ran the East and West river drive. Jim Sulimay, a Philadelphia legend, will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his spirit and legacy will live on forever. Services will be held Wednesday evening from 7:00-9:00pm at Dinan Funeral Home, 1923 Spring Garden St, Philadelphia, PA 19130. There will be a viewing on Thursday from 9:00am -10:45am in church, followed by an 11:00am Mass at St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church, 2319 Green St, Philadelphia, PA 19130. A burial will follow at St Joseph’s Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to <https://thefund.org/donate/>, Semper Fi and America's Fund and Lisa's Army, 2048A Fairmount Ave Phila, Pa 19130.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ we shared our life over 50 years since i know him.gave me one of his first haircuts when he first opened up and one of his last when he retired.Never had a bad word to say to anybody.miss you jim. al majewski



alfred majewski - October 03, 2024 at 09:37 AM

MC

“ Lived.
Live in Fairmouth till I was in my mid-thirties. Knew many of theSulimays.They are a wonderful family. Love & prayers to the family.

Marie Campanile - October 01, 2024 at 09:53 PM

MC

“ Marie Campanile lit a candle in memory of Jim Sulimay



Marie Campanile - October 01, 2024 at 09:49 PM

TA

“ My brother Jimmy always had his hair cut by Jim Sulimay. When my brother had his accident and was handicapped in the wheelchair and lived in Jersey, Jim would make a special trip every month to cut my brother's hair. Jim was one of a kind special of person. Thanks for caring. My condolences to the family.

Terry Andracki - September 30, 2024 at 05:47 PM

JK

“ When I moved my brother Michael Dempsey with me to take care of during Covid he was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer Jim came to visit him with Melanie n Renatta weather he was along for the ride lol. Michael used to say after that Josie (me) Jim might have been for the ride lol. But the conversation was memories that may have been forgotten. Jim n Michael talked a good willl. He would always whenever anyone came to see him (my door was always open) Covid or not and tell them Jim Sulimay visited him. Hopefully the two of them r going down memory lane together. RIP Jim Sulimay. Gone I'll never forget you. Fly high in paradise ❤️😊

jo Ann Dempsey Kelly - September 30, 2024 at 03:42 PM

JA

“ Tara, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.



Jennifer Affinito - September 30, 2024 at 10:54 AM

JM

“ Jeanie Myers McCashin lit a candle in memory of Jim Sulimay



Jeanie Myers McCashin - September 30, 2024 at 01:47 AM



“ *Ellen Wolfson lit a candle in memory of Jim Sulimay*



Ellen Wolfson - September 29, 2024 at 08:52 PM

JC

“ *Jimmy embodied a caring, welcoming and gracious way with all people. His kindness and neighborhood saavy brought much to his chair and the shop. Your family has lost a legend, and Fairmount is the power for his passing. Sending love.*

June Cairns - September 29, 2024 at 01:09 PM

AD

“ *One of a kind. --- one of the best*

arlene dubois - September 29, 2024 at 10:42 AM

EL

One in a million - the best! He will be missed by so many.

Ellenwolfie@aol.com - September 29, 2024 at 12:03 PM

KS

“ *Kathryn Sterling lit a candle in memory of Jim Sulimay*



Kathryn Sterling - September 28, 2024 at 10:57 PM

SY

“ *My son, Joey Mooney, wouldn't let anyone but Jimmy to cut his hair. Even after his injury, Jimmy was the only barber allowed near him. God bless you Jim. Say hello to my Joey for me.*

Sandi mooney young - September 28, 2024 at 10:41 PM

AH

There are so many in Fairmount who were touched by Jimmy and countless things that he has done for our community. His smile and kindness will always be remembered! He made Fairmount in that special meeting place each day. There will never be another like him!

Anna Hlywiak - September 29, 2024 at 09:13 AM

RG

Jim was a kind & generous human being can't imagine there be another like him

Robert Grant - October 02, 2024 at 03:40 PM