



James Lewis Magavern, esq "Jim"

February 1, 1933 - March 7, 2022

James Lewis Magavern, "Jim" age 89 passed away at his Buffalo home on Monday, March 7, 2022.

Father of David B. (Joanne) Magavern, William J. (Sara Nichols) Magavern III, Molly (Mark Reinhardt) and Samuel D. (Monica Angle) Magavern II; grandfather of Emma, Mark, Maria, and Sara Magavern, Nicholas and Emily Magavern, Simon, Max and Dulce Reinhardt, Anna and Caroline Magavern; great grandfather of Gaberiel Finocchiaro -Magavern; brother of William J. Magavern II, Margaret Magavern Hargraves, Mary Magavern Worrell, and Jane Magavern Beebe; many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends also survive.

Jim is predeceased by his wife Roberta (Robin) Simon Magavern and his parents Samuel D. and Gertrude L. Magavern.

Jim had a long and distinguished career as a lawyer, professor and civic leader in Buffalo.

Family and friends are invited to attend Jim's memorial service on Friday, April 1, 2022, at 3:00 pm in the Mary Seaton Room at Kleinhans Music Hall 3 Symphony Circle.

(Please note that the current Covid-19 guidelines at Kleinhans Music Hall is that masks can be worn at your discretion. However, it is encouraged, regardless of your vaccination status, that masks be worn until you are seated and when you leave your seat.)

Expressions of sympathy may be directed to the Buffalo Seminary or the Buffalo Olmstead Parks Conservancy. On the memo portion of your check please write "James L. Magavern"

The address of the Buffalo Seminary is 205 Bidwell Parkway Buffalo New York 14222. The address of the Buffalo Olmstead Parks Conservancy is 84 Parkside Avenue Buffalo New York 14214.

You are invited to share a favorite memory of Jim, leave a message of condolence and light a candle here on Jim's tribute page.

The Magavern family has entrusted the Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home to care for Jim and the family.

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Previous Events

Family and Friends

APR 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

Mary Seaton Room at Kleinhans Music Hall
3 Symphony Circle
Buffalo, NY 14222

Celebration of Life

APR 1. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My fondest memories of Jim are of times shared playing doubles on the Clarksberg or Buffalo Tennis and Squash Club courts, where I witnessed both his understated intensity / competitive spirit and his sometimes-closeted impish delight / wry sense of humor... the two often intertwined. It was a privilege knowing Jim and I miss him. My condolences to the entire Magavern family, Eric Sachsse*

Eric Sachsse - March 31, 2022 at 09:43 AM

JA

“ *JoAnne Alaimo lit a candle in memory of James Lewis Magavern, esq "Jim"*



JoAnne Alaimo - March 30, 2022 at 09:40 AM

RL

“ *Ruth Lasure lit a candle in memory of James Lewis Magavern, esq "Jim"*



Ruth Lasure - March 30, 2022 at 09:34 AM

DC

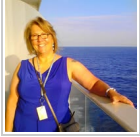
“ It was my distinct pleasure to serve with Jim on the City of Buffalo Board of Ethics . We were part of the original group nominated several decades ago . As Chair I relied on Jims considerable expertise in Ethic’s issues . He was gracious with his time to our all volunteer group . Quick witted and very congenial at all times he was the consummate professional always . Few people possessed his sense of community service . He will be missed by the larger bar . No doubt his family will miss a wonderful patriarch. We have lost a giant with his passing . Respectfully DougCoppola

Doug Coppola - March 21, 2022 at 07:11 PM

JF

“ It has been an honor and a pleasure knowing and working with Jim for several years on a not for profit Board.
His thoughtfulness, dedication and compassion will always be remembered and appreciated.
Unfortunately I can not make the April 1 celebration of his life.
To his family- thank you for sharing Jim with us at Bristol Village for so many years. His work for us will live on for perpetuity.
Joe Floss

joe Floss - March 16, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *This is written with a very heavy heart hearing about the passing of Jim Magavern. He has been an important part of our family’s life. We are sincerely thankful for all the work he has done to protect our family for more than an decade. We know Jim was a great father, grandfather, and everything else. As he told us, he had a good life with his family and co-workers. He said he had a love of nature, and camping. Our first day meeting Jim, we had a hard time keeping up with him in the fields. (Him in his good leather shoes, and us in our boots). He was strong, and had a good nature about him to our family. We were so proud of his abilities to help our family through so many hectic days, that we pray he is at peace. God has his arms wide open for Jim. We will miss him.*

Linda George - March 14, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Of all the people I've met in public life, Jim was one for whom I held the most admiration, respect and affection.*
Paul Fisk

Paul Fisk - March 13, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ *Jim Magavern was a distinguished lawyer and public servant but he was so much more. He was a gentleman. He was understated and not pretentious. Jim was so smart; literally, when he spoke, people paid attention. It was always a pleasure to see Jim and to converse with him. My condolences.*
Robert Fine

Robert Fine - March 13, 2022 at 08:35 AM

KF

“ Kevin M. Mason & Family lit a candle in
memory of James Lewis Magavern, esq "Jim" ”



Kevin M. Mason & Family - March 10, 2022 at 07:30 AM