



## James E. Pray

October 8, 1957 - May 25, 2026

James E. Pray, age 68, passed away suddenly in his Kaisertown home on Monday, May 25, 2026. Jim was born in Buffalo New York on October 8, 1957, the son of the late Earl Pray, Jr. and the late Lorraine (nee Mendyk) Pray. James had a career as a Paralegal for Paralegal Services of Buffalo. He was an Air Force Veteran. Dear brother of Karen (the late Daniel) Lutman, the late Donna (survived by Thomas) Frydrychowski and Glenn (Jacqueline) Pray. Also survived by nieces, and nephews, their families and lifelong friends. A private celebration of his Life will take place for the immediate family. Friends and relatives are invited to sign the on-line guest book, share a favorite memory and light a candle here on his tribute page. Prayers and loving thoughts are appreciated. The family would like to acknowledge all of your love, support, sympathy and concern at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home 154 Weimar Street Buffalo, NY 14206. (716) 362-0199 Fax: (716) 462-5355 email: kevinmmason@yahoo.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jim Pray, Philosopher, Poet, a kind and gentle human being who enriched the lives of all he met with his genuine inquiry into life and people. The impression of love he leaves behind will somehow transform this world of suffering into a better place - his own suffering mattered and matters - to me and to many who loved Jim.*

*Jim had a unique signature in life, unassuming and thoughtful, quiet and observant - I think he often said less than he knew for the sake of peace and harmony with people, to include everyone so no one felt left out.*

*Jim knew too well what it meant to be alone.*

*I will carry his friendship forward and his teaching to me and others, to consider and love the little things and those on the margins of what is seen by most - Jim with his heart and prayer taught us how to love, and love deeply.*

*Baruch Dayan HaEmet 'G-d Alone Is The True Judge.'*

*Jim, may your memory be a Blessing, you will be missed dear friend. Joel*

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**Joel Lesses** - June 03 at 02:43 PM

TM

*I knew Jim Pray and was on his radio show. He was always very kind. He will be remembered.*

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**Tera Murphy** - June 09 at 05:10 PM

LS

“ A Gracious, Kind Hearted Neighbor who will be surely Missed. I Thank Him for all his Kind Words he said to me. Peace, Prayer’s.... Jim’s Love and Memories in your Heart’s Forever ❤️

Linda Stamates - June 03 at 10:53 AM

GP

“ Very saddened to hear about Jim. I had been his friend since 13 when we met at Houghton Park playing tennis & basketball. My sincere condolences to his family.

Gordon Panek - June 02 at 12:18 PM

TF

“ The Derfert Family

Please accept our deepest sympathies to the Pray family on your loss of Jim.. You all are in our thoughts and prayers..

The Derfert Family - June 01 at 09:29 AM

VN

I remember Jim's earnest participation in several sports especially in his second decade of life. May he, as a soul of the Creator, be drawn such good offerings as life in its inherent wisdom may gently avail.  
Vince N.

Vin N - June 02 at 08:24 PM

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“ Jim was a true pal.

Tom - May 30 at 05:59 PM

BK

“ I will remember Jim Pray as a gentle soul with the heart of a poet. My sincere condolences to his family and all who cared deeply for Jim.

Beth Kennedy - May 30 at 09:13 AM

TM

“ It was always a pleasure to have a conversation with Jim. He loved to talk politics and was never afraid to speak his mind on issues. It was a joy to have him as a friend. May he rest in peace. My condolences to his family and friends. Tom Mazur

Tom Mazur - May 29 at 06:44 PM

PA

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Jim Pray. Jim's passing on Memorial Day is heartbreaking, and my thoughts are with all who loved him. May his memory bring strength and peace during this difficult time.

paul - May 29 at 06:29 PM

PW

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Jim. He was a long time friend of my husband Greg and myself. This is so sudden. May his family find peace in the knowledge that Jim was loved.

Paula Wachowiak - May 29 at 05:58 PM



“ *i am sorry for your lose Jim was a great friend and debater*



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**Mick Hatton** - May 29 at 02:56 PM



“ *Dear Karen and Glenn & Family, we wish to extend to our deepest condolences in the passing of James. May you all find some peace, comfort and solace in all the beautiful memories you share. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this difficult time. Kevin M. Mason, Roman J. Miszewski and the Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home family.*



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**Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home** - May 29 at 05:47 AM