



Mr. James "Jim" DePastene

August 9, 1952 - April 2, 2025

DEERFIELD – Mr. James “Jim” DePastene, age 72, a lifelong resident of Utica, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 2, 2025, with his family by his side after a 10 year long battle with cancer.

Born on August 9, 1952, Jim was the son of the late Frank and Florence (DiPillo) DePastene. He was raised and educated in Utica. On June 22, 1985, Jim married the former Kim Percola. They shared 39 years of love which was filled with many beautiful memories.

Jim was a master carpenter who in his early years worked alongside his father building, renovating, and restoring many homes in the area. He later joined the Carpenters Union, eventually retiring from Putrelo Construction Co. as a project manager. For a short time after retirement Jim worked at the Utica Memorial Auditorium doing building maintenance. He worked on several projects where his craftsmanship and attention to detail were put to use.

Jim had many hobbies and interests. In his younger days he loved to bowl; at one time he belonged to three leagues and enjoyed going to the out-of-town tournaments. He also enjoyed skiing, dirt bike riding, hiking and camping in the Adirondacks, and his many trips to Saratoga and the Lake George area.

Jim is survived by his wife, Kim; children and spouses, James and Dr. Bhavini

DePastene, Christopher DePastene and Lesley Smith, and Dr. Alexandra DePastene; and a cherished granddaughter, Rania DePastene. He also leaves behind his in-laws, mother-in-law, Palma Percola (who sadly passed away two days after Jim), Laura and Dave Battelene, Michael Percola, Maryrose and Scott Tucker, Angela Percola, and Michael Dziura. He was blessed with many nieces and nephews and their children. He is additionally survived by many lifelong friends with special mention of his neighbors, Louie and Rebecca LaPorte, who Jim and Kim could never thank enough for all that they did.

Jim will be happy to be reunited with his loved ones who passed before him; his parents; his sister, Joanne Dziura; his brother, Frank DePastene; and his father-in-law, Nicholas Percola.

The family would like to send their heartfelt thanks to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. who were a great help to Jim and his family, especially Irene who was so wonderful to Jim.

Services will be private and expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. online at www.hospicecareinc.org/donate-online or by mail to 4277 Middle Settlement Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

This obituary has been lovingly written by Jim's family.

Tribute Wall

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“ HFMG Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James "Jim" DePastene.

HFMG Family - April 09, 2025 at 12:59 PM

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“ HFMG Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Mr. James "Jim" DePastene.



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“ Our sincerest sympathy and prayers to the family. I will hold precious childhood memories of our families' vacations at Lake George close to my heart. Pat & Tony Talerico

Patricia Talerico - April 09, 2025 at 11:48 AM

CA

“ Kim and family, I am so very sorry to hear of your husbands passing. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. May he rest in peace. Carol Salvatore, Palmas cousin



Carol - April 08, 2025 at 02:30 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We are so sad to hear. We sure will miss his smile and we cherish our childhood memories, especially Christmas time at Nana’s house.
Captain John, Elaine & Andy

Elaine Deperno-Brown - April 07, 2025 at 07:33 PM

SC

“ I knew Jimmy D for a long time. I lived directly across the street on Jefferson Ave. we both grew up in that area and had many friends there. We both were master carpenters and I remember his whole great family. His father was a great man and master carpenters.
Sal & Gayle Coriale
Conroe, Texas

Sal Coriale - April 07, 2025 at 04:11 PM

DG

Jimmy you are one of the nicest guys I know you will never be forgotten kim you and your family are in my prayers and my heart love
Danny guarno

Danny Guarno - April 07, 2025 at 04:57 PM

PM

Jimmy one of my oldest and dearest friends for almost 60 years. Love you brother. RIP.

Paul Monaco - April 08, 2025 at 07:41 AM

GP

So sorry to hear...the old neighborhood surely had some great folks, the DePastene's were nice neighbors...

Gerald Plante - April 08, 2025 at 07:51 PM