



James R. Nendza

October 20, 1951 - March 3, 2022

James R. Nendza, 70, of Nashua, NH passed away on March 3rd, 2022, after a brief illness. He was born in Syracuse, NY on October 20, 1951, to the late Walter J. Nendza, Sr. and Anne (Marko) Nendza. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Walter J. Nendza, Jr. of Syracuse, NY.

Jim graduated from Solvay High School, near his family's home in Lakeland, a suburb of Syracuse. He earned a B.A. in classical studies from Colgate University, and an M.A. in classical studies as well as a Ph.D. in political science from Boston College. Over several years he taught at Boston College, Merrimack College, SUNY Oswego and Belmont Abbey College.

Jim then decided to pursue a degree in law at Yale University. He graduated with a J.D. in 1990 and began his 29 year career at the First Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston, MA.

In his retirement he was able to spend more time reading Greek and Latin classics. He belonged to multiple reading groups with his wife and dear friends. He also enjoyed playing in a men's softball league.

Jim is survived by his wife, Amy Bonnette Nendza, to whom he was married for 31 years; his sister-in-law, Shirley Nendza, of Syracuse, NY; his father-in-law, Alvin R. Bonnette; and his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Carol and

Kurt Putnam, Stephen and Joan Bonnette, Peter and Lisa Bonnette, Wendy and Richard Dohanian, Michael and Lori Bonnette, Laurie and Paul Williams, as well as twelve nephews and nieces.

Visiting hours will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10th in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry Street, Hudson, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, March 11th at 9:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 29 Spring Street in Nashua, NH. All may meet at church. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery in Hudson.

Previous Events

VISITING HOURS

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home Hudson, NH
50 Ferry Street
Hudson, NH 03051
(603) 882-9431
info@dumontsullivan.com

MASS AT CHURCH

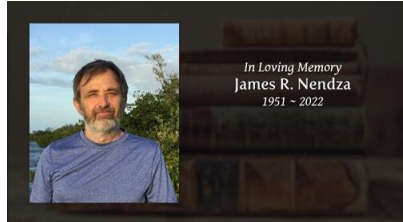
MAR 11. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Church
29 Spring St.
Nashua, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James R. Nendza*



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - March 08, 2022 at 09:30 AM

BG

*Excellent retrospective - depicting a life well-lived!
Rest in Intellectual Prowess Jim!
- Bill Grotevant*

Bill Grotevant - March 11, 2022 at 09:13 AM

RT

*Such a beautiful and moving way to remember your husband.
Riva Tait*

Riva Tait - March 12, 2022 at 10:23 PM



“ *James R. Nendza*

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *James R. Nendza*

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM

DC

“ Our deepest sympathy. I was a fraternity brother with Jim. In a house full of athletes and othr charcters of a sort he stood out as “the smartest man we knew” He may have aided the graduation process of a lot of the borhters thourgh his help an dadvice. He was unique to say the least but so repsected and loved.I am really sorry not to have the chance to relive some of moments with him.I am also so impressed to see the life he has led. He had abiities and perceptions most us can only aspire to yet was a humble and kind soul. Sad we need a passing to remind us of the people that have touched our lives and hwas one that touched mine. David Conte - Colgate '71

David Conte - March 21, 2022 at 05:58 PM

AB

“ My sense of Jim was of a man who had a remarkable capacity to see and hold on to what was important — Amy above all, friends, family, great books — and let the rest go. And from our trips to Wellfleet I have an abiding impression of good nature and great (though sometimes bemused) patience — in general with the whole process of packing and hauling to and from New Hampshire, and with me in particular when I led him on a bike ride that was *not* supposed to be 18 miles long... We'll miss him.

Alice Behnegar - March 09, 2022 at 09:01 PM

GP

“ Jim was a good friend, beginning all the way back in fourth grade. His innate goodness and his drive for intellectual honesty and articulate understanding had a strong influence on me across the years. When I finally followed his lead in studying classics and philosophy, Jim became also a mentor to me through our long years of graduate school. Although our adult lives took us in different directions and we were both poor at keeping in touch, the emotional memories of this friendship have never diminished. I am grateful, and I miss him. I am also grateful to Amy: their love for each other created a profoundly happy change in Jim's life.

-- Gerald Proietti

Gerald Proietti - March 09, 2022 at 02:50 PM

WA

“ Jim arrived at Boston College for graduate study in 1973, and it quickly became clear that he was an extremely bright and accomplished student of the authors of classical antiquity. He was the best of us students at untangling the complicated syntax of Greek and Latin sentences, and he had a wonderful memory for new words and their multiple meanings. He also excelled in the appreciation and interpretation of authors who were not Greek or Roman, including Shakespeare and Thomas More. He had an especially keen eye for detecting irony and hypocritical or bloated speech, and he was the rare academic whom we all wished would speak up more often, not less. I'm grateful for the many hours we spent reading Greek together, during which he taught me a lot.

But as great as were his intellectual gifts, he also stood out for his general friendliness. His ideas were always insightful, but I valued his company also for his good sense of humor, his warmth, and his honesty: he admitted what he did not quite understand and did not try to hide it. He was a stranger to anger, and he acted as if he really believed that vicious people act more out of ignorance than out of evil. He expressed his most severe criticism by rolling his eyes. His most characteristic look was his tender smile. I'll miss him greatly.

Wayne Ambler

Wayne Ambler - March 09, 2022 at 01:58 PM

GU

“ Amy,

I am really sorry to hear of your loss. My deepest condolences to you and your family. I hope he rests and peace.

Guy Bou Lahdou

Guy - March 08, 2022 at 11:15 AM

CP

“ Kurt and I knew Jim as a kind and gentle soul. Quiet and unassuming, but thoughtful, and a good listener. He was a wonderful companion to Amy. He left us far too soon.

Carol Putnam - March 07, 2022 at 05:53 PM

LA

“ I always enjoyed chatting with Jim at the Bull Ring events, and when I occasionally saw him and Amy around town, at the voting poll, or on the shuttle to Boston.
My heart goes out to Amy and the family at this tragic loss, he didn't really get enough time to enjoy his retirement - and will be greatly missed

Lee Allison - March 07, 2022 at 04:51 PM

WH

“ Jim was on our over-70 softball team this past year. He was a pretty good player but usually quiet. We didn't have a very good season, but that didn't bother us. There was no way anyone would have guessed that he had the academic and professional background he had. We thought he was just an ordinary old man like the rest of us. I'm sure that's the way he wanted it.
We will miss him.

Bill Hodge

William Hodge - March 07, 2022 at 02:58 PM

RW

“ I met Jim Nendza in the early 2000s upon the invitation of his wife, Amy, my classmate, to join a couple of reading groups (of literature, of philosophy). Both groups had been going strong since the early 1980s (mid-70s?) and began with (apologies to anyone I miss) Fr. Ernest Fortin, Jim, Michael Keiselbach, David Botwinik, Martha Rice-Martini, and sometimes their spouses, and sometimes other friends - Robert Scigliano, for example, who would join as circumstances permitted. We would meet over dinner, where we would discuss whatever was on our minds - often politics, and then turn to discuss the reading at hand. Classical Greek literature and philosophy, Shakespeare, philosophy and literature from every age, historians, theologians, as well as Bible passages predominated on our reading list, but not exclusively. In our last reading group with Jim we read Anatole France's *Les Dieux ont soif*, recommended, in a way, by Ernest Fortin. Jim was not one to thrust himself forward in conversation, at any time, but when he spoke, everyone listened. He had something to say you wanted to hear. He also made sure everyone else had their say.

Jim was a serious man, a good and gentle man, with a light heart. He liked to laugh. With his wife, Amy, he lived a simple and happy life: most of all he enjoyed spending time with and sharing the beautiful things. He was a Greek.

Roderick Williams

Roderick Williams - March 07, 2022 at 01:30 PM

SN

“ I met Jim, my brother-in-law, when he was 9 and I began dating his brother, Walt (Duke). Many of those dates were a "threesome" and an opportunity to see two brothers sharing life and bringing out the best in each other. Though years and at times miles separated them, you couldn't find a closer or more loving relationship. His quiet and gentle nature will be missed but we take solace in knowing they are together again. Amy, I know his love for you will continue to live in your heart. Blessings, Shirley

Shirley Nendza - March 07, 2022 at 10:45 AM