



Jim Lyons

August 13, 1943 - January 9, 2018

Jim Lyons 74, died peacefully at home on Tuesday January 9, 2018.

Born in Queens, New York, August 13, 1943, son of the late Thomas and France Lyons. Jim worked as a Supervisory Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During his 25 years with the FBI, he was proud to have been a member of the FBI bomb squad, Supervisor of the Joint Terrorist Task Force and to have worked landmark cases such as the LaGuardia airport bombing (1975), the first World Trade Center bombing (1993) and Oklahoma City (1995). Following his retirement on July 31, 1995, he served as commander of the UN International War Crime Tribunal investigating the genocide in Rwanda. Jim was also an avid golfer, grill master and took great pride in his winning football picks.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Gail M. Lyons, son Raymond, daughter Jessica and granddaughter Jillian, as well as his two sisters Jeanette Margillo and Georgette Kirschenbaum, brother Frank with his wife Mary and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, 11528 Highway 17 Bypass Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave. N. Suite 101 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jim Lyons



Goldfinch Funeral Home - January 11, 2018 at 02:16 PM

ET

Jim: We, the old guard at JTTF, will never forget you. Thanks for the great times we enjoyed together and may you rest in peace forever. Elmer Toro and family.

Elmer Toro - January 11, 2018 at 08:47 PM

DB

A beautiful film for an amazing man whose life made us all proud to be fellow classmates. Deepest Sympathy from the Monroe-Woodbury Central High School Class of 1971

Diane Demarest Becker - January 14, 2018 at 10:33 PM

JT

“ Jim Trahon lit a candle in memory of Jim Lyons



Jim Trahon - January 17, 2018 at 04:31 PM

JT

I proudly served under SSA Jim Lyons for eleven busy and crazy years on the streets of NYC. Jimmy as the best Supervisor bar none. He was always kind, thoughtful and street smart. We were most fortunate to have Jimmy over those years. My heart goes out to Gail, Jesse and Ray. My thoughts and prayers will be for this wonderful family. Much love, Jim Trahon

Jim Trahon - January 17, 2018 at 04:44 PM

JS

“ *The time I spent working with Jim and his Agents in Squad IT-1 was the most rewarding of my Police career. Jim was a superior boss but, more importantly, a real gentleman. He was a true credit to the Bureau and the Law Enforcement community. He will be greatly missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. To Gail and the family: please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of a loving husband, father and wonderful friend. I know that he is now resting in the arms of our Heavenly Father , Jesus our Savior and our Blessed Mother. God Bless Jim Lyons.*

*Jack Shea
Detective, NYCPD (retired)*

Jack Shea - January 16, 2018 at 10:11 AM

JL

“ *Jim Lazarski lit a candle in memory of Jim Lyons*



Jim Lazarski - January 15, 2018 at 10:31 PM

JL

“ Jimmy was my first SSA when I arrived in the NYO in 1989. It was a pleasure to work for him. He was smart, humble, steady, and never got upset when one of his minions screwed something up. He was very supportive of his troops-and his troops loved him. He knew the difference between what was important and what was a distraction...I fondly remember his retirement when his squad showed up in tuxedos and evening gowns!

Jimmy was a model of what an FBI boss should be.

Rest in peace Jimmy.

Jim Lazarski

Jim Lazarski - January 15, 2018 at 10:28 PM

BL

“ Sorry to hear about Jimmy's passing. I remember him as a really good person and fun to be around. Gail my thoughts are with you and your family. Love Bobby Luning

bobby luning - January 15, 2018 at 06:29 PM

FJ

“ Frank, Mary, Jennifer & Jaclyn purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Jim Lyons.



Frank, Mary, Jennifer & Jaclyn - January 15, 2018 at 02:56 PM

M1

“ *Monroe-Woodbury High School Class of 1961, purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jim Lyons.*



Monroe-Woodbury High School Class of 1961, - January 14, 2018 at 10:42 PM



“ *Brian Taylor purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jim Lyons.*



Brian Taylor - January 14, 2018 at 06:39 PM



“ Dear Gail, Ray and Jessie,

I arrived in the New York Office in November, 1988 and Jimmy was my first boss on IT-1. I followed him to C-30 Violent Crime Squad until he retired. I am sure we were the only squad who had their own neon sign advertising our existence. He was absolutely beloved by all of us who worked for him and we all wore formal wear at his retirement to mourn his leaving...that alone is a pretty big accomplishment considering how notoriously cheap most FBI Agents are. Jimmy was an incredible influence on my life and I will forever be grateful. I know how much he loved his family and I am so very sorry for your loss. If I were not living in Ireland presently I would be there in a New York minute. Instead I will raise a glass over here to Jim.

Much love,

Brian P. Taylor

Brian Taylor - January 14, 2018 at 06:27 PM

FS

“ Dearest Gail, Ray and Jessie: 1/14/2018

It was with the greatest of sadness when I learned of Jimmie's (or Seamus as I liked to call him) passing. He was/is will always be one of my greatest friends, mentors, and best "boss" I ever had or will ever have. He was also one of my "golf games" BIGGEST CRITICS !

I often thought about him and our years working together which are some of the highlights of not only my career, but also my life. He was a true "leader of men" and led by action and great forethought. One of the great things about him was that he always stood behind "his people and supported us" even when we messed up. We would hear about it privately but NEVER in front of the "big bosses". He was always there for us and I hope he felt the same about us?

When he left SQ. C-30 (NYO Violent Gang Squad) it was never the same. The person who got the job couldn't hold a candle to the experience and leadership that Seamus did. It was only a short time later that I made the decision that I could not work for someone other than Jim and transferred off the squad back to JTTF IRA matters.

I apologize in advance for being unable to attend his Memorial Service as my wife Mary-Jane (MJ) as you recall is having surgery on 1/18/2018. I myself am scheduled for a 2nd back surgery later this month. I'm sure Jim can commiserate with the back situation because I remember his problems and seeing him in agony on occasion and still trying to work through it ? Tough ole SOB !

I am going to go through some old photos I have of us all "back in the days" and if I locate any of interest I will send them on to you all.

Love & Prayers to you all and RIP Seamus.....Frank & MJ Schulte

FRANK SCHULTE - January 14, 2018 at 01:49 PM

RA

“ *Dad, you, will be missed. You taught me how to tie a tie, drive a stick shift and apply for a car loan. Even though I didn't often say it, I love you. Our lives were richer just by knowing you. There is no doubt you made a difference in all the notable cases you've led throughout your years of service with the FBI. There's no cancer in heaven and I'm certain you've already met your parent's and others on the other side.*

Love, your son, Ray

Ray - January 13, 2018 at 09:04 PM

GA

“ *Dear, Gail. Gordon and I are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Although time passes there are people and memories you never forget. You and Jim are among them.*

We have every intention of attending Jim's memorial on Wednesday.

Our deepest sympathy to you, J and Jessica.

Gordon and Donna Armiger - January 13, 2018 at 04:21 PM

JM

“ Thanks to Gail and Jim's family for sharing him with us! Jim was one of the many who took their place on the line of people defending our nation against such a variety of dirtbags wishing to harm our nation! Thanks for your service, Jim!



*My condolences to the Lyon's family.
SSA Jim Minor (ret.)
US Department of State, Diplomatic Security rep to
FBI/NYO/JTTF '94-'97 (Tradebom/Terrstop/ManilaAir) & '98-2002
(Kenbom/Tanbom/9-11)*

JMinor - January 13, 2018 at 11:28 AM

BZ

“ Dear Gail and Family,

We are so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. He and I were just exchanging emails on some Bureau related matters in May. It was such a blast to run into Jim around the country and work terrorism cases with him. His leadership, experience and expertise is and always will be admired.

Bob Zane, Austin, Tx

Bob Zane - January 12, 2018 at 03:18 PM

SL

“ Sandy & Ed Leonard lit a candle in memory of Jim Lyons



Sandy & Ed Leonard - January 12, 2018 at 01:46 PM

SL

“ Please accept our sincere expressions of sympathy. Sandy and Ed Leonard and the entire Leonard Family

Sandy & Ed Leonard - January 12, 2018 at 01:45 PM

LL

“ Gail, Aunt Rita and I have all of you in our prayers! The video shows a very loving man and hero..We love you lots..Loretta

loretta luning - January 11, 2018 at 09:41 PM

JR

“ Gail, Ron and I want to extend our sincere sympathy to you and your family at this time.



Judith Robinson - January 11, 2018 at 04:47 PM

JL

“ Your patience and encouragement with 12 year old me on the golf course ❤️ You always told me to “go for it” when dad wanted me to lay up 😂...the glory days of the NY Giants and games at the old stadium..Thanksgivings at your home in Sparta..a larger than life figure who knew how to have fun, but also blew me away with his career and accomplishments. I’m so grateful that you and my dad didn’t mind a little girl tagging along and for that reason I have these memories that I will always treasure. I am honored to be your neice and goddaughter. May you rest easy and crack jokes about the rest of us down here screwing everything up ❤️ Much love

Jackie Lyons - January 11, 2018 at 02:32 PM

CB

“ Rest in Peace Jim, you will always be remembered standing in the middle of the WTC "hole" after the 1993 bombing. You truly were a "Special Agent"!

Charlie Beaudoin, NYO 1985-2004

Charles Beaudoin - January 11, 2018 at 12:34 PM

PC

“ RIP JIM.....I HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF OUR PROFESSIONAL EFFORTS IN THE NYO!!!

*PAT COLGAN
SSA.NYO*

PATRICK COLGAN - January 11, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jim Lyons.



January 11, 2018 at 09:09 AM

PC

“ Paula Caulfield lit a candle in memory of Jim Lyons



Paula Caulfield - January 11, 2018 at 08:36 AM

PC

Gail and family, sincere sympathy to all of you.

Paula Caulfield - January 11, 2018 at 08:38 AM

PC

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Paula Caulfield - January 11, 2018 at 08:40 AM

HL

“ *What a chill guy, I liked Jim, I really liked Jim. Well, I hope he's in the land of endless golf courses. I'm so sorry for your loss, to all the family. May God give you strength. I deal with many many people, all the time. It was always a pleasure when I spoke with Jim, He is a class act. I am shocked and I will sincerely miss him. I wish more people had his character and kindness. Yes, this is a loss. So sad.*

Hélène LaCaille - January 10, 2018 at 09:46 PM

LK

“ *You we're the best of the best and will long be remembered for all you did for those you lead and served. The FBI and your country were well served.*

Larry Klumb - January 10, 2018 at 07:50 PM

SS

“ *I don't have a picture, just memories of going with Georgette to your home in Sparta on several occasions. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Stacie Saye - January 10, 2018 at 05:49 PM