



## James T. Lechner

May 2, 2025

James T. Lechner, of Chili NY, passed away peacefully on May 2, 2025. He was born 86 years ago in Rochester, NY at St. Mary's Hospital. He was a beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather. Jim is survived by his loving wife Sally of 62 years, his children Jim (Beth) and Amy Tausch (Steve), his grandchildren, Carolina, Catey, Sarah, Justin, Melissa, and his great grandchildren Storey and Bowden. He is pre-deceased by his parents James and Elizabeth Lechner, brothers John, Dan, and Peter Lechner. He is survived by his brothers; Joseph, Richard, and sister Kitty Conroy, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He grew up in Rochester, NY graduating from Aquinas Institute. He then enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and served from 1956 – 1960. He relocated to Oakland, CA, where he met the love of his life, Sally. They married in 1963 and moved to Rochester, NY, where he began his career at Eastman Kodak. After he retired from Kodak, he dedicated the rest of his life to volunteering and serving his community.

He served many decades as a volunteer firefighter with the Chili Fire Department including time as a Battalion Chief and President. He also served as a member of the Chili Library Board for over 27 years. He was dedicated to military veterans and spent 18 years serving with the New York Warrior Alliance in support of wounded troops and Gold Star families, His service to veterans also included weekly visits to the Canandaigua VA Hospital. He

served as an advisor and supervisor of numerous constructions projects for the community to include the Chili Public Library and Northfield Church. He shared 62 years of marriage with his beloved wife. He adored his children and grandchildren.

Calling hours are at Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home at 2771 Chili Ave., Rochester NY 14624 on Tuesday May 6, from 4:00PM to 8:00PM. Funeral services will be held at Open Door Baptist Church at 350 Chili Scottsville Rd., Churchville NY 14428 on Wednesday May 7 at 12:00 PM followed by interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Aquinas Institute of Rochester 1127 Dewey Ave, Rochester, NY 14613 - <https://www.aquinasinstitute.com/apps/pages/give-now>

Or Stay In Step Brain Injury and Spinal Cord Injury Recovery Center 13085 Telecom Pkwy N, Temple Terrace, FL 33637 - <https://stayinstep.org/make-a-donation/>

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

2461 Lake Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14612

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAY 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home  
2771 Chili Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14624  
(585) 426-7830  
beanfuneralhome@rochester.rr.com  
<http://www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Open Door Baptist Church  
350 Scottsville-Chili Road  
Churchville, NY 14428  
juliebeth@rochester.rr.com

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *The Veterans Outreach Center extends our deepest sympathy in James' passing.  
We acknowledge and are truly grateful for his service to our country.*

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**Joan Brandenburg** - May 11, 2025 at 02:48 PM

PT

“ *I'll remember Jim in many ways...his "workout" Wednesday visits to my office (that was the day Jim really worked the hardest at his weekly gym visits.) I did notice he also would be looking for a snack after that. Also, we had great fun on which one of us was really the oldest (only months different). He came across as tough and disciplined but was a compassionate, religious and hard working man. I really will miss him.*

*Pat*

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**Pat Tindale** - May 07, 2025 at 09:10 AM

KC

*This is Jim's only Sister. That was so wonderful to read about my Oldest and Best Brother.. Thank u so very much. Kitty Conroy*

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**Kitty Conroy** - May 08, 2025 at 01:25 AM

AO

“ *God Bless our Aquinas Class of 1956 Brother.*

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**Aquinas Alumni Office** - May 07, 2025 at 07:47 AM

TF

“ The D’Ambrosia Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James T. Lechner.



The D’Ambrosia Family - May 06, 2025 at 06:28 PM

TF

“ The D’Ambrosia Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James T. Lechner.

The D’Ambrosia Family - May 06, 2025 at 06:28 PM

DS

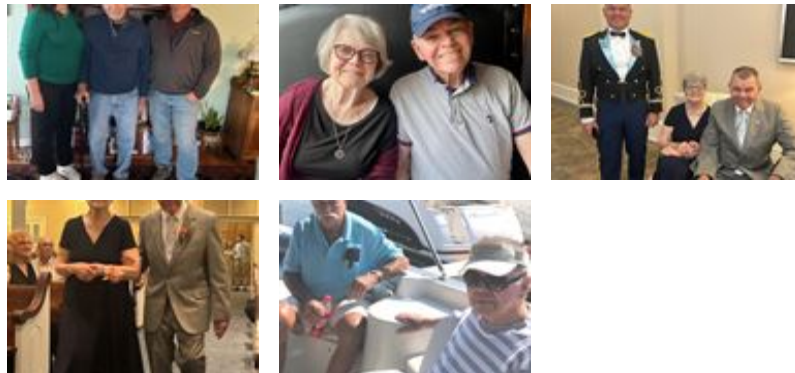
“ David & Dawn Saur lit a candle in memory of James T. Lechner



David & Dawn Saur - May 06, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes



Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - May 06, 2025 at 08:31 AM

JC

“ *Sally, Amy, and Jim, your dad was a giant with a dry sense of humor. You all welcomed us and our family as part of your family. The love you shared with each other was a model for us. Jim’s passing will be a loss to many and may God offer you comfort for the love you all shared and the strong family you created.* ”

June Cairns - May 05, 2025 at 06:25 PM

AT

*June, thank you for your kind words. As you can imagine, all of the reminiscing included times of RBC and the friendships created there. We are comforted knowing he was a believer and we will see him again one day.*

Amy Tausch - May 08, 2025 at 09:51 AM

BV

“ *Bubs and Valerie purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James T. Lechner.* ”



Bubs and Valerie - May 05, 2025 at 03:15 PM

MG

“ *JT and my father Bill Goeltz were great friends. They spent a lot of time together on various committees and they did tip a few together* ”

Mike Goeltz - May 05, 2025 at 02:42 PM

DF

“ I have known Jim and Sally for what seems like forever. Jim and Sally and Steve and Amy Tausch (Jim's daughter) have been and inspiration to me and my family. They embody the spirit of volunteer and selflessness. Jim was always thinking of others and would do anything to support anyone that needed help. It did not matter if Jim knew the person or not. He was such a giving person. Rest in peace my friend. You have earned it. Dave Fillers

David Fillers - May 05, 2025 at 12:21 PM

SK

“ Sandra K. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James T. Lechner.



Sandra K. - May 05, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James T. Lechner.



May 05, 2025 at 09:42 AM

LS

“ May God hold him in His arms for you all, and may He reach down and comfort you all.

Lamar Sanders - May 05, 2025 at 09:30 AM

LF

“ Lamar Sanders and family. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James T. Lechner.



Lamar Sanders and family. - May 05, 2025 at 09:18 AM

TF

“ Terri Hammond, John & Kathy Fife purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James T. Lechner.



Terri Hammond, John & Kathy Fife - May 04, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Sally, Jimmy Amy & family. Such a great dad & uncle.



Shannon Lechner - May 03, 2025 at 08:37 PM

BH

“ Bud Houk lit a candle in memory of James T. Lechner



bud houk - May 03, 2025 at 05:43 PM

PC

“ *Phil & Joyce Christopher lit a candle in memory of James T. Lechner*



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**Phil & Joyce Christopher** - May 03, 2025 at 04:04 PM

TF

“ *Tom Free lit a candle in memory of James T. Lechner*



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**Tom Free** - May 03, 2025 at 12:21 PM