



## James M. Toepper

March 13, 2026

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Brockport: Passed March 13, 2026 at the age of 76.

Predeceased by his parents, John and Thelma Toepper; brother, John Toepper Jr.; and sister, Janice (Toepper) White.

Survived by his brother, Jerry Toepper; and nieces and nephews.

Jim enjoyed life to the fullest and accomplished anything he set his mind too. He retired from Finger Lakes OPWDD in 2011 after giving New York State 41 years as a dedicated employee.

Jim enjoyed gardening, traveling abroad, equestrian riding, show jumping, competition judging, and instructing students in their equestrian lessons. His love for ice skating leading to paired figure skating competitions and the annual role of Santa Clause in the Rochester Holiday Ice Skating show performed with The Rochester Philharmonic at the Blue Cross Arena previously known as The War Memorial through the Genesee Figure Skating Club where he served as the Vice President. Later Jim developed a passion for filming, developing a name for himself and is widely known for assisting RIT's film students in completing their thesis by taking on roles in short films. Through developing his acting journey with RIT students lead him to working at the University of Rochester medical teaching department as a Standardized Patient. As a Standardized Patient he assisted Medical Students with the Innovative Education department, with improving their bedside manners and difficult conversations with patients. Jim enjoyed playing a cantankerous

patient. Jim was proud of all his acting roles that he took on. One stood out more than the others with a screen debut at the ROC Cinema as a spy in the movie, *The Essentials*. An internationally distribution picture that received multiple awards in film festivals across America, available on Tubi anytime. Most of all Jim loved spending time with his friends, whom he was dearly loved by and will forever be missed and remaining in their hearts.

Family and friends may call at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home Friday, March 20th from 3-5pm. Funeral Service to follow calling at 5pm at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 20. 3:00 PM - 5:00 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

MAR 20. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ So sorry to see the passing of Jim. We had many conversations at my desk, when we both worked at FLDDSO. Jim was a sharp dressed man, very interesting to talk to. He shared many stories about the Titanic, his acting, skating and just living his life to the fullest. My condolences to his family

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**Debbie McAnany** - March 30 at 09:45 PM

KF

“ To his family and friends:  
I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. I wish I knew before the services. I met him when I worked in Brockport. It's my honor to have called him a friend. He DJ'd our wedding and I'd helped him with an occasional demo project at his house. He even surprised my children once in full Santa suit and never broke character. He was an amazing person. He is missed.  
KFM

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**Kfmeyer** - March 24 at 08:07 AM

BR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Brendan** - March 19 at 07:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James M. Toepper.*



March 19 at 06:46 PM



“ *Dan S., Joe C., Adam S. (RIT SoFA Alums) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James M. Toepper.*



**Dan S., Joe C., Adam S. (RIT SoFA Alums)** - March 19 at 01:10 PM



“ *The Nagle Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James M. Toepper.*



**The Nagle Family** - March 18 at 12:02 PM



“ *The photos of Jim in his finest attire tell it all. Smiling, acting, with other people. Charismatic and enjoying life. Got to know Jim quite well as an SP. Miss him.*

*Bob Gabbey*

**Bob Gabbey** - March 17 at 04:48 PM

BL

“ Jim is a real life legend. Can't thank him enough for all his support to RIT film students. He set the bar so high I can't imagine anyone ever being more dedicated to help student's. Taken way too soon yet he lives on in more than 100 student films.

*Bill Landers*

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**Bill Landers** - March 17 at 09:46 AM

MA

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Marianna** - March 16 at 08:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James M. Toepper.



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March 16 at 05:19 PM

DS

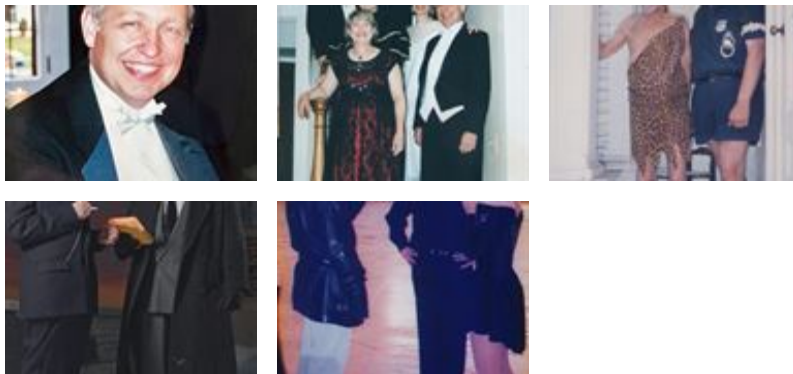
“ I had the honor of being friends with Jim through my brother, Jim Smith. When my brother passed away from metastatic melanoma brain cancer in December, 2022, Jim promised my brother he would look after me.... and he did exactly that! Although we did not live close to each other, we did talk often. I always liked Jim. He always had a heart of gold & was truly such a genuinely nice guy with a kind heart. He and my brother were always so close. They worked together for 30+ years and formed such a close bond and great relationship. They spent a lot of time outside of work, as well. I know that Jim meant a lot to my brother, and he meant a lot to me, too. I felt horrible with all of the illnesses that he went through these past couple of years. 😞 I know you that you are at peace now, Jim. ☐. You will truly be missed by me & so many people who loved you dearly! I will miss our long talks!!!! Thank you for being a good friend and honorary brother to me!  
Love you lots, Jim! 💕



Dureen Smith - March 16 at 04:11 PM



“ 62 files added to the album LifeTributes



Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - March 16 at 03:18 PM

MA

“ Our friendship with Jim spanned almost 40 years. Thinking back over the years, it’s easy to remember his smile, his laughter, his stories, and the pride he had in his home and gardens. As we gather to remember our dear friend, we’ll remember the countless ways he brought joy to our lives. His loss is immeasurable, but so is the love he left behind.  
—Marianna and Mike O’Brien

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**Marianna** - March 16 at 12:58 PM

ML

“ Jim was a good boss at FLDDSO and I enjoyed working with him and sometimes socializing with him. He was a DJ at my sons wedding and I saw a couple of his performances. He was well liked by the employees he worked with and supervised.  
Michele L.

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**Michele Laber** - March 16 at 12:23 PM