



## Mr. James "Jim" Lobdell

January 10, 1960 - January 4, 2024

James "Jim" Lobdell, of Burke, NY died on Thursday, January 4, 2023, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Born on January 10, 1960, in Malone, NY he was the son of Arlington and Pauline (Williams) Lobdell.

Jim attended Chateaugay Central School and graduated in the class of 1978. He was a farmer his entire life and co-owner of the fourth-generation family farm. He enjoyed spending countless hours on their John Deere tractors. At an early age, Jim began his love of trucks. Once old enough to drive, Jim hauled many loads of hay and straw from Canada to other farmers. His passion for driving trucks continued, especially in the last few years, after the dairy portion of the farm was sold. When Jim was available to get away from the farm, he would drive silage trucks for other farmers or dump trucks for a trucking company. For the past few winters, Jim would snowplow for a private contractor. With all his various driving jobs he took on, Jim never considered it work, he enjoyed it because he didn't have to do these jobs, he wanted to and had the pleasure of interacting with other people.

Jim was very community oriented. He volunteered at the Burke Volunteer Fire Department, joining in 1981. He held different ranks and also served on their board for 28 years and even held the position of President of the fire department for several years. Jim, along with two other appointees, developed the original Town of Burke Building Code. His latest involvement was being on the original board for the Foothills Rescue District. First thing in the morning,

Jim's daily ritual was to have coffee in Burke or Chateaugay with friends and always came home very enlightened. Over the years, Jim was a member of various organizations in the agricultural industry.

Jim had a great connection with people he knew who were also dealing with cancer., sharing experiences, milestones and encouragement with them.

Throughout his illness, Jim showed courage, strength and dignity.

Jim is survived by his brothers, Arnold (Trudy) and L. Alan (Jessica); his sisters, Theresa (Terry) MacDowell, Cheryl (Chris) Kopp and Phyllis Lobdell; an aunt, Coleen Carter; several nieces, nephews and cousins; as well as a special friendship with Jill Senter.

Jim was predeceased by his parents; step-mother, Myrtle; a sister and brother-in-law, Joanne and Pat Brennan; and a sister-in-law, Amanda Lobdell.

Calling hours will be held at the Burke United Methodist Church on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A funeral service will be held immediately following at the church at 1 p.m.

Burial will take place at the Burke Center Cemetery on Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's memory to the Reddy Cancer Center, Burke Volunteer Fire Department or the Foothills Rescue Department.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN 10. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Burke United Methodist Church  
1027 West Main Street  
Burke, NY 12917

## Service

JAN 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

Burke United Methodist Church  
1027 West Main Street  
Burke, NY 12917

## Burial

MAY 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Burke Center Cemetery  
Burke, NY

# Tribute Wall

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“ So very sad that Jim passed. I admired his work ethic and he was the only person that I knew who used hooks to handle hay bales. Rest in peace Jim. Hugs to Arnold and the rest of the family.

Jason Kuper - January 10, 2024 at 05:44 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I will miss him very much and his funny cow cartoons. I shall forever be in his debt for showing me, by his example, how to fight valiantly against cancer and make it seem like no big deal. His courage and strength in the face of such adversity is truly inspiring. Molly Flynn

Molly Flynn - January 05, 2024 at 06:25 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts go out to his family. Neil and Julie Burgoyne

Neil & Julie Burgoyne - January 05, 2024 at 05:13 AM

HL

“ So sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences. Heidi Leahy

Heidi Leahy - January 05, 2024 at 12:01 AM