



## James F. Mietlicki

May 13, 1951 - May 15, 2025

Age 74, of Cheektowaga, NY, passed away after a brief illness. Survived by his wife of 45 years, Judith (nee Petrussek) Mietlicki, daughter Elizabeth (Gregory) Baase, grandson Leonard, his brother David (Janet) Mietlicki and many nieces and nephews. First baby born in Buffalo on Mother's Day to the late Eugene & Gertrude (nee Machnica) Mietlicki, Jim was a graduate of Canisius High School, Canisius College & U.B. School of Law. He was an attorney and had many roles throughout his life including Assistant Regional Counsel with the Veterans Administration, Trustee of the Cheektowaga Central School District, Secretary & Counsel to Cheektowaga Economic Development Corporation, and longtime President of the Walden District Taxpayers Association. He was a model train aficionado, a noted author on articles concerning Gilbert Erector Sets, enjoyed distance running in his later years, loved The Beatles, attending concerts and was well traveled. He left behind many unfinished projects. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Monday, May 19th from 2-4 & 6-8 PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2047 Broadway, Village of Sloan. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 9:30 AM in St. Andrew's RC Church, corner of Reiman & Crocker Sts., Sloan. Please assemble at church. Interment in Mount Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to P.U.N.T. Pediatric Cancer Collaborative, Buffalo, NY.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Buffalo  
2047 Broadway  
Sloan, NY 14212

## Visitation

MAY 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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2047 Broadway  
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## Funeral Mass

MAY 20. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Andrew's RC Church  
34 Francis Ave.  
Sloan, NY 14212

## Cemetery

MAY 20 (ET)

Mt. Calvary Cemetery  
800 Pine Ridge Heritage Boulevard  
Cheektowaga, NY 14215

# Tribute Wall

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“ From Nga and Harrold Reyes purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of James F. Mietlicki.



From Nga and Harrold Reyes - May 18, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James F. Mietlicki.



May 18, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James F. Mietlicki.



May 17, 2025 at 04:21 PM

DM

“ I will so miss my dear brother. Missing our daily 3:00 phone call will be a major hole in my life. He gave me so much throughout the years and now all I have is great memories that I will certainly cherish every day. May you rest in peace and may God welcome you with open arms! Farewell my dear friend.

David Mietlicki - May 17, 2025 at 04:08 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Diana Gilbert** - May 17, 2025 at 12:20 PM

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“ *Jim loved life. He loved his family and he loved good music, especially The Beatles. My first encounter with Jim was at a Paul McCartney concert in 2009. While waiting in line to get to our seats, this friendly gentleman (Jim) asked if we had seen Paul perform in the past. We had not. But Jim had seen him multiple times and had come to DC for another show. As this show was significantly delayed in getting started (DC traffic!) , Jim joined our group to pass the time. That was the start of a friendship that continued through the years. He was known in our circle as "Buffalo Jim".*

*Over those years, Jim encouraged us to come north and see Buffalo and "the falls". Finally in 2021, a trip was made and I had the pleasure of meeting Jim's family and his newly born grandson. Jim was a great tour guide and as promised, the falls were incredible to see.*

*He will be missed by all of us in DC. Our condolences to Judy, Elizabeth, Greg, grandson Leonard and Jim's brother David. Our prayers are with you all.*

*Diana Gilbert, Rachel and Nick Williams, Haley Gilbert, Trula Purkey, and Debby Cataldi*

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**Diana Gilbert** - May 17, 2025 at 12:11 PM

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*Diana, thank you for sharing these memories. I will miss my brother so much. Our daily 3:00 call is going to be a major hole in my life. May he rest in peace and may God welcome him with open arms.*

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**DAVID MIETLICKI** - May 17, 2025 at 03:22 PM