



## James Emil Massad

June 8, 1935 - October 9, 2021

James Emil Massad, 86, St. Augustine, died October 9, 2021 at Flagler Hospital. He was born in Watertown, NY, the son of the late Emil and Blanche Massad. Jim was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He taught chemistry in Syracuse, NY, and retired from Henninger High School. Throughout his career and after retirement, he tended bar for Bellevue Country Club, slinging drinks and one-liners. He was an avid golfer, and enjoyed volunteering at World Golf Hall of Fame, giving tours. Jim loved to travel with his wife and daughter and together they visited every continent except Antarctica. He was an active member of San Sebastian Catholic Church where he served as a lector and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. His love, kindness, wit, generosity and sense of humor will be missed by all who were lucky enough to have known him.

A memorial mass will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday October 21, 2021 at San Sebastian Catholic Church.

Interment with military honors will take place at San Lorenzo Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 21, 2021

In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to San Sebastian Catholic Church.

He is survived by the love of his life and wife of 52 years Margot Massad, St. Augustine; daughter, Jennifer Stafford and son-in-law, Aaron Kroll, St. Augustine; sister, Vivian Hetzel, Syracuse; two grandchildren, Keti Ann and Ian James Stafford; and great-grandson, Walter "Bumper" Marshall III;

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## San Lorenzo Cemetery

1635 US Highway 1 South  
St. Augustine, FL

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

San Sebastian Catholic Church  
1112 FL-16  
St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 824-6625

# Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Emil Massad*



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - October 19, 2021 at 03:55 PM

CV

“ *On behalf of my mom Marisol and the entire Spanish family, I want to express our deepest condolences on the death of Jim, whom I had the pleasure of meeting on his trip to Spain to meet with Margot's family.*

*Rest in peace, Jim!*

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**Carlos Garcia Villate** - October 21, 2021 at 03:27 PM

LW

“ *Jim was a foundational force in my life! He was always a great sport putting up with Jenny and I terrorizing him while he was mowing the huge lawn or running circles around him while he was trying to relax in his recliner. He was the best morning chauffeur, starting the car early on freezing cold days, quizzing us for upcoming tests he knew we were taking, or delivering awesome dad jokes to brighten our mood. I am so thankful that he was a huge part of my life!*

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**Leslie Welch** - October 21, 2021 at 07:50 AM

SW

“ Jim Massad.. my neighbor of over thirty years..we shared many memories as our daughters were the same age..going to the zoo, to Green Lakes and to pumpkin patches! He was always very kind and generous to my daughter through the years. I also remember how welcoming he was to my mother in law during the few years she lived with us. Who could forget our weekly bridge nights..good drinks, desserts and lots of laughs. Thank you, Jim, for the memories. May you Rest In Peace.

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**sheryl welch** - October 20, 2021 at 08:15 PM

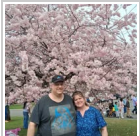
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“ Sheryl Welch lit a candle in memory of James Emil Massad



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**sheryl welch** - October 20, 2021 at 07:56 PM



“ Unfortunately, I never had the pleasure of having Mr. Massad as a teacher when I was in high school. However, I always heard how the students really liked him. From what I remember, he was liked by everyone.

*My condolences to his family and friends. I encourage you to look to Jesus Christ during this time of grief. He will provide comfort and help to get you through this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Richard Carrier  
Henninger Class of 1989*

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**Rich Carrier** - October 20, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ Jim was one of the kindest persons I’ve known. After my mom died, he and Margot took me on a Caribbean cruise. They had been married about four years at the time, and I remember how loving and playful they were with each other, like teenagers who had just fallen in love. I was hugely honored when they asked me to be Jennifer’s godmother (although Jennifer deserved a better one). During college and grad school, I spent many school breaks in their home in Syracuse. I remember day trips around upstate New York, watching Jennifer learn to walk and then swim when she could barely walk, Jim taking Brandy for slippery walks in the snow. (Surely Brandy must be greeting him with wagging tail!)

*Jim, you lived a good life.*

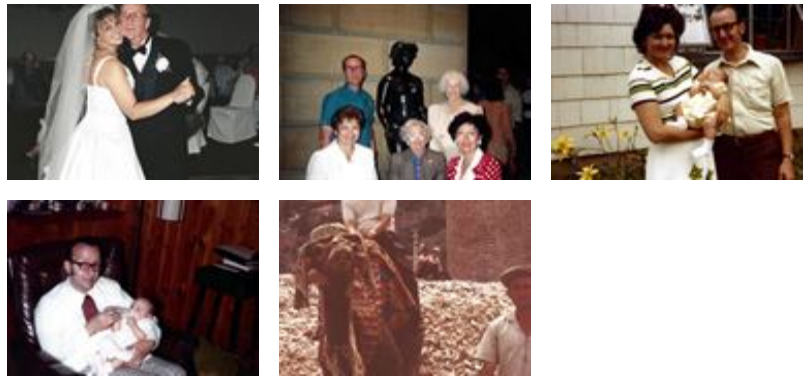
*Margot and Jennifer, I’m so sorry for your loss.*

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**Mary Huber** - October 19, 2021 at 06:06 PM



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - October 19, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ 101 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - October 19, 2021 at 11:24 AM

KS

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Massad was a wonderful guy, and one of my very favorite teachers at Henninger. He made chemistry so much fun...I always looked forward to his class.*

*Rest in peace, Mr. Massad  
Kathy Sackett*

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**Katherine Sackett** - October 19, 2021 at 11:06 AM

MB

“ *Jim always went out of his way to be kind to me and my husband Don. Very warm and loving spirit! Don enjoyed getting to know him through Alpha. We wish his family peace* ❤️

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**Maggie Bridgman** - October 19, 2021 at 07:54 AM

JB

“ *The first thing I noticed about Jim was that he was a remarkable lector and reader at San Sebastian. His voice was different and always held my attention. As I got to know Jim and Margot at church, I found two very loving and Joyful people. Jim always had a ready smile and a warm greeting. Will miss him.*

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**Judy Bernhard** - October 18, 2021 at 11:07 PM

JP

“ *From the first time I met Jim over 50 years ago I knew he was something special. Caring, compassionate, resilient and principled are words that describe the character of this great man. I love you uncle Jim. Godspeed and I know you are smiling down on us from heaven.*

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**joe porto** - October 18, 2021 at 09:38 PM

MM

“ *He was my high school Chem teacher in 1993! He was a great guy with nice sense of humor! My thoughts and prayers to his family! - Mike Melfi (Henninger class of 1994)*

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**Mike Melfi** - October 18, 2021 at 08:38 PM

LG

“ *James Massad fue nuestro amigo por casi cincuenta años. Lo recordaremos siempre.  
James fue un hombre trabajador, cristiano, amante de su familia y buen amigo.  
Esto no es final para James, sino el comienzo de un nuevo capítulo en su vida eterna. .Esperamos reunirnos de nuevo. Luisa y Alberto Gonzalez.*

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**Luisa y Alberto Gonzalez** - October 18, 2021 at 07:56 PM