



## James F. Cranston

April 9, 1933 - May 23, 2019

James F. Cranston, 86, of North Tonawanda, NY (May 23, 2019) at home surrounded by family under the care of Niagara Hospice. Mr. Cranston was born in Buffalo, New York on April 9, 1933 to John and Almina (Sanford) Cranston. Mr. Cranston was loving raised by Edna Cranston. James was a veteran of the United States Navy and was an Assistant Manager for Verizon. Mr. Cranston was predeceased by his wife Francis (Maddigan) Cranston and his son James E. Cranston.

James is survived by his wife Gail (Jorgensen) Cranston, father of Kevin (Kathy), Linda (Loring Stevens) Cox, Bruce, Connie (Robert) Zellner, Gloryanne Holbrook (Peter Titterington), and John (Denise), brother of Martha Jane (Richard) Miller, Ruth Gentner, John, Marilyn Farr, Nancy (Arthur) King, Susan (the late Ted) Miller, and Barbara Westerdale (James), grandfather of 16, great grandfather of 10, also surviving are many nieces and nephews. Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 P.M. at the Wattengel Funeral Home, 533 Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda, NY, where funeral services will follow Wednesday at 10 A.M. Interment in Fairview Cemetery, Springville, NY. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in James F. Cranston's name to Niagara Hospice or East Concord Community Church. [Wattengel.com](http://Wattengel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

12695 Springville Boston Road  
Springville, NY 14141

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 28.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)  
533 Meadow Drive  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
(716) 693-0440  
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## Service

**MAY 29.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ It's funny, I was just thinking about him the other day. (Well, every time I screw up with the potential for a bigger screw up that I somehow avoid, really.) Just after Dad died, Mr. Cranston and I were in the red pickup taking the riding lawn mower into town for repair. On the way back home after we had picked it up, I had left the sales receipt and repair invoice on the seat of the lawn mower in back. Of course, it flew out in the middle of an intersection in downtown Batavia, but I didn't notice until we got all the way out to the RR house. We turned around and went back into town and found it still lying in the middle of the intersection. He turned me and said: "Son, you've got more luck than skill!" Every time I mess up, I always remember that moment! LOL - Hans Southwell

Jon Southwell - May 31, 2019 at 08:55 PM

GH

I just saw this. Thank you Hans for the story- this is the epitome of dad. Just those one liners that you'll remember forever. ❤️❤️❤️❤️

gloryanne holbrook - June 22, 2019 at 07:35 PM

PE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
peggy edgin



peggy edgin - May 29, 2019 at 10:27 AM

RM

“ *Our condolences to Barbara and all the Cranston family this time at the loss of James...so hard to lose one of your own. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Rosina (Clemons) Morford*



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**Rosina Morford** - May 28, 2019 at 08:48 PM



“ *To the Cranston Family- Jim was a wonderful person. We enjoyed his humor at all our family parties. You are all in our hearts and prayers today. The Wolfanger Family*



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**Pat Wolfanger** - May 28, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James F. Cranston.*



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May 28, 2019 at 09:11 AM



“ 71 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wattengel Funeral Home - May 27, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of James F. Cranston.



May 26, 2019 at 09:52 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James F. Cranston.



May 25, 2019 at 09:00 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of James F. Cranston.



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May 25, 2019 at 12:44 PM