

JAMES R. "JIM" TOBIN

MAY 22, 2023



James Richard "Jim" Tobin, 76, of Jamestown, RI died Monday **May 22, 2023** at the Providence Veterans Hospital. He was the **loving husband of Lizbeth "Libby" Tobin** for 53 years of marriage.

Born and raised in Newport, he was the **son of the late John and Mary (Kennedy) Tobin**. Jim **graduated from De La Salle High School in 1966** and **joined the Air Force**. He was **discharged in 1970** as a **Staff Sargent**. When Jim returned home, he **worked as a Union Carpenter for six years while also being a Call-man for the Newport Fire Department**. In 1976 Jim became a **full-time Fire Fighter in Newport**. During his **33 years of dedicated service to Newport Jim was able obtain his degree in Fire Science**. Jim **served as the Union President of Local 1080 for 22 years**,

negotiating many contracts and helping to obtain a lot of benefits that fire fighters have today. He was actively involved in the **RI State Association of Fire Fighters** along with the International Association. He loved his work and for those that knew Jim knew he could talk to anyone, anywhere about anything. **Jim retired after achieving the rank of Captain** and in retirement Jim enjoyed playing golf, spending time with his grandchildren and his family.

Along with his wife Libby, Jim leaves behind his **son Kevin Tobin (Rebecca)**, his daughter **Gretchen King (Dave)**, his **grandson Trevor** and **granddaughter Kylie**. Jim also leaves behind his **sisters Mary Edwards and Arlene (Tobin) Brown**, **brother Philip (Diane) Tobin**, his **sister-in-law Estelle Tobin** along with many loved nieces and nephews.

He is **predeceased by his brother John Tobin, sister Joan (Tobin) Reis, brother-in-law George Reis, brother-in-law Jack Brown, and nephews Christopher Brown and Patrick Tobin**.

Calling hours will be held Friday, May 26, 2023 from 4:00pm-7:00pm in the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, 465 Spring St, Newport. A Mass of Christian burial will be held Saturday, May 27, 2023 at St. Augustin's Church, corner of Carroll & Harrison Ave, Newport at 10:00am. Burial with Military Honors will follow at St. Columba Cemetery, 465 Brown's Ln, Middletown.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the **Potter League for Animals**, 87 Oliphant Ln, Middletown, RI 02842.