

## *James M. Leger*

October 10, 1951 - March 31, 2014

Resided in Saugus, MA

### Obituary

SAUGUS, formerly of Melrose, passed unexpectedly, age 62, died on March 31st at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. He was the loving husband of Charlotte M. (Surette) Leger.

Born and raised in Melrose he was the son of Dorothy (McKeon) Leger of Melrose and the late Warren Leger. He was a graduate of Melrose High School. Jim retired from General Electric in Lynn as a calibrator with over 41 years of service and he was a member of the Wakefield Elks for over 25 years. A devoted husband and father, he had been a resident of Saugus since 1973.

Jim leaves one son, James J. Leger and his wife Monica of Saugus; one daughter, Michelle Tautkus and her husband Greg of Wilmington; cherished Bampa of Keira, Logan "Buddy Boy", Lainey and Hayden; one sister, Judith Waitt and her husband Steve of Wakefield; one brother, Bob Leger and his wife Nancy of Limerick, ME. Brother-in-law of Tom and Mary Jane Surette of Malden. Also survived by 11 nieces and nephews and was predeceased by one niece. He also leaves behind many many friends he called family.

In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Memorial Donations, Boston, MA 02284.

#### SERVICE INFORMATION

Relatives & friends invited to attend visiting hours Thursday 4-8 p.m. in the Bisbee-Porcella Funeral Home, 549 Lincoln Ave., SAUGUS. Funeral from the funeral home on Friday at 9 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at Parish of the Incarnation Church, 425 Upham St., Melrose at 10 a.m. Interment Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody.

### Guestbook



Jimmy Leger

Created : Jul 07, 2014

Hope you had a nice fourth. The camp wasn't the same without you.



Dennis Wallace  
Created : Jun 04, 2014

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Dear Charlotte, Jimmy, Michelle and family: While doing some UMAINE hockey research this link came up about "Big" Jim 'spassing. We can't tell you how sorry we are for all of you. We only knew and had him in our lives for four years. What fun times they were. We so loved all of our road games because Denny and Jim could be "incognito" and drink beers and be wild and crazy fans. Unlike at the Alford. (Where we had to be on our best behavior.) He was the HUMANITARIAN in your family. What a great guy. Stay strong. GO BLUE! Denny & Becky Wallacedwallace@sccoast.net



Jimmy Leger  
Created : May 23, 2014

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Have a nice Memorial Day dad- miss you and hope you are working on your golf game this weekend. I'll stop by to visit soon.



Michelle Leger Tautkus  
Created : Apr 28, 2014

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Dad it still doesn't seem real that you are gone... I miss you like crazy. Thank you for my signs without them I would be lost. Please watch over us today as we christen beautiful Hayden, you know she looks so much like Jimmy. We miss you so much, and especially for special moments like this but I know you are our angel and protecting all of us like you always did. Love you Xoxo



Jimmy Leger  
Created : Apr 21, 2014

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Happy Easter Dad! The bruins won today.



Debbie & Wayne Janian  
Created : Apr 13, 2014

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Dear Charlotte, Jimmy, and Michelle... I can't even put into words how terrible we feel about Jimmy's passing. It's so unfair. He was an all-around great guy. He was loved by so many (including us). I remember, when I first met him, how handsome I thought he was. He always reminded me of Michael MacDonald from the Doobie Brothers. I'm lucky to have so many great memories of him... Us entering the beer drinking contests... Him having to carry me up the stairs and then telling me that I'm the reason he had back problems... our New Year's Eves together... but the best thing I will always remember about him, and admire him for, is the love he had for all of you and your families. He was so proud of all of you and everything you've all done with your lives. He was extremely proud of the fact that he was a "Bampa". Charlotte, you were so lucky to have 40 years of marriage to Jimmy. I wish to God it could have been more. He was a great husband and provider and he really loved you. Jimmy and Michelle, you are two of your father's greatest accomplishments and he would have been so proud of the way you conducted yourselves during this difficult

time. You both have a lot of him in you and you'll be able to pass that on to your kids. Uncle Wayne and I are so sorry for your loss. We will definitely miss your Dad.



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Created : Apr 07, 2014

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Dear Charlotte, Jimmy, Michelle, & family, Words cannot express how sorry and saddened we are with Jimmy's passing. Jimmy was truly a wonderful Husband, Dad, "Bampa" and Friend. A life well lived, but taken too soon... We will miss him dearly, Love, Cheryl Bill, and Alex



Tom Valenty

Created : Apr 07, 2014

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To Charlotte, Jimmy and Michelle, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Let's choose to remember the good times. Like camping in Maine, hockey trips to everywhere. Who could forget Jim doing the worm on the dance floor. The Good Times!!



Holly DiNitto Maribito

Created : Apr 05, 2014

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To Jimmy, Michelle and Charlotte-I am terribly sorry for your loss. Jim was a great man who always wanted to be a part of anything that was going on. He was a true family man. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your entire family. May he rest in peace.



Joan DiVenuti

Created : Apr 04, 2014

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Charlotte and kids, I am so sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. Even though its been 25 years or more I have so many wonderful memories of Jimmy, you and the kids. As far as coaching, I respected Jimmy and he spent time with me and I believe he was the BEST. I did enjoy making him roll his eyes at practice catching for him. I remember the Saturday nites at the Blue Note. I remember the basement, the greatest concert hall ever. Everyone sounded so good. Most of all I remember how high the pedestal was for Charlotte. I remember how he didn't complain about little Jimmy's hockey schedule, he just did it. Michelle, was his little girl. I remember so well a big guy, but mostly I remember his huge heart. Thanks for being part of my life. Always Joan DiVenuti



Maddie Serino Glavin

Created : Apr 03, 2014

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Dear Charlotte & family, I was very sad for all of you to hear about Jim. Please accept my sincere condolences for your terrible loss. I will keep you in my thoughts & prayers. Love, Maddie Serino Glavin



Tom &amp; Gina Castiello

Created : Apr 03, 2014

Judie, Steve & entire family, Sorry for your loss, May he rest in peace. I pray you all find peace is such a huge loss.



Tom, Kathy Callahan & Family  
Created : Apr 03, 2014

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Charlotte, Jimmy, Michelle & Family we're so sorry for your loss. Even though we haven't seen you for a long time it seems like yesterday. We have nothing great memories of Jim and the great times we had. We are blessed to have known him. He will always be in our prayers. God bless all of you and may Jim rest in peace.



Claire Palmer  
Created : Apr 03, 2014

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Dear Charlotte, My sympathies to you and your family on the death of your husband James. Take care Claire Palmer Yellow Pages



CeCe Zolt  
Created : Apr 03, 2014

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Well Jimmy, first I want to say that you were/are a big part of our lives. Friends that became family. We will always remember all the good times we all had. I don't know whos going to pick on me now. Things will sure be different . Will miss you but won't forget. "I feel the earth move under my feet" Love CeCe, Jeff, Tiff and Britt



Ken Burns  
Created : Apr 03, 2014

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Jim-Our many years of friendship has been cut short and although we all agree that it is unfair we want you to know there won't be a day that goes by without us thinking of you. Throughout the years we became part of each others families thru hockey, soccer, camp and many other memorable times. You were an exceptionable friend, a remarkable husband, dedicated dad and unquestionably the best Bampa ever! You will be dearly missed by all. Love, Burnsie, Becky, Erika, Gregg & Bribo



Dave Forbes  
Created : Apr 03, 2014

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To Jim, Michelle and Mrs. Leger. I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Leger was a great guy. He donated a lot of his time to coaching me and other kids in hockey and I appreciated it. The mite A team was one of the most enjoyable seasons of hockey I have ever had. He would even pick me up in the van when my mother couldn't drive anymore. For those 6am games he would know that some bugle was about to come on the radio and he would crank the speakers to scare/wake me up. He thought that was the funniest thing. God Bless.



Lorraine Rizzuto  
Created : Apr 03, 2014

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Judie is a great At this time I would like to express my sincere condolences to the Ledger family. God Bless you and try to remember all the good times and celebrate Jim's time here. Now with his passing the rest of the family will celebrate with him and he is at eternal and everlasting peace with his maker. God Bless all of you!



Lena Sullivan

Created : Apr 03, 2014

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Judie Steve and Family, I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your Brother. So very sad at such a young age. You now have a Special Angel watching over you. May he Rest In Peace and God Bless to you all. All my love Lena xoxo



Guest

Created : Apr 03, 2014

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Judie Steve and Family, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family on the loss of your brother. So very sad at such a young age. You now have another Angel to watch over you. God Bless and take care and may he rest in peace. All my love Lena <3



steve waitt

Created : Apr 03, 2014

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Jim, To a man I've always remembered having great times that we have shared . Those are memories that will last a lifetime. May God Bless you and keep you with him always. Love Brother in law STEVE xo



Erin and Dale LeDrew

Created : Apr 03, 2014

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Our thoughts and Prays are with you Charlotte, Michelle, Jimmy and your families. Our hearts are broken for you. We are here if you need us. Love Erin and Dale



Betty Ring

Created : Apr 02, 2014

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To Charlotte, Michelle, Jimmy and all the family .... Leo and I want to extend our deepest condolences to you all. Jimmy was and always will be a treasure. He gave many of us a good laugh or two at camp and on the golf course. We will miss him a great deal and Apache will not be the same without him. I know he will be with us all in "spirit" Love to you all Betty (Boop) and Leo Ring



July Benson

Created : Apr 02, 2014

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Our thoughts are with you, Judie...Love, July & Charlie xoxo



Andrea Kujawa

Created : Apr 02, 2014

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Charlotte, Jimmy, Michelle and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Jimmy was one hellava guy who was loved by all. We feel honored to have know him. He was such a fighter throughout the last 6 months and even to the end. May God Bless you all and know that another angel was born - Jimmy. With all our love, Andrea & Bob Kujawa



Joanne Schmidt

Created : Apr 02, 2014

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To the leger Family, know words can explain the depth of your loss. Jimmy has touched so many lives' he was a gift to us on this earth, now goin to be a gift back to his father! I hope in time your heart lighten and glad to celebrate his life and the time he was here. God Bless your family!



Susan

Created : Apr 02, 2014

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Dear Jim - To my oldest cousin, my heart is broken. Our family, especially Dad & Mom, thought the world of you. You always demonstrated respect for all and a strong sense of family - you knew how to do it. Thank you for wonderful memories. Bless you. Charlotte, Jimmy, Michelle - love you all. Cousin Susan



stjohnpinkturtle

Created : Apr 02, 2014

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Mrs. Leger, Jimmy, Monica, Michelle and Greg, Our hearts are broken and we are so very sorry! Mr. Leger has always made us feel like part of your family. He was larger than life, and the kindest man. I remember Mr. Leger always being "there." There for all the games, all the parties, all the events. I admire how he just didn't live life, he showed up to life. We could all learn so much from how he lived. I will miss his laugh and his way to say it how it was. We love you all so much!!! May God comfort you during this difficult time. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me." - Psalm 23:4 Love, Quelly, Nicole, Gabriella, and Olivia



The Whitney Family.

Created : Apr 02, 2014

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Charlotte, Jimmy and Michelle, Our family is heartbroken over the passing of Big Jim. He had that laugh that made other people laugh. He was an amazing Person and an amazing friend to everyone who knew him especially my dad. Apache will never be the same without there friend!! God bless you.



Phil Ketchen

Created : Apr 02, 2014

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Dear Chuck I am sorry for the loss of Jim to you and your family. I have a lot of fond memories of you and Jim when we were young adults. Always in my thoughts. Cool Breeze



Diane Leveille

Created : Apr 02, 2014

Dear Bob and Nancy, Mark and I are so saddened for your loss and extend our deepest sympathies for you both and to your family. We are hear for you for anything we can do to help you. Love you both!



Vicki Dakin

Created : Apr 02, 2014

Dear Charlotte, Jimmy, Michelle, Dottie, Judie, Steve, Robbie, Nancy & Family, Our hearts are deeply saddened to hear of Jimmy's passing. He was such a special, fun-loving guy, who always made us smile. We will miss hearing of his latest "How to catch the BIG ONE" techniques! How he loved fishing! It is our hope, that your wonderful memories of Jimmy, will help you all through this very sad time. As the angels lead you into paradise, rest in peace, Jimmy. Love, Vicki & Jim



Ralph &amp; Roberta Puopolo

Created : Apr 02, 2014

Dear Jimmy, Monica, Michelle, and your Mom, We are deeply saddened and sorry for such a great loss to all of you. We really didn't know him very well but we know he was a great father and he was taken away much too soon. Our deepest sympathy goes out to all your family and if there is something we could do to ease your pain you know we would be right there for you. May he rest in peace and God will take care of him. So difficult to say and words just don't come easy at this time. God bless.



Bob Leger

Created : Apr 02, 2014

Jimbo- This wasn't the way is was supposed to be. You and Charlotte should be enjoying a long retirement together cause you damn well earned it! and enjoying watching Jim and Michelle grow the family and wearing out that Vet on you way to the campground to take Logan fishing, golfing, sitting around the fire and all the other things you enjoyed. Rest assured my brother your life was well lived as evidence by the beautiful family you raised and your volunteering to help the area youth in coaching and ALWAYS being there for your family. I already miss you and part of my heart goes with you on you journey. Bampa, Dad you and I will fish together again one day, till then I Love-You and God Bless. Bob



Jimmy Leger

Created : Apr 02, 2014

Dad- I want to thank you for everything you sacrificed in your life to give me every opportunity to excel in my life. I love you so much and know that you KNOW that. Michelle, Me and Mom were there with you every step of the way and were proud of the way you fought till the end. We are deeply saddened and very angry that this happened to you. You did not deserve this and you were blind sided by a terrible disease that didn't allow you to fight back. We will miss you every day, but NEVER

FORGET YOU. I hope I can be half the father to my kids the way you were a father to me and Michelle. I Love you Dad



Susan Donaher

Created : Apr 02, 2014

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Judi, Steve & family, Our sincere sympathy for your loss. You will be in our hearts & prayers. May God's blessings and love be with you all.



Darlene Stella

Created : Apr 02, 2014

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To Jimmy, Michelle and Mrs. Leger... I am so sorry for your loss. Even though it's been years I can still see him cheering on Michelle and Jimmy at all our Saugus sporting events. A great guy who will be greatly missed. I will be keeping you all in my prayers. Darlene



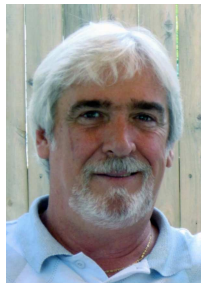
Kathy Luciano

Created : Apr 02, 2014

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Judie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Jimmy was a great person

## Photos



## Services



## Visitation

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### Bisbee-Porcella Funeral Home

549 Lincoln Ave.  
Saugus, MA 01906



[Map / Directions](#)



Thursday, April 3, 2014  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

## Service

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### Parish of the Incarnation

425 Upham st.  
Melrose, MA



[Map / Directions](#)



Friday, April 4, 2014  
10:00 AM

## Cemetery

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### Puritan Lawn Memorial Park

Peabody, MA



[Map / Directions](#)



Friday, April 4, 2014