



## Mr. James O'Reilly Jr.

March 18, 1928 - July 6, 2018

O'REILLY, James Patrick O'Reilly age 90 of Roswell died July 6, 2018. Mr. O'Reilly was the son of James and Helen O'Reilly of New York City. Mr. O'Reilly was a graduate of the Naval Academy (1950). He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving aboard the destroyer, U.S.S. McCaffrey. He later was captain of the minesweeper, U.S.S. Redpole, which won the Navy E under his command. He was a pioneering officer of the nuclear navy and served as chief reactor officer aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, the U.S. Navy's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. Following his service in the Navy, Mr. O'Reilly worked for the Atomic Energy Commission, and its successor organization, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). In the NRC, Mr. O'Reilly rose to become Director of Region 1, which covered the northeastern states. Mr. O'Reilly later served as Director of Region 2, which covered the southeastern states. After government service, Mr. O'Reilly worked for Georgia Power as Senior Vice-President of Nuclear Operations, after which he went to operate his own consulting business which serviced the nuclear industry. For many years he was active in the parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hartwell, Georgia, where he chaired the Finance Committee, served as a lector, visited the sick in nursing homes, and was active with Meals on Wheels. Later as a resident of the St. George Village community, he served as a lector, and visited the sick and brought them Holy Communion.

Mr. O'Reilly is survived by his second wife, Ann O'Reilly; the children from his

late wife of 62 years, Jane O'Reilly (d. December 19, 2014); James O'Reilly (Arantxa), Kevin O'Reilly (Debbie), Thomas O'Reilly (Chantima), Steven O'Reilly, and Maureen Stewart (Scott), and daughter-in-law Sheryl O'Reilly, wife of his late son Chris O'Reilly, d. 2016; 19 grandchildren and 2 great-granddaughters; 3 step sons and 6 step grandchildren. Mr. O'Reilly loved fishing and sailing on Lake Hartwell. He was an avid football fan of the U.S. Naval Academy and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. He will be dearly missed by family and friends. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 10:30 am at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church. Flowers and or donations made to St. Vincent de Paul are welcome. The O'Reilly family will receive friends on Tuesday from 5-7pm at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell, 770-645-1414. [www.northsidechapel.com](http://www.northsidechapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Rd  
Roswell, GA 30075

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Funeral Service

JUL 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church  
11330 Woodstock Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James O'Reilly Jr.*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *My condolences to the family.*

*I worked for Jim for a number of years and loved and respected him very, very much. Jim was a mentor for me. Thank you, Jim, for your association, support and guidance. I miss you.*

*John Olshinski  
Marietta, GA*

John Olshinski - July 19, 2018 at 01:27 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James O'Reilly Jr..*



July 10, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James O'Reilly Jr..*



July 10, 2018 at 11:50 AM



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**Northside Chapel** - July 10, 2018 at 07:34 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. James O'Reilly Jr..



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July 09, 2018 at 07:05 PM

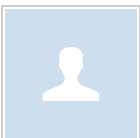


“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of Mr. James O'Reilly Jr..



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July 09, 2018 at 06:22 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. James O'Reilly Jr..



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July 09, 2018 at 11:56 AM

RS

“ Ron, Vicki and Hazel Stewart purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. James O'Reilly Jr..



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**Ron, Vicki and Hazel Stewart** - July 09, 2018 at 10:12 AM



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**Northside Chapel** - July 09, 2018 at 09:45 AM

TW

“ The Wetheringtons purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. James O'Reilly Jr..



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**The Wetheringtons** - July 09, 2018 at 08:44 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James O'Reilly Jr..



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July 09, 2018 at 07:26 AM

DK

“ So sorry Kevin and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love you, Donna and David Keane

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Donna Keane - July 08, 2018 at 04:14 PM



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Northside Chapel - July 08, 2018 at 03:37 PM