



## James "Jim" Churgai

July 21, 1948 - November 25, 2020

James "Jim" Churgai, age 72, of Reading, Pennsylvania, passed away on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at his home. Born on July 21, 1948 in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, he was a son of the late Steven & Helen (Clark) Churgai.

Jim served his country proudly by enlisting in the United States Air Force before he was honorably discharged in 1972. He was a third generation firefighter and lifetime member of the Phoenix Hose Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1. Jim was an avid collector of model trains and in his spare time enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, and fishing whenever he had the opportunity, but most of all he cherished the time he was able to spend with his loving children and grandchildren. Jim was a loving father, brother, grandfather, and dear friend to all and will be missed by many.

Jim is survived by his two children, Brooke (Debbie) Churgai, and Erica (John) Horting and their mother Sarah Churgai; One sister, Helen Smith; His loving companion Susan Schultz; Four grandchildren, Jacob & Lucas Horting, Sophia & Chloe Churgai. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Churgai was preceded in death by his brother, Barry Churgai.

Services for Mr. Churgai will be held at a later date due to the COVID19 regulations and precautions, please feel free to check back for updated dates and times for the services. Condolences may be made by visiting [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com). Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell Ennis Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I’ve known Jimmy most of my life, although after high school we lost track of one another. After many, many years, we recently reunited through Facebook and he told me he had a new lady in his life and he was happy. I was so glad to connect with him again. We met at the Baptist Church of Phoenixville at the tender age of 12 years old. We were born the same year. We attended youth group together, BYF, Baptist Youth Fellowship and our lives took us through junior high and on into high school together. Maybe some folks don’t know this but Jimmy had a lovely voice and we both sang in church choir as well as the A-Capella Choir in high school. We had a special group named the Choraliers too, directed by Earl Mayberry whom we all adored! I remember Jimmy being selected for a solo, “Birthday of a King”, which he performed with much success. Jimmy was a good guy and he loved the Lord. Funny thing...recently I was going through some old sheet music that was left at my mothers house and darned if Jimmy’s name wasn’t on one of the pieces! I’m glad I had a chance to share that with him! He will always have a special place in my heart.

Linda Lou Folding Fowler - January 02, 2021 at 03:51 AM

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Correction...I started coming to the Baptist Church of Phoenixville at a much younger age, like second grade. So the chances are I knew Jimmy much earlier than I had originally thought.

Linda Lou Folding Fowler - January 02, 2021 at 03:57 AM

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“ Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I knew him from Phoenix Hose Hook and Ladder Co. #1. He always had a hand in teaching procedures at the fire house. John Beregi Past President 1989 PHH&L Co. #1

John and Joan Beregi - December 04, 2020 at 08:48 AM