



James H. Switzer

January 15, 2026

James H. Switzer, 84, of Brewerton passed away on Thursday, January 15, 2026, with his family by his side. Born in Watertown, NY to the late Alton and Annabelle (Hudson) Switzer, he was the last surviving of his siblings, David, Lloyd, and Kenneth.

Jim was the shop foreman for Valenite Co. before becoming sexton of the First Presbyterian Church of Syracuse, where he faithfully served for 27 years. He was an avid bowler, collected coins, and enjoyed many lunch outings with his wife, Kay. He was a kind and gentle man whose family was first and foremost in his life.

Predeceased by his daughter, Bobbi Jean Switzer Denney, grandson, Samuel Vaughn, brother-in-law, Steven LeBeau, and sister-in-law, Gina LeBeau, he is survived by his wife of 48 years, the former Kay Ann LeBeau, and children, Marilee K. (Barry) Blumenthal, Lana A. (Angelo) Emmi, Robert M. E. Balintfy, and Kenda R. (Scott) Sargent. Also surviving are ten grandchildren, Benjamin Blumenthal, Daniel (Kelsie) Blumenthal, Richard (Allison) Blumenthal, Joshua (Amy) Van Simmons, Rachele (Michael) Brooks, Robert Denney, Rebecca Vaughn, Payson Sargent, Carley (Brandon) Smith, and Blake Balintfy; nine great grandchildren, Brooklyn, Madison, Brock, Grant, Gunnar, Gabriel, Emerson, Oliver, Evelyn, and two more anticipated; a brother-in-law, Mark LeBeau; nieces; nephews, and many good friends.

Calling hours will be on Thursday, January 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 pm followed by the funeral service at Fergerson Funeral Home, 215 South Main

Street, North Syracuse. Graveside committal will be Friday, January 23 at 12:00 noon in North Syracuse Cemetery, 555 South Bay Road, North Syracuse.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, POB 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741-6704 or to the Alzheimer's Association of CNY, 5015 Campuswood Drive, Suite 102, East Syracuse, NY 13057

Cemetery Details

North Syracuse Cemetery

555 South Bay Road
North Syracuse , NY 13212

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 22. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc.
215 South Main Street
North Syracuse, NY 13212
(315) 458-1970
<http://fergersonfuneralhome.com/>

Graveside Committal

JAN 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

North Syracuse Cemetery
555 South Bay Road
North Syracuse , NY 13212

Tribute Wall

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“ Edward S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James H. Switzer.

Edward S. - January 27 at 12:05 PM

KS

“ Kenny Switzer, Jr. & Mary Lynne Switzer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James H. Switzer.



Kenny Switzer, Jr. & Mary Lynne Switzer - January 20 at 09:06 PM

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“ Kenny Switzer, Jr. & Mary Lynne Switzer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James H. Switzer.

Kenny Switzer, Jr. & Mary Lynne Switzer - January 20 at 09:06 PM

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“ The Schopfer family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James H. Switzer.



The Schopfer family - January 19 at 03:05 PM

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“ *The Schopfer family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James H. Switzer.*

The Schopfer family - January 19 at 03:05 PM