



James Hamilton Balderson

January 7, 1937 - January 16, 2025

James Hamilton Balderson of Easton, MD departed this life on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at Bayleigh Chase retirement community in Easton.

Born on January 7, 1937 in Talbot County, MD, he was the son of the late James Alexander Balderson and Marguerite Duncan Balderson of Oxford, MD. He was raised in Oxford and it always held a special place in his heart. He graduated from Easton High School in 1955. He is predeceased by his wife of 62 years, the late Joyce Ann Bramble Balderson of Cambridge, MD.

Jim served honorably as an active duty US Marine at Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington, DC from 1955-1958. He was an exemplary Marine and earned many honors and recognitions during his service there. His commitment to his beloved Corps continued throughout his life and he was a member of the Marine Corps League for many years.

He was a career Maryland State Trooper retiring as a Sergeant in 1981 after 22 years of dedicated service. He served loyally and honorably alongside many family members during his tenure and he cherished those memories. In his duties as a Trooper, he took pride in helping and protecting his family and friends in the community he loved so dearly.

Those that knew Jim will tell you that he never sat still in retirement. He was

an avid outdoorsman for most of his life enjoying fishing and hunting in and around his home in Dorchester County, MD and was a member of the “Malkus Gunning Club” for many years. He loved working on the water as a crabber for over 25 years. He loved to travel with his wife Joyce, as well as with many friends and family, and traveled to countless destinations over the years. He was a voracious reader of all genres of books.

His strong love of God and community was exemplified by his membership at Milton United Methodist Church in Woolford, MD for over 50 years, the Elks Lodge in Easton, MD for over 60 years, and Cambridge Masonic Lodge for over 50 years.

He is survived by his daughter Michele Murray Balderson and wife Gráinne of Marshfield, MA, son Keith Balderson and wife Mary of Weatherford, TX, his brothers John Duncan Balderson and wife Jadine of Raleigh, NC and Joseph Alexander Balderson and wife Kimerly of Trappe, MD, grandchildren Sarah Emily Taylor of Williamsburg, VA, Miles Alexander James Taylor of Greenville, SC, Duncan Alexander Balderson of Stillwater, OK, Corey Malone-Smolla Ryser of Washington, DC, Dylan Eliot Smolla of Brooklyn, NY, Carter Thomas Balderson of Weatherford, TX and Graham Parker Balderson of Stillwater, OK, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford, MD on Saturday, February 1, at 1:00PM with interment and graveside service following at Oxford Cemetery, Oxford, MD. There will be a reception immediately following the graveside service at the church’s fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Jim’s memory be made to the non-profit organization Semper Fi & America's Fund

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

church of holy trinity
502 S Morris St
Oxford, MD 21654

Graveside Service

FEB 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Oxford Cemetery
Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Mr Jim worked with my Dad at MSP! He taught my sister how to pick crabs at a picnic for the Troopers years ago yet he always greeted me with words about what a special Man Daddy was! I also worked with John at MSP as a dispatcher! I am so sorry to miss the memorial but had a tooth pulled and having problems still! Mr Jim holds a special place in my heart! So sorry for your loss*

Sharon Cropper - February 01, 2025 at 12:23 PM

SC

I should have noted my Dad's name! Marlin Clevenger

Sharon Clevenger Cropper - February 01, 2025 at 12:55 PM

TW

“ *Very sorry to hear of Jim's passing*



Tommy Willey - January 29, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Hamilton Balderson.*



January 27, 2025 at 06:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Hamilton Balderson.

January 27, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Hamilton Balderson.



January 27, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Hamilton Balderson.



January 27, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ Heaven has received another wonderful Oxford Boy who served his country as a United States Marine and then came home to proudly serve and protect his community as a Maryland State Trooper. I feel blessed that we were friends and shared many conversations about the Corps. Rest in Peace, Jimmy. Semper Fidelis! You will be remembered always in my heart. Love, Debbie Newnam Kudner



Debbie Newnam Kudner - January 27, 2025 at 11:46 AM

TH

“ Tom Hall lit a candle in memory of James Hamilton Balderson



Tom Hall - January 25, 2025 at 11:55 PM

BH

“ Bobby Herbert lit a candle in memory of James Hamilton Balderson



Bobby Herbert - January 24, 2025 at 04:01 PM

AS

“ Jim was a Life Member of our Easton Elks Lodge. He will be missed.

Andrea Shoener - January 23, 2025 at 09:31 PM

DC

“ So sorry for your loss Keith and family. Diane Colson

Diane Colson - January 23, 2025 at 11:37 AM

PF

“ Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of James Hamilton Balderson



Phil Foster - January 23, 2025 at 01:08 AM

BR

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to Jim’s family, we worked side by side for over a decade with the MSP, I have missed seeing him for coffee since his move back to Easton. Rest in peace my friend.*

Bicky Roche - January 22, 2025 at 04:22 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of James Hamilton Balderson*



Doug Pierson - January 22, 2025 at 11:14 AM

DK

“ *Debi Kendall lit a candle in memory of James Hamilton Balderson*



Debi Kendall - January 21, 2025 at 12:57 PM

WB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Jim’s family. He & Joyce were our Woolford neighbors for many years. Could always count on seeing him at Woolford Store reading the paper. RIP Jim.*



Wigs & Pam Brohawn - January 21, 2025 at 10:16 AM

TW

“ I enjoyed discussing politics with Jim and especially when he ran for office and his association with Senator Fred Malkus! RIP Jim!

Terry Dayton Wheatley-Register of Wills - January 19, 2025 at 04:01 PM

SB

“ Jim was one of the finest men that I have ever known. His presence brightened the world for all who were blessed to know him. I smile every time I think of him. Love and prayers to the family and friends of Jim.

Steve Bloodsworth

Stephen Bloodsworth - January 18, 2025 at 08:51 AM

DC

“ Jimmy will forever be missed by his Elks dinner crew! He was the sweetest man, and I was blessed to be his friend!

Donna Clem - January 16, 2025 at 07:51 PM

BW

My Thoughts and Prayers go out to Jimmy's Family I friends. Always enjoyed sharing with Him at my Hubby's (JR's) Class Reunions.

Bonnie Wooters - January 17, 2025 at 09:28 AM

PF

Heaven has gained an angel. We shared many a breakfast at Woolford Store. He was so kind, interesting, and entertaining. I lived vicariously through his stories of his many travels. Jim was a good man and a friend to many. You will be missed.

Pamela Fleckenstein - January 23, 2025 at 02:22 PM

SS

Knew Jimmy all my life. Everytime I saw him he reminded me that we shared the same birth date, Jan 7th, although I was 9 years younger. One of Audrey and Weber's best friends.

Steve Saulsbury - January 31, 2025 at 07:53 PM