



## James Cavender Bennett, Sr.

January 31, 1934 - August 21, 2022

James Cavender Bennett, Sr., of Church Hill, MD, passed away peacefully on August 21, 2022, at Corsica Hills Nursing Facility in Centreville, MD. He was 88.

Born on January 31, 1934, in Baltimore, MD, Jim was the son of the late Morgan Knight Bennett, Sr., and Emma Elizabeth Jarrell Bennett.

His love and passion for aviation began as a small child when he had the chance to have his first ride in a J-3 Piper Cub at a local airstrip. After graduating from Preston High School in 1952, Jim enrolled in Embry Riddle School of Aviation in Miami, FL, and became an FAA certified aircraft mechanic. Following graduation, he served his country during the Korean War in the U.S. Army, 7th Infantry Division, as a Technical Inspector of observation planes. Later, he accepted a position in California flying for the famous aviatrix, Jacqueline Cochran, as her private co-pilot sitting beside his future father-in-law. This assignment would require him to spend six months in California and six months in New York each year. After his marriage to Nancy, they moved to Findlay, OH, where he flew for Marathon Oil Company as a corporate pilot.

In 1962, Jim moved back to the Eastern Shore where he began a salvage business. He eventually took over the family business, Bennett & Cohey Auto

Salvage, to raise his family in the same home where he grew up. Jim continued to enjoy flying throughout his life and owned various small planes, including his prized AT-6 Texan. He enjoyed his retirement years at Kennersley Farm in Church Hill, MD, at the "Eagle's Rest." Jim was a lifetime Colonel in the Commemorative Air Force, an original member of the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum and the Massey Air Museum.

Jim is survived by his wife of 65 years, Nancy Bennett of Church Hill, MD; daughters, Beth Coxon (Bill) and Louisa Welch; sons James Bennett (Ana Ligia) and Edward Bennett (Kathryn); 14 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Morgan K. Bennett, Jr.; sister, Evelyn B. Storey; and stepmother, Mildred Barwick Bennett.

A visitation will be held on Monday, August 29, from 10am – 11am at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville, MD, where a service will begin at 11am. Burial will follow in the Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock, MD.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum, 11 Museum Drive, Reading, PA 19605.

# Cemetery Details

## Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery

Hurlock, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 29.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

**AUG 29.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial with Military Honors

**AUG 29.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery  
Hurlock, MD



# Tribute Wall



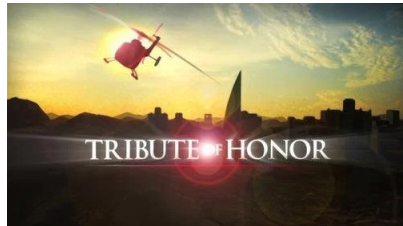
“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of James Cavender Bennett, Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 29, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Cavender Bennett, Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 25, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ *James Cavender Bennett, Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James Cavender Bennett, Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ James Cavender Bennett, Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Cavender Bennett, Sr..



August 31, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ Allen Anderson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Cavender Bennett, Sr..



**Allen Anderson** - August 27, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of James Cavender Bennett, Sr.



**June clark** - August 26, 2022 at 11:40 AM

BW

“ *Beth and family, I'm so sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers*



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**Barb Wyman** - August 25, 2022 at 04:06 PM

JK

“ *Jack Debbie Kemp lit a candle in memory of James Cavender Bennett, Sr.*



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**jack Debbie Kemp** - August 25, 2022 at 02:51 PM

TS

“ *Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of James Cavender Bennett, Sr.*



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**Todd and Diane Smith** - August 25, 2022 at 11:41 AM

FE

“ *My condolences to Beth, Eddie and the rest of the family. I hope your memories comfort you during this difficult time.*



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**Faye Evans** - August 24, 2022 at 09:18 PM

MC

“ Marion Chance purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Cavender Bennett, Sr..



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**Marion Chance** - August 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM

JP

“ Janet E Pauls lit a candle in memory of James Cavender Bennett, Sr.



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**Janet E Pauls** - August 24, 2022 at 08:13 PM

LI

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Bennett's passing. I have such fond memories of your dad and my dad at the airfield. It was great to see your dad fly the AT-6 around. What a great flying family❤️✈️He will be missed.

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**Linette** - August 24, 2022 at 05:19 PM

PE

“ Prayers and peace to all the family🙏.  
Pam and Fred



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**Pam Clark Edwards** - August 24, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James Cavender Bennett, Sr..*



August 24, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ *Debbie Scott lit a candle in memory of James Cavender Bennett, Sr.*



**Debbie Scott** - August 24, 2022 at 01:17 PM



*I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Bennett's passing. He had a very full life and leaves you, his loving family, with many great memories. Please know that my prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

**Debbie Scott** - August 24, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ *Nancy and family, so sorry for your loss. Theresa and Carl*

**Mary Theresa Redman** - August 24, 2022 at 11:45 AM



“ *Debbie Fuchs sent a virtual gift in memory of James Cavender Bennett, Sr.*



**Debbie Fuchs** - August 24, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Cavender Bennett, Sr..*



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August 24, 2022 at 09:48 AM



“ *Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of James Cavender Bennett, Sr.*



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**Gene & Lynda Palmatary** - August 24, 2022 at 09:26 AM



*Prayers and blessings to the family at this time. It was always a pleasure to chat with him and Nancy at the food store. He was at Corsica Hills some years ago the same time my dad was there and would always visit him down the hall. God Bless and RIP. Blessings, Gene and Lynda Palmatary*

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**Gene Palmatary** - August 24, 2022 at 09:28 AM



*Nancy, so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. He was a very nice man. God bless you and your family. Karen Beal ( worked at Tidewater PT)*

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**Karen** - August 30, 2022 at 09:43 AM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family during this difficult time. May he rest in peace and held gently in God's hands. Many great memories of Mr Jim!



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**Joe Branham** - August 24, 2022 at 06:43 AM

ML

“ Michelle Leatherman lit a candle in memory of James Cavender Bennett, Sr.



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**Michelle Leatherman** - August 23, 2022 at 08:04 PM

CT

“ Mr Jim was a great man, few words, a mighty smile. He and Mrs. Nancy and his wonderful family always welcomed us into their loving home from teen age years to 60 years. The love and legacy he leaves with his family and friends will live on. Keeping you all in our prayers for strength, peace and rest in the days ahead. Love you sweet friend Beth and family!!!



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**Colleen and Buddy Thomas** - August 23, 2022 at 07:53 PM

MC

“ I Am So Sorry To Learn This, Was Just At The House Last Week. Many Thoughts And Prayers To The Family! RIP Mr. B!

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**Marion Chance** - August 23, 2022 at 06:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Cavender Bennett, Sr..*



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August 23, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Dear Louisa,*

*You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Lawrence Dunn*



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**Lawrence Dunn** - August 23, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family.*



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**Kay Councill** - August 23, 2022 at 10:44 AM