



James Bottorf

February 14, 1939 - February 24, 2016

James E. Bottorf died peacefully on February 24, 2016, at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton. He was 77.

Born on February 14, 1939 in Lock Haven, PA, he was the son of the late Mervyn S. and Elizabeth Simcox Bottorf.

Jim served our country in the United States Navy for four years and then in the U.S. Navy Reserves for two years as an Electronic Technician. He graduated from Colorado State University with a B.A. with distinction in Political Science and from the University of Oregon with a M.S., A.B.D. in Political Science. He was also a Certified Volunteer Administrator, professional credential through AVA.

Jim married his wife, Judy, on August 13, 1988 in Prescott, AZ, and they resided in Mesa, AZ, for 19 years, before moving to Easton, MD in 2006. He previously was employed as a college professor and most recently was employed as an executive in a non-profit organization. Jim and his wife, Judy, were truly heart to heart, almost always together in their volunteer work in the community.

He lived by John Wesley's philosophy: "Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the

times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.” He was known for his volunteerism in the community.

Jim was a member of St. Mark’s United Methodist Church in Easton. He served as a volunteer as a Docent at the Historical Society of Talbot County Museum; CERT Coordinator Talbot County Dept. of Emergency Services; Risk Management Volunteer Consultant at Talbot County Free Library; Volunteer Usher at The Avalon Theatre; English as Second Language teacher for Chesapeake College; United Methodist Men; Democratic Forum of Talbot County; CROP Hunger Walk Local Chairperson. He received numerous awards for his volunteer service, most notably the United States President’s Volunteer Service Award (2013—Obama Administration).

Jim brought joy wherever he went, and was known for his quick wit and sense of humor. He loved family and was very proud of them.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Bottorf; daughter, Andrea (Mike King) of Delaware; son, Ross (Tami Bottorf) of Arizona; stepdaughters Heidi (Ken Moon) of Maryland and Wendy Jo (Derek Lane) of Oregon; siblings, Lee Bottorf and Connie Gallardo, both of Colorado; and six grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Vaughn Bottorf.

A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, 100 Peachblossom Rd., in Easton. Family will receive friends at a reception following the service in the church’s fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Church World Service or UMCOR.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peach Blossom Road
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *James Bottorf*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James Bottorf*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James Bottorf*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dearest Judy and family, I just learned of Jim's passing. I can only imagine the hole left in your heart with the loss of your dear, loving, kind and generous husband. You were a team for the VIPs and your contributions so generous. He will be missed by many. John and I send our sincerest condolences, hugs and prayers for peace and love for you and your family.*

Christine Kling - March 26, 2016 at 11:11 AM



“ *Judy and Family,*

It is with great sorrow that I learned of Jim's passing. His outstanding leadership for the CERT Training Program for Talbot County made all of our efforts easier. I will remember him for his genuine warmth, intelligence, and caring ways. My prayers and deepest sympathy, Cherie Stevenson

Cherie Stevenson - March 19, 2016 at 10:25 AM

JD

“ Judy and family, Adrian and I were saddened to hear of Jim's passing. May the memories of all the good times you shared together help to ease the pain that you are feeling. May God bless you and your family. Sincerely, Adrian and Janet Deroy

Janet Deroy - March 07, 2016 at 02:48 PM

BJ

“ I am saddened to read of Jim's passing. Our town and county are less for his absence from us. His voluntarism, ability for planning, inspiration and just down right good cheer has been an inspiration to us all. May Jim rest in peace, and light perpetual shine upon him and with all the saints. With love to Judy and the whole family ...
Bishop Joel

Bishop Joel Marcus Johnson - March 03, 2016 at 08:54 AM

PC

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I'll always have memories of teaching CERT classes with him and Judy. He will be deeply missed. Prayers to Judy and their family.
Penny Cohey

Penny Cohey - March 01, 2016 at 06:01 PM

AN

“ Jim married my sister Judy in 1988. They loved each other so much! They did everything together! They lived together, they worked together, they volunteered together and they danced together. You rarely saw one without the other. What an example of love and joy they have been to so many. I praise Jim for how wonderful he has always been to my sister! Jim was definitely a giver. Jim was a great brother-in-law. He will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in Peace Jim!

Andi Clarke

Andi - March 01, 2016 at 03:23 PM

CG

“ My loving brother! I loved him so much. We were so close growing up. I am the youngest and he was there for me all my life. When he would get upset about something I would sing "Jimmy Crack Corn and I don't care" and he would get so mad at me, chase me around the house and pinch me! Praise God that he is with him now and no more pain. He loved his wife Judy more than anything else. Dear God, You know our names, You know our needs, help us Trust you, Help us to walk by faith not by sight. I love them all so dearly! Please Lord, bring your son home! In thy name I pray. Amen I love you brother,

Connie Gallardo



Connie Gallardo - March 01, 2016 at 12:14 PM

JS

“ Jim (and Judy) ...we in Easton who have grown to love them since they've been part of our community find it hard to separate them in word and deed. His sense of humor, his way of making a point with a "spoon full of sugar" were among the traits that endeared him to so many. His contributions to his fellow man where ever he was planted have made such differences in so many lives. "Well done, (our) good and faithful servant."

Jim and Sheila Scott

Jim and Sheila Scott - March 01, 2016 at 09:42 AM

WJ

“ Jim, we're going to miss you. We've enjoyed working with you and Judy on CERT events. You've touched many people and in many ways made this a better place to live. Godspeed,

Walt Johnson - February 28, 2016 at 02:22 PM

CS

“ Today we salute Talbot DES Volunteer Mr. Jim Bottorf (#2) who passed away yesterday February 24, 2016.

Yesterday we lost a dear friend and a champion who along with his wife Judy organized and supported our Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) and volunteer program.

Jim worked diligently over the years donating countless hours supporting Talbot County Emergency Services, and as a team both Jim and Judy rallied volunteers to come out and join the effort to promote emergency preparedness through special events, speaking opportunities, CERT Training courses and other activities.

Jim's positive attitude toward life and his quick wit was infectious. It has been an honor to share precious time with such a dedicated, compassionate, and caring person. Jim will be truly missed. Please keep Judy and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



Clay Stamp - February 25, 2016 at 10:27 AM