



James David Caldwell

June 12, 1938 - April 29, 2023

Jim was the oldest of three children. Born June 12, 1938, his parents were Diamond Brady (Jim) Caldwell and Lillian Gunter. He served in the Army from 1956 – 1960.

He held various jobs until he started as a Natural Resource Police Officer, where he served 17 years. He took a year's leave of absence in 1985 to try working as an upholster in business with his wife, Carolyn. At the end of the year, he felt it would work and left the police force in 1986. He continued in the upholstery business until he retired at age 68 on December 31, 2006.

After retirement, he enjoyed gardening, fishing, and reading.

In 1990, he became a member of Galilee Lutheran Church in Chester, MD. He served as Usher, Lector, Sunday School Teacher, Council President, and Treasurer. His greatest pride was serving as Elder for 25 years. He stepped down from that position when his memory started to fail and his ability to read was difficult.

He was married to the love of his life, Carolyn Abrams, on Valentine's Day of 1974, and raised three great sons, Craig, Cary, and Brian.

He was a member of the Queenstown Lions Club. He also volunteered in

1976 to become Cub Master of Cub Pack 148. His first-born son was only a year-old. Under his guidance for the next 14 years, the Pack grew to over 50 boys. He helped with the Troop until his sons stopped scouting.

In 2020, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and in December of 2022, his health started declining, and he was diagnosed with lung cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; his sons, Craig, Cary, and Brian; his cousins, Linda Hirsch (John) and Bill Gunter; sisters-in-law, Jean Soper, Susan Carter (Gene), Arlene Abrams, Brenda Albright (Bob), and Alberta Lambert (Earl); brothers-in-law, Norman Abrams (Sharon), Douglas Abrams (Lisa), Philip Abrams, Sr. (Anna); and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents and sisters, Betty McCormick and Mary Caldwell.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Galilee Lutheran Church in Chester, Compass Hospice in Centreville, Chesapeake Charities (for the "Caring & Sharing Fund" which helps residents of Queen Anne's Co. with housing, utilities, or medical in emergency situations), or The Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD 21658

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Galilee Lutheran Church
1934 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD

Funeral Service

MAY 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

Galilee Lutheran Church
1934 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *James David Caldwell*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Arlene L Abrams lit a candle in memory of James David Caldwell*



Arlene L Abrams - May 08, 2023 at 08:33 AM



“ *Kimberly Tribbitt lit a candle in memory of James David Caldwell*



Kimberly Tribbitt - May 07, 2023 at 08:42 AM



Carolyn, My heart and prayers go out to you and your family ! Hugs to you ❤️

Kimberly Tribbitt - May 07, 2023 at 08:44 AM

PK

“ Penny Kelly lit a candle in memory of James David Caldwell



Penny Kelly - May 06, 2023 at 09:06 AM



“ Shirley Thomas lit a candle in memory of James David Caldwell



Shirley Thomas - May 04, 2023 at 12:58 PM

WF

“ Wilhelm Family lit a candle in memory of James David Caldwell



Wilhelm Family - May 03, 2023 at 08:23 PM

WF

Our sympathy to Carolyn ,Craig ,Cary, and Brian in the loss of Husband and Father.

Wilhelm Family - May 03, 2023 at 08:27 PM

JA

“ *Jane Anthony lit a candle in memory of James David Caldwell*



Jane Anthony - May 03, 2023 at 04:41 PM

LW

“ *Caroline and boys - I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many fond memories from Cub Scout Pack 148. Jim was an awesome Scout Leader.*

leslie Walters - May 03, 2023 at 03:16 PM

PA

“ *Phyllis Austin lit a candle in memory of James David Caldwell*



Phyllis Austin - May 03, 2023 at 12:14 PM

PA

Carolyn and family, I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing, he was so kind and soft spoken, dedicated to Lionism and scouting for many years

Phyllis Austin - May 03, 2023 at 12:20 PM

MH

“ *Mary Houtz lit a candle in memory of James David Caldwell*



Mary Houtz - May 03, 2023 at 10:26 AM

MH

Jim and Carolyn were a couple made in heaven. Our sincere sympathy for your family. With so much love Jack and Mary Hourz

Mary Houtz - May 03, 2023 at 10:29 AM

JB

“ *Deepest sympathies from the Branham Family. May God bless you and your family.*



Joe Branham - May 03, 2023 at 09:31 AM

PD

“ *My Prayers and Condolences are with the family.*



Phil Davidson - May 03, 2023 at 08:20 AM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of James David Caldwell*



Jeanette Stubbs - May 03, 2023 at 07:39 AM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of James David Caldwell*



JoAnn & Royden Powell - May 02, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of James David Caldwell.*



May 02, 2023 at 01:47 PM