



James Walter Belmont Church Jr.

October 30, 1936 - August 15, 2024

James (Jim) Walter Belmont Church Jr. passed away on August 15, 2024, at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton. He was 87 years old.

Jim was born in Elizabeth, NJ, on October 30, 1936, the son of the late James and Ann Petrisen Church. He lived in Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington DC, Indiana, and Maryland (both shores). He married Mary Lee Gorkun in 2000 in Easton.

Jim received his BA in Biology, his Master's in business, and Doctoral work in Psychology. He was a career officer of the U.S. Air Force that included Counterintelligence and Special Investigations, one year of intensive study of Japanese Language and Culture, Foreign Service Institute and worked with the Department of State. He served three years as a Liaison Officer with the Government of Japan, was in Vietnam (1966-67) and had duties throughout the Pacific Rim and South Pacific before retiring after 20 years of service.

After retiring from the Air Force, he worked in hospital administration with the University of Maryland Hospital and School of Medicine and in banking with Baltimore Federal Savings & Loan.

Jim remained active in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, was a member of the

Isaak Walton League, St. Andrew's Society, and was a 4th Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus. He was interested in Environmental Matters, The Chesapeake Bay, writing and was an artist.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lee Church of Easton, his son Michael Church of Columbia, his daughters Jacqueline Church of Boston and Gail Dobson (John) of Valley Lee, his step-son Larry Gorkun (Lynn) of Swanton, Vermont, his grandchildren, Marisa Dobson of Baltimore, Michael Dobson of Baltimore and his step-grandchildren Dakota Gorkun of Boston and Sierra Gorkun of Burlington, Vermont.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2024, from 9:30 – 10:30 am at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 200 S. Harrison St., Easton. The service will follow at 10:30 am. Burial with military honors will be at Oxford Cemetery in Oxford.

Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to Talbot Humane Society, <https://www.talbothumane.org/>.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Cemetery

Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (est)

Easton Location
200 S Harrison St
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Funeral Service

AUG 22. 10:30 AM (est)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Walter Belmont Church Jr..*



August 21, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of James Walter Belmont Church Jr..*



August 20, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ *Your friends, Rick & Jan Hynson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Walter Belmont Church Jr..*

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Larry Gorkun - August 19, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Walter Belmont Church Jr..



August 19, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ Susie, Chris, Dani & Emily planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Walter Belmont Church Jr..

Susie, Chris, Dani & Emily - August 19, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ We will miss our old neighbor. Jim always had time to stop and chat with Gracie and I when he and Clint were out for their walk. Rest in peace. Sally McCash.

sally mccash - August 18, 2024 at 08:52 AM