



## James Sudler Cockey V

March 5, 2000 - May 20, 2023

James Sudler Cockey, V, was a beacon of light to everyone he encountered. James was born on March 5, 2000, at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC.

He spent his formative years in both Alexandria, VA, where he attended Fort Hunt Elementary School and each summer and holiday on Maryland's Eastern Shore in Oxford. From a young age, he took a strong interest in sports. He played in many baseball leagues and was a champion ice hockey player at both West Potomac High School and Saints Peter and Paul. James shared his father's love of sports and together they enjoyed watching sports and going golfing.

James embarked on a new chapter in 2015 when his family moved full-time to Oxford where the Cockey, Sudler, Hoyt families have a deep-rooted history dating to the 17th century and founding of Kent Island.

During his years on the Eastern Shore, he had a passion for sailing and felt at home on the water with family and friends. After graduating from Easton High School in 2018, he started at Chesapeake College. After much hard work, some setbacks along the way, and guidance from his mentor, Catherine Rust, James began to flourish. He earned the title of President of the Chesapeake College SGA where he thrived as a leader.

In 2021, James was accepted to the University of Maryland, College Park. There, he quickly made many new friends and joined the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity. Like his grandfather, a 1949 graduate of Maryland, he was a Maryland Terrapins fanatic.

Although his life was tragically cut short at the young age of 23, James's journey extended far beyond physical boundaries, as did his boundless love for all he encountered. His genuine warmth and ability to connect deeply with others left an indelible mark on countless lives. Those who were lucky enough to know James know just how contagious and luminous his energy was. James was driven, enthusiastic, creative and had such an excitement for life. His memory will live on forever through his beloved friends and family.

James is survived by his grieving mother and father, Stephanie Kirkby-Cockey and James Sudler Cockey IV; his cherished sister, Natalie; the Kirkby-Wardell, Hovanec-Wankewycz, Lafleur, and Linnihan families; along with a large extended family and a multitude of friends.

A Memorial Service will be 5 p.m. on June 4 at the Oxford Town Park and a Celebration of Life will immediately follow the service at the Oxford Community Center in Oxford, MD (starting about 6:30). A Go-Fund Me account has been created for his family at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/z9s82>.

Please send flowers to the family home at 106 Oxford Road, Oxford, MD 21654.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JUN 4. 5:00 PM (ET)

Oxford Town Park  
104 S. Morris Street  
Oxford, MD 21654

*Please park at the Oxford Community Center (200 Oxford Rd., Oxford, MD 21654)*

## Celebration of Life Reception

JUN 4. 6:30 PM (ET)

Oxford Community Center  
200 Oxford Road  
Oxford, MD 21654

*Please join the family for a potluck Celebration of Life at the Oxford Community Center immediately following the memorial service. If you plan to join the family, please drop your item off at the Community Center before the Memorial Gathering.*

# Tribute Wall



“ James Sudler Cockey V

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ I met James my freshman year of college. Although I only got to know him for less than a year, he was one of the best people I've never met. He spoke with sincerity, intrinsic passion, and unmatched charisma. May his legacy live on forever.

Darius Kamrad - October 15, 2023 at 09:47 PM



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Darius Kamrad - October 15, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ Dear Natalie, I just found out about your dear brother and want to send my thoughts and prayers to your entire family. James was a beautiful soul and could light up a room! Love , Mrs Cappa

vicki cappa - June 12, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ My deepest condolences 🙏

Craig Pascal - June 04, 2023 at 08:28 AM

CB

“ Cheryl Redner Bendlin lit a candle in memory of James Sudler Cockey V



Cheryl Redner Bendlin - June 04, 2023 at 07:30 AM

HC

“ Dear Stephanie, Jim and Natalie, we are holding you in our hearts. There are no words to express the sorrow of your loss. Love, Helena and Kurt

Helena Coutinho - June 03, 2023 at 05:51 PM

WI

“ Wiley's lit a candle in memory of James Sudler Cockey V



Wiley's - June 03, 2023 at 09:21 AM

MM

“ Magic Madonna lit a candle in memory of James Sudler Cockey V



Magic Madonna - June 03, 2023 at 04:10 AM

DW

“ James was more than just my first friend. He was my best friend. He was my brother, my second family. From when we were in 2nd grade and spending every weekend together, to Boy Scouts through middle school, we were inseparable. It feels like it was just yesterday I bought him his first beer on his 21st birthday. I will miss you my brother.

David Willoughby - May 30, 2023 at 08:18 PM

CS

“ Stephanie - You and your family are being held closely by your friends and colleagues at the American Heart Association. The tributes and photos are just a few of the beautiful memories you will cherish forever. Today, just take one step at a time. With Heart, Cindy Smith on behalf of many.

Cindy Smith - May 30, 2023 at 05:01 PM

PM

“ While I never had the opportunity to know James, I know his father, aunts, and other family members. This tragedy has touched the hearts of many, reaching beyond the boundaries of miles. I am deeply saddened for the loss of life, but see that his light continues to shine in his physical absence. The price of love is grief. He was well loved and will therefore hold the grief of those he's left behind. I pray for strength and healing for his dear family and friends. I hope that his memory lives on in the hearts of all who loved him. May God bless you as you carry on without him. And may he rest in the loving arms of our heavenly Father. ❤️



Patricia Conrad McCabe - May 29, 2023 at 10:53 AM

JH

“ James was a good and dear friend to so many, especially our son Joe. James and Joe were in the same class at Fort Hunt Elementary School and Carl Sandburg Middle School, and members of the same Cub Scout Den and Scout Troop. James accompanied our family on countless Scout outings, ski trips to Whitetail, and trips to the local skate park, and we loved and appreciated his kind-hearted and adventurous spirit. Joe had kept in touch with James over the years and had visited him at the University of Maryland, where they had spent many enjoyable hours catching up and discussing their shared interest in economics, finance, and philosophy. We were excited to hear about his successes at school. We know ours is but one of many families who will feel James's loss keenly, and keep his memory in our hearts. We send our deepest sympathy and condolences to his mother, father, sister, and all his extended family. May James rest in peace, may his memory be a blessing, and may his family, friends, and all who loved him find comfort. The Hickey Family

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**John and Tish Hickey** - May 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM

JH

“ John And Tish Hickey lit a candle in memory of James Sudler Cockey V



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**John and Tish Hickey** - May 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM

TW

“ *In loving memory of my cherished nephew, James, whose presence illuminated our lives with his sweetness, determination, and unwavering drive to excel.*

*From the moment he set foot in my companies as an intern, I witnessed his eagerness to learn and his undeniable ambition to succeed. It was a privilege to work alongside him, guiding and mentoring him along the way.*

*I vividly recall encouraging James to share his knowledge and passions, empowering him to showcase his expertise and introduce others to the remarkable person I had come to know. His words resonated with my colleagues, as James effortlessly earned their trust and respect.*

*How I long for the chance to have coached him further, to impart not just professional wisdom but also life's invaluable lessons. Regrettably, that opportunity never materialized.*

*James has left an immense void in our hearts, yet his radiant light continues to shine brightly. His memory remains a beacon of inspiration, reminding us of his extraordinary spirit and unwavering determination.*

*Rest in peace, dear James, knowing that your impact and legacy endure within us.*

*Taras Wankewycz*



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**Taras Wankewycz** - May 28, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ So very sorry and saddened to learn of James’s passing. I didn’t know him well, but he did play ice hockey with my son as well as graduated with him. Sending our sincere condolences to the family  
*The Dickson Family*



Ellen Dickson - May 28, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ The Marshalls lit a candle in memory of James Sudler Cockey V



The Marshalls - May 28, 2023 at 08:23 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Pam Phebus - May 26, 2023 at 08:41 PM



*Priceless photo!*

Cindy Smith - May 30, 2023 at 05:02 PM



*Great pic. ❤️*

Carla Jovuc - June 03, 2023 at 05:21 PM



Patricia  
Teale

“ *Patricia Teale lit a candle in memory of James  
Sudler Cockey V*



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**Patricia Teale** - May 26, 2023 at 06:35 PM