



James Walter Day

June 4, 1949 - August 8, 2022

James Walter Day, 73, of Chester, Maryland, unexpectedly passed away on August 8, 2022. He was born on June 4, 1949 in Bellaire, Ohio, the son of the late Walter and Betty Howard Day.

Jim grew up in Bellaire, Ohio and graduated from Ohio University. After college, he taught high school history and then joined the Navy. From there, he began his career in transportation engineering with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, then eventually retired from the Washington Metro. Never liking being idle, in retirement he founded his own carpet-cleaning business, Prokleen Professional Carpet Care, which he sold in 2019 to begin his second retirement.

Around 1980, Jim relocated to Maryland, first to the Baltimore area, then eventually to Kent Island on the Eastern Shore. During this time, he founded the Pittsburgh Steelers Fan Club of Baltimore (PSFCOB), which eventually was one of the largest in the country with over 7,000 members at its peak. The logo of PSFCOB was a Steelers emblem that incorporated red Chesapeake crabs. Members attributed the success of PSFCOB to Jim's enthusiastic leadership and the humorous newsletters that he wrote and published himself. The annual road trip to Pittsburgh for a game and huge tailgate party were legendary.

An avid boater, fisherman and crabber, he loved the Bay and his house on the Bay. He completely restored the fishing boat (the Bluegill) that he and his father used on Seneca Lake (OH) to catch bluegill and crappies and outfitted it for crabbing. He also built a crab steamer from an empty keg and a huge table on his deck for the frequent crab feasts that he held that was called Jim's Creekside Bar & Crab Deck. He spent a lot of time with his sister and her husband on their sailboat in the Caribbean, where he fell in love with the island of St. John where he planned to spend this coming winter.

A devoted son and beloved brother, uncle, and friend to many, he is missed more than he ever could have imagined. Jim sent his family and friends many pictures of the sunsets he took on the Bay – he always said, “Just one more.” He had a quick wit and was an animated storyteller. In the end, a boy who grew up in a town surrounded by steel mills and coal mines on the Ohio River ended up living on an island in the Chesapeake Bay that was his paradise. He will be so missed.

He is survived by his sister, Sandra McCoy (née Day) and Sandra's husband and great friend of Jim, Ray McCoy. Jim was very close to his nieces, Erin Madson (née McCoy) and Megan McCoy, along with Erin's husband, Mark and their five children, Alyza, McCoy, Charlotte, Jane and Georgia and Megan's husband, Mark Kramer (and Mark's children, Alex, and Sarah). In addition, Jim was beloved by his stepfamily (the Davis family) for the past 20 years, Ken and Sharon, Cel and Rick, Mary Ann and Scott, Bill and Sally.

Jim supported many conservation efforts. One of his favorite places to spend time with family and friends was St. Michaels, which is what drew his niece and her husband to have their wedding ceremony and reception there in 2018. Jim was a member of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum since 1995. Jim's family asks that in lieu of flowers, you celebrate his love for the Bay by donating in his name to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum online at

<https://1573.blackbaudhosting.com/1573/Annual-Fund> or by check mailed to 213 N. Talbot Street, St. Michaels, MD 21663 (include note in memo line, “in memory of James Day”).

His family is having a private service, then will host a Celebration of Life for family and friends in the near future.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Walter Day*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James Walter Day*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James Walter Day*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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Sandra McCoy - September 15, 2022 at 05:03 PM



We will never ever forget you.

Sandra McCoy - September 15, 2022 at 05:04 PM

KD

“ Your Franklin Street boys are devastated at your passing and you will be truly missed. A truly great friend who we had many many fun times with. When we all got together the laughter never stopped. Miss you so much Jim!



Ken Davis - September 01, 2022 at 05:15 PM

RL

“ I was so saddened and sorry hearing of Jim's passing. I have the best of memories of Jim and the entire Day family at Seneca Lake. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Rhonda Long - August 18, 2022 at 01:16 PM

SM

Rhonda, so good to hear from you after such a long time. Thank you, we are all so sad.

Sandra McCoy - August 20, 2022 at 02:17 PM

MB

“ *My condolences to Jim's Family and Friends.
Thank you, Jim for all the fond memories.*

*" There are so many chapters to the life of Jimday
Saying Goodbye is the hardest one, at the end of the day.*

*You loved taking pictures of the setting of the sun
Telling stories of your family and all the
Cool things that you've done.*

*Your deck was always open for your friends near and far
There was no better place to enjoy a Bud Light
Than at "Jims Creek Side Bar"*

*The crushes were a Plenty
Hot wings off the grill
Fresh steamed crabs we would eat
Until our bellies were filled.*

*Oh, we can't forget those Steelers
Now that was your true Love
In good times and bad
When push came to shove*

*The boat rides were my favorite
All the trips to Lowes Wharf
Leaving behind your Hot Sauce
For all to enjoy, of course*

*These are the memories that I will hold close to my heart
Thanking God every day for the chance to have
shared this chapter before your depart"*

RIP Jimday

It broke our hearts to lose you,

*but you didn't go alone,
for part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

michele bounds - August 17, 2022 at 12:12 PM

SM

Thank you, Michelle. Beautiful

Sandra McCoy - August 20, 2022 at 02:19 PM

MM

This is really beautiful, Michelle. Thank you

Megan McCoy - August 26, 2022 at 08:08 AM

PC

“ *My condolences to the family. I remember Jim from early childhood days at Indian Run School in Bellaire*

Paula S Covey - August 14, 2022 at 01:39 PM

JH

“ *I knew Jim as a child. We played together because my grandma lived across the street from him. I don't remember what birthday it was but his mom brought him to my house and he was all dressed up. We went to school at Indian Run until my family moved to Shadyside. I knew he played football and even had a picture of him in his football uniform. After I graduated high school same year as him lost contact. I graduated with his cousin Carol Hranko from Shadyside High School*

*So sorry to hear of his passing.
Janice Johnson Harris.*

Janice Harris - August 14, 2022 at 01:06 PM

JM

“ Thank you for your service!!!
TAPS



Jay McCoy - August 13, 2022 at 06:17 PM

CB

“ Just seems like yesterday that Jim would be rolling down my drive way with black & gold spray paint at this time of the year and we would work on the Terrible Grill getting ready for another Steelers season!

Always yelling (Beno do it this way not that way)

I think I've sniffed enough spray paint in my life painting that grill with Jim lol

Jim always did stuff the right way no cutting corners even on the most simplest of projects!

Had to be perfect ! That's Jim!

I have so many pictures of Jim and all the stuff we did with the PSFCOB

But a lot of the things we did during those times that were never captured by a camera I have stored in my heart

I am so better off in life having known Jim and doing all those crazy things we used to do!

Condolences to Jim's family and friends

See ya on the other side Jim!



Chris Binaut - August 13, 2022 at 05:15 PM

CG

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Christina Gennity - August 12, 2022 at 05:01 PM

CG

“ Epic Steeler tailgates and fan club starting at Jeremys and on to Purple Goose. Sunday fundays. #30. RIP Jim

Christina Gennity - August 12, 2022 at 04:49 PM

RS

“ To the family of Jim you have my sincere sympathy. Seems like I have known Jim all my life. From Franklin St to softball to bowling. From Bellaire to Maryland and back Jim had stories lots of stories. He loved 3 things most of all family friends and football bellaire and pittsburgh. He loved those big reds. Four years ago Bruce my son doug and I went to Jim's for a visit. Don't think my son had ever met Jim. An immediate friendship and respect came out of that weekend for him. And let me just say Jim can walk on water. Another story for another time. Jim will be greatly missed and sympathy to all the Davis family as well.

Ray Somerville - August 12, 2022 at 03:11 PM

RS

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Ray Somerville - August 12, 2022 at 02:57 PM

WA

“ We are so saddened by this loss of such a great guy. Our prayers go out to all who knew and loved Jim. We have great memories from our Franklin Street Childhood all the way to eating crabs on Chesapeake Bay. Jim had to teach us how to get to the crab meat! He will be missed. Mary Ann and Scott Wolf

Wolf Mary Ann - August 12, 2022 at 12:20 PM

JB

“ Not much to say except I'm saddened at Jim's passing. He did more for me than he will ever know earlier on in my life. I will make sure he knows when we meet up in our next life.

Jim Byrd - August 12, 2022 at 09:03 AM

SD

“ Jim was probably one of my best friends in high school. As a kid, I used to love to see his model trains at Christmas time. That's why I think he chose his profession. Our bowling team, The Bwana Boys was so much fun. I'm so sorry I missed Jim at our 50th. All those summers at Epworth Park at UM church camp. I know I'll see him later in Heaven. Loved you Jim.

Stan Delbert - August 11, 2022 at 09:05 PM

BS

“ Sandy & Ray & family my heart goes out to you all. I'm so glad that I was able to see Jim a few years ago when we all went to see Aunt Loretta. I've had so many memories pop in my head since I heard last night of all of our picnics at Uncle Tom's & later at your Mom & Dad's at the lake. All of the laughing at the volleyball games & fireworks! I remember some story that was told about Jim & Carol & maybe Sandy cutting each other's hair when you guys were little. You are all in my thoughts & prayers. Love, Beth Anne.

Beth Hranko Starcher - August 11, 2022 at 06:14 PM

JG

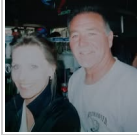
“ When we received the news that Jim passed we were in complete shock and absolutely devastated. This just cannot be true about Jim Day. We met Jim at the Jetty and became close friends over the years. We will miss his witty personality and his laugh, his beautiful sunset pictures from his boat, pictures from his swing on his porch. I could go on and on. This just doesn't happen to such a wonderful person who loved his family, friends and life. We will miss Jim so much. Our prayers go out to Jim's family. He truly was a great person who we will think of always.

Jimmy & Cathy Grusemeyer - August 11, 2022 at 02:46 PM

CH

“ RIP, Jim. You have been in my life for well over 30 years and you will be greatly missed. I'll never be able to watch our Steelers play without a pain in my heart.

charlotte - August 11, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ Always had fun seeing Jim at The Jetty and talking/watching NFL.
I will miss him.

Carol

Patrick Dahle - August 11, 2022 at 11:59 AM

DA

“ I just received a phone call about this great guy who graduated from high school with me in 1967. Jim was a member of a group of 200+ students, but he was a friend to all of our classmates and others we knew for four years. He was also a member of a church with me and a few of those friends where his family grew up with mine. I will miss his wonderful presence, and know he has made it to heaven where his parents now rest in eternal peace. God's blessings of strength to cope with his loss will help those who ask for it.

Dale Alexander, Bridgeport, OH

Dale Alexander - August 11, 2022 at 11:55 AM

CT

“ I met Jim in 1993 during the startup of the PSFCOM. Little did I know what a huge new family I was joining. Jim wasn't too happy at first when my Browns fan husband, Bob, would come along on game day with his dog mask and box of dog biscuits. Jim finally warmed up to the silly act and got in on the fun. The trips to Pittsburgh were epic never to be recreated. I was a moment in time all because of Jim. I am grateful to him for his leadership and friendship. Christine Thomas

Christine Thomas - August 11, 2022 at 10:40 AM

RD

“ Jim was more like a son & brother than a nephew, the really good memories are when we went to Lake Erie Walleye fishing with his dad & our cousin
We had a great time
& I'll never forget them, he was great guy & I'll always love him, rest in peace Jim.

Robert Day - August 11, 2022 at 09:36 AM

MJ

“ A good neighbor from the time he built the house and let my kids crab there and let me keep my boat there. While meticulous in everything thing he did, including his love for his Steelers, and his daily walk dam near run through the neighborhood it was always good to see and talk with Jim. You will be missed.....

Mark Jenkins - August 11, 2022 at 07:23 AM

SB

I was so saddened to hear about Jim's death. He was my playmate growing up in Bellaire , OH. I tell people he was my first boyfriend and at the age of six we “married.” He would ride me around the neighborhood in his red wagon. Such fond memories. He will always have a place in my memories. and in my heart. May he test in God's loving presence.
With much love,
Sister Luke Boiarski
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth

sister Luke Boiarski - August 11, 2022 at 09:29 AM

DZ

Way way to many stories to tell here ,I will sincerely miss you my friend !!! What great times . Thank you from the bottom of my heart ,I will keep the stories alive !

don zaiser - August 11, 2022 at 08:55 PM

SE

“ So sorry to hear about Jim. He was my cousin and he brings back so many memories from spending time at our grandparents and at Seneca Lake. Jim taught me how to shuffle cards and every time I play cards with my grandkids I tell them that my cousin Jim taught me. Lots of family picnics when we were growing up. Thoughts and prayers go to Sandy and family.

Susan L. Exner - August 10, 2022 at 09:45 PM

AD

“ I am so saddened and shocked to see the news about Jimmy. The Day's were our second family while growing up in Bellaire OH. Sandy and Jimmy were a big part of our lives. Sandy and I were best friends; Mr. Day taught me to ride a bicycle in their alley; my sister Shirley and I got to go with the family when they went to Senecaville Lake: and Mrs. Day taught us to ice skate on trips to Oglebay Park. One day my sister Shirley and Jimmy Day decided they would get married. They were probably around 10 years old. They went to the Golden Goose Bar and told the bartender they got married and he should give them some pop to celebrate. Reading Jimmy's obit shows he did so well in his life. He was a sweet little boy during the time I knew him. He accomplished so much in his life. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jimmy's family during this sad time.


Anni Donahue - August 10, 2022 at 08:10 PM

LU

“ Mine and my Dad's hearts are broken. Jim was my cousin and my father's nephew. While I haven't see him in a long time, I have such good memories of him from when I was growing up. At one time Jim lived near me in the Columbus Ohio area (Gahanna), and I remember being excited to visit him with my family. I remember the times we would go to Seneca Lake and he would take us out on the boat. I looked forward to going to the lake! Everything I would see with the Chesapeake railroad symbol I would think of him along with every time I see a very large boat! I have to say one of my favorite memories from when I was young, was going to one of the Bellaire football games and watching him play football. I can't believe I still remember this! But over the years I have thought of him often. Love and prayers to Sandy, Ray, Erin and family, Megan and family at this difficult time. He will be missed.

Linda Day Ulasiewicz - August 10, 2022 at 07:58 PM

JM

“ RIP Jim! May you have the fastest boat and the crabs be plentiful.


Jay McCoy - August 10, 2022 at 07:49 PM

AH

“ I can't think of someone I've spent so little time with, and yet, has also given me so many fun memories. Jim and Rick taught me how to crab. He made the best (admittedly only) Maryland crabs I've ever had. He didn't know me from Adam, but I was nevertheless immediately welcomed. RIP Jim, thanks for the good times at your awesome setup ...if heaven exists, I hope it can compete.

Adam Haught - August 10, 2022 at 06:41 PM

CS

“ *There are so many memories, from growing up on Franklin St to spending September weekends on the bay eating fresh crabs, reminiscing old times and cheering on the Steelers on your deck. You will be missed Jim. Keep sending those beautiful sunsets.*
Cel & Rick



Cel Schneid - August 10, 2022 at 06:33 PM

SC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Steve Chiurazzi - August 10, 2022 at 06:16 PM

SC

“ *What a tragic and unexpected loss. My thoughts and prayers and deepest sympathies go out to Jim’s family and friends, who surely number well into the thousands.*

I first met Jim in 1988 when I wandered into this little bar somewhere near Westminster to watch a Steelers game. I was greeted with a hearty “Go Steelers” and a cold beer. We instantly became friends and began a long relationship of watching his PSFCOB (Pittsburgh Steelers Fan Club of Baltimore) grow and prosper and set the standard for all other similar Fan Clubs to aspire to. Jim was never one to bask in the limelight of his success and always found a way to fade into the background and watch others enjoy what he had started.

Jim’s involvement with the PSFCOB began to wane as his carpet cleaning business began to take off and our interactions became less and less frequent but, when our paths did cross, it was like we had only seen each other a short time before.

I last saw Jim a little less than 2 years ago while enjoying crabs on his deck. We had a delightful time catching up and talking about the multitude of good times we shared over the years with the PSFCOB.

R.I.P. my friend. You will be missed more than you would ever believe as you have no idea how many lives you have touched.

Steve Chiurazzi (PSFCOB Member #36)

Steve Chiurazzi - August 10, 2022 at 06:15 PM



Very well written Steve. Jim was a super great guy.

Ray Catalucci (PSFCOB Member #5)

Raymond Catalucci - August 11, 2022 at 10:15 AM



Spot on Steve. Jim touched many lives and always had a smile on his face.

David Schultz - August 11, 2022 at 10:22 AM



The bar was Jeremy's in Westminster. Jim had placed a 1 inch ad in the sports section of The Baltimore Sun newspaper looking for folks that wanted to start a Steelers fan club. Wow, how that notion took off. Ray, Keith and Teresa Scott and I were on board since day one. I'm PSFCOB #6. Jim forgot to get a number so I think he was given #00.

charlotte - August 11, 2022 at 02:46 PM



Well said Steve.

I met Jim at a Steelers and Redskins preseason game I guess in 1988. He apparently was sitting by me. Near the end of the game, he came over and handed me a flyer on gold paper about a Steeler bar that would show all games. It was to be at a BWI airport hotel. About 1/3rd the way into the season, I needed a place to watch that week's game. I called the bar and they told me the club did not work out and moved to Westminster. I found the bar there and immediately and gladly paid my \$25 lifetime membership into the PSFOB. For the next 30 years the PSFCOB made Sundays fundays. Thank you, Jim for all the fun times at all the bars, tailgates, etc. that you started.

A few years into going to the Purple Goose bar for games, Jim asked me if I remembered what I said when he handed me that flyer. He told me I said, "There is a God." Overly dramatic response but Steeler Sundays are a big deal to an over jealous fan like me. I am sure that Jim met St. Peter this week and handed him a gold flyer.

AI Zdilla - August 11, 2022 at 06:33 PM

KD

“ Uncle Jim was truly one of a kind!! We are so grateful for the times we got to spend with him!! No one steamed crabs in a keg better than him!!

Our deepest sympathies and may he Rest In Peace!

Tom, Kristin, Maggi & Jack

Kristin Durkan - August 10, 2022 at 04:57 PM

MM

Thanks Kristin - he loved hanging out with you guys! More fun memories than we can count and we're so thankful for that. He loved to share the place he loved.

Megan McCoy - August 10, 2022 at 05:37 PM

CR

“ Haven't seen Jim for many many years. We both grew up on Franklin St in Bellaire.

When I got my first big bike for Christmas my parents tried to teach me how to ride it but it was Jimmy who succeeded in teaching me. (he ran along side of me and let the bike go). RIP my old friend...

chuck reese - August 10, 2022 at 02:17 PM

MM

Thank you for sharing your story! Xoxo

Megan McCoy - August 10, 2022 at 05:37 PM

CP

“ *This is heartbreaking. It also leaves a huge void for his extended family at The Jetty, that he enjoyed being with so much.*

Condolences to the loved ones. Rest easy, Brother.

Capt. Mark Praschak - August 10, 2022 at 02:14 PM

MM

He loved the Jetty. We visited his extended family there today and toasted him with a Bud Light. So many great memories. Reading these comments help. Thank you.

Megan McCoy - August 10, 2022 at 05:36 PM

PB

“ *One of the best men I've ever met. So quirky, so funny, so loyal. Jim changed my life and a few thousand others when he started the fan club. He will truly be missed.*

Paul Bailey - August 10, 2022 at 01:49 PM