



James Franklin Ewing, Sr.

January 30, 1923 - March 5, 2015

James Franklin Ewing, Sr. of Chester, MD, died on March 5, 2015, at Anne Arundel Medical Center. He was 92.

Born on the Kent Point Farm in Stevensville, MD, on January 30, 1923, he was the son of Raymond Leonard and Katie Cray Ewing. He graduated from Stevensville High School in 1939, never missing a day of school in all 11 years. He worked at the local general store and enlisted in the National Guard before being integrated into the Army in February 1941 and serving his country in World War II. Mr. Ewing went ashore on Omaha Beach on D-Day, moving on into France where he was wounded, awarding him the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged on June 16, 1945, and he returned home where he worked as the assistant post master in Grasonville for two years.

On New Years Day 1947, he married Isabel Lowery Nacrelli. They resided briefly in Grasonville, moving to Chester in 1948. In 1964 they built a home in Marling Farms where they lived together until her death in December 2014. They owned and operated the Circle Restaurant in Chester, first opening their doors on November 19, 1952, making \$19 their first day. The restaurant closed in 1979 after 27 years of operation. They spent their winters in Fort Lauderdale, FL, until 2007 when they stayed in Maryland year-round.

In 1957, Mr. Ewing began driving a school bus. Over more than 25 years, he

would carry hundreds of students to both Stevensville and Queen Anne's County High Schools and would become their 'Mr. Jimmy' mentor, disciplinarian, and most of all, friend.

Mr. Ewing was an active member of the Christ Church in Stevensville, serving in the past as senior warden and vestryman. He was a charter member and early Commander of VFW Post 7464. He was a board member of Stevensville Cemetery and Queen Anne's County Plumbing Board. He was a member of the Stevensville High School Alumni Association and greatly enjoyed their annual dinner/dance. He loved gardening, crabbing, Baltimore sports, RVing, attending church, and time with friends. Most of all, he loved his family and his beloved Isabel.

He is survived by three daughters, Diane Rowe (Donald), Claudia Jewell (Charles), and Beth Coppage (Alan); one son, James Ewing, Jr. (Bobbie Kaye); grandchildren, Lauren; Chuck, Gretchen; Nick, Tucker, Katie, Missy. Joann, Donnie, Jamie, and 12 great-grandchildren; along with many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his brothers, Thomas and Ray.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD from 5-8 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at Christ Church in Stevensville, MD, at 11 a.m. Interment will be private.

The family requests contributions to be directed to Christ Church Parish, 830 Romancoke Rd., Stevensville, MD 21666.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church (Kent Island)
830 Romancoke Road
Stevensville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 10, 2015 at 10:37 AM



“ *James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

LH

“ *claudia,*
I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Jimmy ,I don't
ever remember seeing him that he was not
smiling .My thoughts and prayers are with
you.
Lynn Harris



Lynn Harris - March 08, 2021 at 03:50 PM

BC

“ *Dear Family,*
What an honor and privilege to have know such a wonderful couple
as Mr Jim and Miss Isabel. They both just lit up any room they
walked into. Always smiling,they brought such joy wherever they
went .When I think of them now ,I will picture them dancing on
Heavens streets of gold, looking just like they did when they where
first married , or setting at the feet of Jesus our Lord and Savior .
To all who Read this , Read John 3:16 This is how we all can enter
heaven.
Much Love
Nancy and Barry Conner

Barry and Nancy Conner - March 14, 2015 at 12:22 PM

BN

“ *Barbara Nelson lit a candle in memory of*
James Franklin Ewing, Sr.



Barbara Nelson - March 11, 2015 at 01:18 PM

JH

“ Janet Judy Clint Hoxter lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.



Janet Judy Clint Hoxter - March 11, 2015 at 11:51 AM

JH

Clint Janet Judy Hoxter

Janet Judy Clint Hoxter - March 11, 2015 at 11:53 AM

JH

Rest In Peace Mr Jimmy

Janet Judy Clint Hoxter - March 11, 2015 at 11:53 AM

ML

“ Matt Larrimore lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.



Matt Larrimore - March 10, 2015 at 06:29 PM

TL

“ Tammy Larrimore lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.



Tammy Larrimore - March 10, 2015 at 06:27 PM

LJ

“ Dear Family:
PSALM 23-The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. Always cherish the fond memories of your loved one. You are in my Prayers and thoughts! Through your tears and in your sorrow, know that God holds you close. Peace and Comfort to all of you.
With Love and Prayers,
Lorraine Jenkins and Family



Lorraine Jenkins - March 10, 2015 at 05:36 PM

 Robin
Faulkner

“ *Such a wonderful man and icon of Kent Island. My very first real job was at Circle Restaurant. Always smiling and happy. I love you Mr Jimmy and I will never forget you.*



Robin Faulkner - March 10, 2015 at 01:31 PM

PF

“ *Pastor Josh Rendulic and the Hope Fellowship Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Franklin Ewing, Sr..*



Pastor Josh Rendulic and the Hope Fellowship Family -
March 10, 2015 at 01:13 PM

BC

“ *Bonnie Coleman lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



Bonnie Coleman - March 10, 2015 at 01:01 PM

DW

“ *My sincerest sympathy to the family of a long time dear friend and a true gentleman, Mr. Jim Ewing. " Rest in peace with your beloved Isabelle, my friend and say hello to Bob and your old Cross Fox buddies that you are now with. Your good heart and warm smile are memories that will be with me always. Love to your Family."*

Sincerely, Doris M. White

Doris White - March 10, 2015 at 10:24 AM

RS

“ *Robert & Debbie Stokes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Franklin Ewing, Sr..*



Robert & Debbie Stokes - March 10, 2015 at 10:23 AM

DF

“ *A wonderful person will be missed Jim and Diane Foor*

Diane Foor - March 10, 2015 at 09:48 AM

BG

“ *Beth Green lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



beth green - March 09, 2015 at 08:36 PM



“ *Mary Cowley lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



Mary Cowley - March 09, 2015 at 07:04 PM

KL

“ *Kathy Lantz lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



Kathy Lantz - March 09, 2015 at 04:58 PM

KL

My sincere sympathy to the Ewing family, Mr. Jimmy was a very special man and I know you will miss him dearly....as will all those who knew him. May God give each of you His comfort and peace at this sad time.

Kathy Lantz - March 09, 2015 at 05:06 PM

KL

“ Karen And Teddy Legg lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.



Karen and Teddy Legg - March 09, 2015 at 02:29 PM

DP

“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.



Doug Pierson - March 09, 2015 at 01:57 PM

BH

“ Brett And Ann Haddaway lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.



Brett and Ann Haddaway - March 09, 2015 at 12:06 PM

SC

“ Shosh Callahan lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.



shosh callahan - March 09, 2015 at 09:50 AM

SP

“ My heart is broken, but is also happy that Jimmy is with the 'Love of his life', Sweet Isabel in Heaven. We met 27 years ago while vacationing in Ocean City. We kept in contact several times throughout the years. My phone would always ring when I needed to share life stories with Jimmy. He always had the right words for me. I called him my Guardian Angel. He loved his family more than they will ever know. He had a zest for life that was contagious. I will always remember my husband saying after chatting with him on the phone that Jimmy just makes him want to be a better man. I am so grateful that Beth called me to tell me of his passing. I am already missing that dear friend of mine. My love and sympathy to his loving family. Until we meet again, my Dear Friend....

LOVE, John & Sue Pauley,
Katie, Whitney & Jordan (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Sue Pauley - March 09, 2015 at 08:28 AM

AB

“ Aaron and Dina Baxter and Lynn Baxter purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Franklin Ewing, Sr..



Aaron and Dina Baxter and Lynn Baxter - March 09, 2015 at 07:11 AM

KR

“ Kristin lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.



Kristin - March 08, 2015 at 11:01 PM

BL

“ *RIP, Mr Jimmy!*



Bob and Carol Leonard - March 08, 2015 at 09:37 PM

PP

“ *Thinking of your family during these difficult days. Chet and Pam Phillips*

pam phillips - March 08, 2015 at 09:30 PM

KC

“ *It was always such a treat to see Mr. Jimmy and Ms. Isabel after church on Sunday or at a fish fry. I always sat down to visit and talk. It was like having more time with my grandparents. There was always a hug and a kiss. I will cherish those few moments they always were willing to share with me.*

Kathy Christopher

kathy christopher - March 08, 2015 at 08:48 PM

DM

“ *Mr. Jimmy was such a wonderful person, I loved working for him at The Circle, one of the best times in my younger years. he will be truly missed but is now with Ms. Isabel.*

Debbie Middleton - March 08, 2015 at 07:14 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Jackson lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



Mary jackson - March 08, 2015 at 12:05 PM

MJ

I didn't know Mr. Ewing but I do know his daughter Claudia. He had to be a good man to raise such a sweet lady. Thoughts and prayers go out to you Claudia.

Mary jackson - March 08, 2015 at 12:08 PM

NH

“ *My Dad, Willie Lewis, always considered Mr. Jimmy a great friend, sharing many stories about their school bus kids, Dad had the Love Point run and would talk while waiting for the bell to ring.. When Dad would take us to The Circle, he always made sure the tuna was piled high, he knew the Lewis kids loved his tuna fish. Brad, David and I will always be grateful to Mr. Jimmy. When our Dad became so ill, Mr. Jimmy assisted us getting our father into Fort Howard Hospital. Mr. Jimmy and the Veterans never forgot Willie while he was a patient and following his passing.*

My Prays are with the Ewing Family. God Bless

Nancie (Lewis) Hall

Nancy Hall - March 07, 2015 at 07:15 PM

SC

“ *Mr Jimmy, you were the best bus driver and my parents always felt safe with you behind the wheel. Vicki and I have such memories of the kind of person you were. I true hero, gentleman, caring family man. No matter where or when we saw you, you had the smile and laughter. You always made us feel like you were glad to see us both. We will miss you but I am sure you are happy now with your love in Heaven. Please know you are loved and admired. Sharon Clevenger Cropper*

Sharon Clevenger Cropper - March 07, 2015 at 06:03 PM

SC

safe with you behind the wheel and you are a true hero....

Sharon Clevenger Cropper - March 07, 2015 at 06:05 PM

KE

“ *Karen, Kenny & Erin lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



Karen, Kenny & Erin - March 07, 2015 at 05:37 PM

PM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this difficult time .Marling Farms has lost a wonderful neighbor and friend...he will me missed.*



Pete and Marie Martinez - March 07, 2015 at 01:34 PM

AH

“ ANGEL HUFFMAN lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.



ANGEL HUFFMAN - March 07, 2015 at 10:21 AM

GS

“ Greg & Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.



Greg & Laura Saddler - March 07, 2015 at 10:04 AM

JM

“ Jean Clough Mccombs lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.



jean clough mccombs - March 07, 2015 at 09:44 AM

KR

“ We all will miss this wonderful man~ Love, Kim Ruth

Kim Ruth - March 07, 2015 at 08:10 AM

HA

“ We have lost another D-Day hero.

What a wonderful man Mr. Jimmy was. Carolyn and I only knew him for a brief time but the time we spent was amazing.

Hank and Carolyn Green

Hank - March 07, 2015 at 07:57 AM

CS

“ We have considered Jimmy and his family very special friends since we first met him in 1959. One special memory is Jimmy helping us (two non-worldly kids just out of college) through the process of borrowing money from the Queenstown Bank so we could buy our first house which was located in Marlin Farms. Jimmy is one of the best men we have ever known. May he and Isabel rest in peace. P.S. We could write volumes about all those wonderful trips to the Colts games.

Carroll & Jenny Staats - March 07, 2015 at 06:59 AM

SE

“ Susie C. Embert sent a virtual gift in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.



Susie C. Embert - March 06, 2015 at 09:24 PM

SE

To the Ewing Family: I was very shocked to hear of Jimmy's passing. What wonderful memories I have of him and Isabel. We had many good times playing cards and socializing. Thinking of you at this time in the loss of such an awesome gentleman. God Bless each one of you.
Susie C. Embert, Centreville.

Susie C. Embert - March 06, 2015 at 09:25 PM

LS

“ *Lynwood And Pat Scott lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



Lynwood and Pat Scott - March 06, 2015 at 09:05 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Scott lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



Debbie Scott - March 06, 2015 at 09:03 PM

GW

“ *Ginger Wheat lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



ginger wheat - March 06, 2015 at 07:00 PM

SW

“ *Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



Sheila Willis - March 06, 2015 at 05:24 PM

DC

“ *David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



David and June Clark - March 06, 2015 at 04:02 PM

DC

We have lost one of the original Kent islander, we were proud to call him friend.

David and June Clark - March 06, 2015 at 04:04 PM

TS

“ *Mr. Jimmy was a friend to all who knew him. I rode his school bus for several years and he was always respectful to everyone. His smile and laugh were contagious. He will be missed...he was an original Kent Island icon. Rest in peace with the love of your life Ms. Isabelle*

Terri Schelhouse - March 06, 2015 at 03:26 PM

AB

“ *Ann And Gene Butler lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



ann and gene butler - March 06, 2015 at 02:32 PM

LH

“ *Lynn Martin Hirschauer lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



Lynn Martin Hirschauer - March 06, 2015 at 01:34 PM

LH

A true gentleman, always had a smile and kind word for everyone. Prayers to his family.

Lynn Martin Hirschauer - March 06, 2015 at 01:37 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of James Franklin Ewing, Sr.*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - March 06, 2015 at 01:10 PM

GP

Jimmy and family: What a wonderful gentleman that has been reunited with his wife in heaven. Our prayers and blessings are with your family at this time. This was a shock when we heard the sadness. May hope and love find its way to your heart. Your father was an icon in this County and surely will be missed by many. Time and prayer are the keys to healing pain. God Bless and thinking of you. Gene and Lynda

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - March 06, 2015 at 01:13 PM

LT

“*Mr. Jimmy was our bus driver for years and always treated everyone like they were part of his family. He was a true gentleman and friend and I will miss him.*

Lexie Thomas - March 06, 2015 at 12:52 PM