

James K. Gent Jr.

August 25, 1938 - October 27, 2021

James Kenneth Gent, Jr., of Lewes, Delaware, formally of Chestertown, Maryland, passed away on October 27, 2021. He was born on August 25, 1938, in Baltimore, the son of the late James K. Gent, Sr., and Thelma McCaslin Gent. In 1949, the family moved from Towson to Worton on Maryland's Eastern Shore, where Jim graduated from Chestertown High School in 1957 prior to joining the United States Air Force. After serving 4½ years during the Cold War era, Jim returned to Chestertown, married Nancy Wiltbank in 1961, and began his career of more than four decades at LaMotte Chemical Company, where he rose to become Vice President of Production. Jim was a dedicated family man and a long-time volunteer in his community. He was also an avid cyclist who rode his bike more than 100,000 miles in 36 of the 50 U.S. states. The summer after his retirement in 2003, at the age of 65, Jim fulfilled a dream of cycling the Lewis and Clark Trail from Missouri to Oregon during a 7-week trip that covered more than 3,000 miles.

When his sons Jeff and Ken were young, Jim was active with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. He also volunteered with the Rebuilding Together and Sultana Projects in Chestertown, and the Lewes Historical Society's "rusty nail gang" boat-building projects. In his later years Jim enjoyed building Chesapeake Bay model boats.

Jim was well known for his volunteer efforts with the Chestertown Lions Club, where he was an active member for more than 50 years. He served as club president in 2006-2007, was named Lion of the year in 1995 and 2007, and

received the Melvin Jones Award in 2003. The award, named after the Lions Club founder, recognizes outstanding individuals and is the club's highest form of recognition. Among his many accomplishments as a Lion, Jim initiated the Bay to Bay bicycle ride, established in 1986, and the Draw for Sight annual ride, established in 1992. These two cycling events continue to be the club's largest fundraisers, bringing in more than \$10,000 each year.

In addition to his parents, Jim was predeceased by his first wife, Nancy Wiltbank Gent, and a sister Helen Gent. He is survived by his current wife Sandy Kellas Gent; two sons, Ken Gent (Mary) of Annapolis, MD, and Jeff Gent of Joshua Tree, CA; a sister, Eleanor Gent (DeWitt) of Towson; two grandchildren, Ross Gent (Deirdre) and Ally Sheehe (Sean) of Baltimore, MD, and two great-granddaughters, Joey and Nora. He is also survived by two stepdaughters, Robin Vansant (Joey) of Chestertown, and Terry Smith (Ray) of Lancaster, SC; four step-grandchildren, Meagan and Kyle Myers of Chestertown, Dylan Myers of Minot, ND, Fred Kellas of Goldsboro, MD, and one step-great-granddaughter, Kamryn.

Memorial visitation November 3rd at 10:00 AM, with Service at 11:00 AM at Fellows Helfenbien & Newnam, 130 Speer Rd, Chestertown, MD

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Chestertown Lions Club, P.O. Box 265, Chestertown, MD, 21620.

Cemetery Details

Still Pond Cemetery

Still Pond, MD

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows Helfenbien & Newnam
130 Speer Rd
Chestertown , MD 21620

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



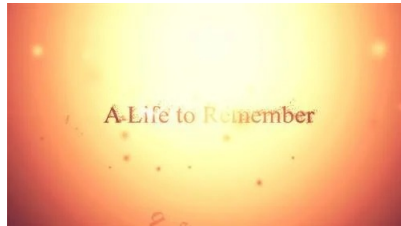
“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of James K. Gent Jr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 03, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James K. Gent Jr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 02, 2021 at 10:16 AM

RJ

Great video. Jim was a great guy and his contributions to the Chestertown Lions Club were vast. His creation of the Bay to Bay fundraiser stands as the clubs largest single fundraiser. Those funds generated by his efforts have proved to be significant in not only local community improvement, but worldwide humanitarian relief as well. Jim Gent will certainly be missed by all and the world will be lesser in his absence.

Robert A. Knapp, Jr. - November 02, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ James K. Gent Jr.

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ James K. Gent Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ James K. Gent Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

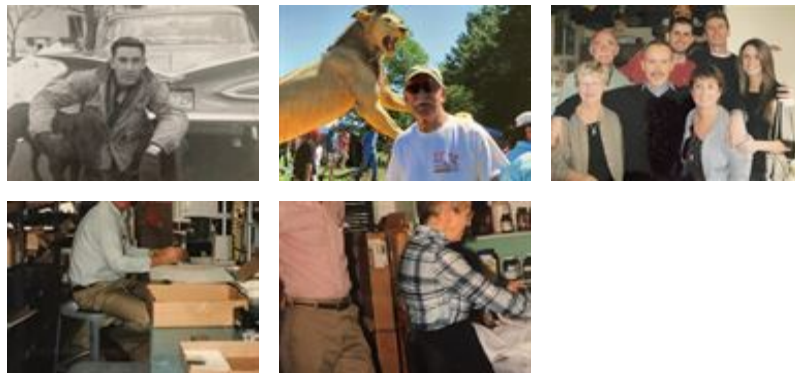


“ To the Jim Gent family, I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He will be greatly missed by all. He was my supervisor at Lamotte and I learned alot from him.He is resting in peace now. My prayers and thoughts go to everyone

Peggy comegys - November 03, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ 99 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 02, 2021 at 10:04 AM

JB

“ *Sandy, Jeff and Ken....so very sorry to hear about Jim! He will be missed!* ”



Joyce Faye Benton - November 01, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James K. Gent Jr..* ”



November 01, 2021 at 12:28 PM

LF

“ *Linda Fletcher lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.* ”



Linda Fletcher - November 01, 2021 at 08:42 AM

DA

“ *Darleen Allwein lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.* ”



Darleen Allwein - October 31, 2021 at 08:45 PM

ET

“ Eddie And Trish Taylor lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.



Eddie and Trish Taylor - October 31, 2021 at 07:19 PM

CE

“ Carol And John Elburn lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.



Carol and John Elburn - October 31, 2021 at 04:37 PM

RW

“ Roger & Shirley Williams lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.



Roger & Shirley Williams - October 31, 2021 at 03:21 PM

DS

“ Debi Stem lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.



Debi Stem - October 31, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ *Barbara Parker lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.*



Barbara Parker - October 31, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ *Joan And Elmer Horsey lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.*



Joan and Elmer Horsey - October 31, 2021 at 08:19 AM



“ *Frankie & Jane Dill lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.*



Frankie & Jane Dill - October 31, 2021 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dhea Ann Rattray lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.*



Dhea Ann Rattray - October 30, 2021 at 10:25 AM

MU

“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.



Marie Usilton - October 29, 2021 at 09:42 PM

SI

“ SisWilliams lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.



SisWilliams - October 29, 2021 at 09:30 PM

JL

“ John Larrimore lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.



John Larrimore - October 29, 2021 at 05:00 PM

JW

“ Sympathy to the Gent family.

Joan M. Wilson



Joan M. Wilson - October 29, 2021 at 03:02 PM

CM

“ Charlie And Sue Mench lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.



Charlie and Sue Mench - October 29, 2021 at 01:43 PM

JS

“ We are very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Our sympathy to his family.

David and Judy Sharretts

Judy Sharretts - October 29, 2021 at 12:58 PM

LM

“ A great friend, he will be remembered and missed.
Larry and Jeanie Motter

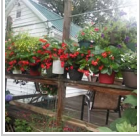
Larry Motter - October 29, 2021 at 12:25 PM

JS

“ Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.



Jeanette Stubbs - October 29, 2021 at 08:10 AM



“ *Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of James K. Gent Jr.*



Sherrie Jacobs - October 28, 2021 at 05:58 PM