



## James Henry Jerpe

July 28, 1939 - August 30, 2022

James “Jim” Henry Jerpe passed away on August 30th, 2022. He was 83 years old.

Jim was born on July 28th, 1939 to the late James Jerpe and the Grace McClain. He grew up in the Point Breeze neighborhood of Pittsburgh and went on to live in diverse places, including California and Mexico. He moved to Kent Island in 1980.

Jim had a multifaceted career, which included tenures as a surgical nurse, a flight instructor, and a stockbroker for Merrill Lynch. Upon his move to the Eastern Shore, he was employed by the Environmental Protection Agency as a water chemist specializing in gas chromatography. He worked there until his official retirement in 1996. Afterwards he traveled extensively in Europe and South America, while also spending time as an EPA consultant and a network engineer for Chesapeake College.

Jim married his late wife Gail in 1975, and they went on to raise two sons. Together they enjoyed fishing, camping, and long hours on the back porch with their neighbors, telling stories. Jim’s favorite place in the world was Assateague Island. He visited it frequently with his wife, his sons, and their friends.

Jim was known for his broad humor and for the large circles of friends and family that he kept. He had a wide range of interests and liked to try new things. Later in life he studied electrical engineering at Johns Hopkins, took courses in Spanish, and became a violinist at St. Christopher's Church in Stevensville.

Along with his parents, Jim is predeceased by his beloved wife Gail Jerpe, his son Chris Jerpe, his younger sister Ann Mercho, and his younger brother Eric Jerpe. He is survived by his son Nathan Jerpe and his wife Jin Fu of Atlanta, and his granddaughter Luna.

A viewing will be held on Sept. 9th, 2022 beginning at 10:00 am, followed by a service at 12:00 pm. Burial will follow in Stevensville Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619

## Service

SEP 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Chester, MD 21619

## Burial

SEP 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Stevensville Cemetery  
808 Main Street  
Stevensville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Best friend I ever had, other than his youngest son. See you in heaven, Jim.* ”

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**Cameron Groen** - December 14, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ *James Henry Jerpe* ”

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James Henry Jerpe* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James Henry Jerpe* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of James Henry Jerpe.* ”



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September 08, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ *Kari Oulahyane lit a candle in memory of James Henry Jerpe*



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**Kari Oulahyane** - September 07, 2022 at 05:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Henry Jerpe.*



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September 06, 2022 at 09:07 PM