



James "Jim" Will Liesener

April 29, 1933 - May 10, 2025

James W. Liesener (Jim), born on April 29, 1933, in Cedarburg, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully at his home in Easton, Maryland, on May 10, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Jim is survived by his devoted wife of 69 years, Edie; his daughter, Jennifer Liesener; granddaughter, Taylor Hilderbrand; and daughter-in-law, Melanie Liesener. He was preceded in death by his beloved son, Jay Liesener, in 2017.

Jim met Edie at Wartburg College in Iowa. Jim completed his B.A. (Education, Psychology); Theological Studies; Teaching Credential (Library Science) and M.A. (Guidance and Counseling) from the University of Northern Iowa; A.M.L.S. and a Ph.D. (Library and Information Science) from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Liesener served as a respected professor in the College of Library and Information Services at the University of Maryland from 1967 until his retirement in 2001. Throughout his distinguished career, he contributed meaningfully to his field through teaching, publishing, and presenting workshops and lectures nationwide.

A lifelong learner, Jim found joy in researching any topic that piqued his

interest—especially genealogy. He cherished quiet hours in his study, time spent with his family and friends, and the pursuit of knowledge. He often spoke of his deep beliefs in love, truth, and honesty, and he lived by those values every day. Above all, Jim was a man who loved deeply and gave selflessly to the people he held dear.

An open house Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at The Liesener Residence, 7410 Michael Avenue, Easton, Maryland 21601. Casual attire.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor Jim's memory may make a donation to the Surfgimp Foundation, <https://surfgimpfoundation.org/>, established by his son Jay, which supports individuals with disabilities in pursuing active and adventurous lives.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

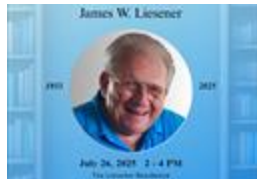
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Liesener Residence
7410 Michael Avenue
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 17, 2025 at 03:04 PM

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“ Bonds of friendship go back 65 years between Jim and Edie Liesener and Bruce and Gerri Wilson. They started in Ann Arbor MI and continued through years in Maryland, with the Lieseners and the Wilsons raising their families simultaneously and teaching in the same institutions and living around the corner from each other, kids playing together and growing into adulthood as friends just as their parents were friends. Those bonds are deep and strong, through good times and bad. Jim, in so many ways you were a trailblazer for me, someone to admire for your leadership, your discerning mind, your empathetic nature, your good humor, and your steadfast loyalty. I will miss you. Well done, excellent friend. — Bruce Wilson

Bruce Wilson - May 19, 2025 at 06:26 PM

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“ I was part of Dr. Liesener's "class from hell" in the early '90s. Three of the 4 of us were New Yorkers and that drove him crazy enough to soften his stern taskmaster facade. We met with him several times before the pandemic for dinner and always had a lot of laughs. Miss you Dr. L

Bonnie Novick - May 19, 2025 at 11:26 AM

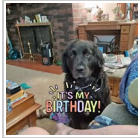
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“ *My best remembrance of Jim is his love of music. On many occasions Jim and Edie and Paul and I would meet at various musical events in the area. Jim always shared his knowledge and enjoyment of music. A great conversationalist, a winning smile, and a certain joie de vivre marked him as a fine fellow. Jim will be missed by both old friends and new.*

Rest in Peace, Jim.

Susan Carroll

susan carroll - May 13, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ *Jim and Edie met my parents, (Dave and Helen Rae Bracklein), at Wartburg College. When I was adopted by the Bracklein family, Jim and Edie were made my godparents. We visited them in DC several times and they visited us in Ann Arbor MI. He was always laughing and doing what he could to make us laugh as well. Heaven has gained another dear, sweet man.*

Cyndy Granger - May 12, 2025 at 07:42 PM