



## James "Jim" Edward O'Harrah, Sr.

November 1, 1941 - December 25, 2025

James Edward O'Harrah Sr. ("Jim") passed away on December 25, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Born in Pinewald, NJ, and raised in Trenton, NJ, Jim was a devoted husband and father, a lifelong Scouter, a Navy veteran, and a career Human Resources professional. A graduate of Trenton High School, Trenton Junior College, and Rutgers University, he spent more than thirty years at the David Sarnoff Research Center in Princeton before completing his career with American Business Financial Services. Jim established Sarnoff's independent compensation and benefits operations following the lab's separation from RCA and GE.

Throughout his life, Jim dedicated himself to service. He volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America, the First Presbyterian Church of Ewing, the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown, the United Way, and Kent County SCORE. He loved fishing, gardening, and spending time with his wife and family.

Jim and his wife, Janet, have been active members of the Heron Point of Chestertown community since 2019.

He was a humble man who cared deeply for his family, friends, and the people

he led and worked alongside. He considered the success of his children and grandchildren—as well as the retirees, Scouts, and small business owners he mentored—to be his most meaningful accomplishments.

Jim is survived by his wife of 61 years, Janet; his two children, Jennifer Magdelinkas and James Jr. (Ted); their spouses, Bill Magdelinkas and Carrico O’Harrah; and his four grandchildren, Alexandra, Hayley, James III (Trey), and Kathryn.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rock Steady Boxing (<https://rocksteadyboxing.org/support-us/>) or the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown.

A memorial service will be held Saturday January 3, 2026, at the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown at 1pm.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

The Presbyterian Church of Chestertown  
905 Gateway Dr  
Chestertown, MD 21620-3362  
(410) 778-6057

# Tribute Wall

MI

“ I have wonderful memories of Jim during my early days at Sarnoff. A true gentlemen, his smile and good nature would brighten any room he entered. Condolences to his family and friends.

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**Michael Isnardi** - January 05 at 11:07 AM

PH

“ I feel blessed to have met and been a friend of Jim's and Janet. Both wonderful, loving people. Praying for the family because of their loss. Pat Holland

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**Patricia Holland** - January 03 at 11:51 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Edward O'Harrah, Sr..



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January 02 at 11:11 AM

FD

“ *Go Navy! Beat Army!*  
*I had the great privilege of taking care of this man and his loving wife.*  
*We quickly became friends, sharing stories of our kids and the latest in sports. Jim always kept me on my toes with his curious questions and desire to stop his medications! But always with that wry grin, always...*  
*You will be missed, brother Jim*



*Fred and Jenny Delboy*

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**Fred Delboy** - December 30, 2025 at 09:20 PM

MB

“ *We have lost a true gentleman. I always enjoyed seeing the twinkle in his eyes and that half grin, made me wonder what he knew that the rest of us didn't. Jim*  
*was an inspiration in our Rock Steady Boxing class. He showed up to fight no matter how difficult his circumstances became. And Janet, he was blessed to have you with him for every step. Praying for comfort and strength for you and your family.*

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**Melinda Bain** - December 29, 2025 at 03:57 PM

CJ

“ *To a great boxer and enthusiast of RSB! Keep rooting for those Bronx Bombers.*

*Blessings and hugs*

*Action Jackson*

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**Craig Jackson** - December 29, 2025 at 07:01 AM

SJ

“ *Praying for comfort and peace for the family.*



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**Suzanne Jackson** - December 27, 2025 at 08:12 PM

GC

“ *Janet, we are so sorry to hear that Jim has passed. We were so looking forward to seeing you two in class again. We are thinking of you and praying that you are cherishing your memories at this time. Jeff and Gerri Council*

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**Gerri Council** - December 27, 2025 at 09:05 AM