



James Minahan

April 9, 1923 - January 30, 2016

James G. Minahan of Stevensville, MD, passed away on January 30, 2016, just fifteen months after his wife of 64 years, Dorothy Dohme Minahan. Jim was ninety-two.

Born on April 9, 1923, in Chicago, IL, Jim grew up in the Buffalo area, the son of Arthur C. and Rosalind (Lang) Minahan. His attendance at The University of Michigan was interrupted by WWII, during which, as a graduate of the Navy's "90-day Wonder" program, he reached the rank of Commander. Returning to finish his degree in Chemistry, Jim launched into a 40-year career in industrial chemical sales and product management. His real work, though, was at home, where he and Dottie raised six children, put them all through college, and then set them loose on the world. A man of few words, Jim loved the company of his friends and family, and filled every gathering with his quiet charm, sincere attention, and hearty laughter.

For his steadfast love and encouragement, James is forever remembered by his children, Colleen Minahan of Stevensville, MD (via LA and Australia), Brian Minahan (and Elizabeth) of Boston, MA (via Tokyo), Greg Minahan (and Nancy) of Denton, MD (via NYC and Broadway), Jeff Minahan (and Lisa) of Keene, NH (via Wyoming, Birmingham, and Sacramento), Kevin Minahan of Heaven (via the home state of Michigan – Go Blue!), and Karen Potthoff (and Greg) of Culver City, CA (via Hollywood). "Grandad" will be missed by

Michael, Maureen, James, Sheena, Adam, and Tessa; and “Great Grandad”
by Aidan and Jacob.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2016, from 2-4 p.m. at the
Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD. A funeral
Mass will be held on Monday, February 15, 2016, at 11 a.m. at St.
Christopher’s Catholic Church in Chester, MD. Burial will follow at the
Stevensville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Christopher’s Catholic Church,
P.O. Box 660, Chester, MD 21619

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Minahan*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 12, 2016 at 11:34 AM

PC

You Minahan kids make me smile and cry. Hey Jeff, you actually have hair in a lot of these pictures. Trenton #47-Handsome Kevin, miss you so. Oh I remember hearing puddin' head a lot Minahan...oh I mean Karen. Love Curcio...oh I mean Patty!!! Lots of love to all this weekend and always. Thanks for the memories.

Patricia Curcio Christie - February 12, 2016 at 06:16 PM



“ *James Minahan*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James Minahan*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Minahan.



February 12, 2016 at 08:39 AM

PC

“ *The Good Ol' Days in Trenton with the Minahan's and the Curcio's.*

First, I'd like to say that I met Karen Minahan at St. Joe's and we have been best friends ever since and still going strong. She is my BFF.

I was always at the Minahan's house. I would knock on the side door and would hear Mrs. Minahan say "the door is open Patty, you know better than to knock, just come on in"

I was there so much that sometimes I didn't know which family I belonged to!

My best memories of Mr. & Mrs. Minahan were when my mom and dad (Tom & Pat Curcio) always put on big parties for all their friend's. I wanted to be the greeter at the door for everyone. I'd wait and when I would see Mr. & Mrs. Minahan's car pull up, I'd yell "Mom the Minahan's are here." She would say ok let them in and I heard her laugh. When they came inside, Mr. Minahan would say "Well hello Miss Patty, long time no see" and both would laugh. They made a beautiful couple. I would go in our kitchen and my dad would say "Jim my man, how are you doing" with a handshake. I would watch and listen and hear Mr. Minahan's hearty jolly laugh so loud with the biggest smile on his face that I've ever seen on anyone. I saw a very happy, proud man.

Thank you God for putting a wonderful family on this earth that I've had the pleasure of knowing. You will always be in my heart as I remember the good ol' day's in Trenton.

I type this with a smile on my face!

Patricia Curcio Christie - February 12, 2016 at 08:37 AM

RS

“ Very sorry to hear about your Dad, Mr. Minahan to the young me, passing.

There are many & fond memories growing up with Minahan's, from a next door neighbor in Springfield, PA, Rich Stettler.

Part of these happy moments is remembering you (Colleen) as a cute young girl and now seeing you as a beautiful woman. Maybe the Matriarch now?

The past memories are fun to remember, even during these sad times. These are not in any order, just as they appear. Colleen, Brian, Jeff, etc. in Jean Stettler's imaginary class room in the back yard during summer, my first visit to Wyndote, MI, seeing your mother's dance studio, seeing your Mom & Dad in their MD home, your Mom use to tell me stories of hers parent's living there, your Dad mentioning he had an account maybe a piggy bank for each of his children, my Mom (Doris) and Mrs. Minahan (Dot) discussing food recipes to feed our growing families, finding I think Kevin walking down Springfield road. Your Mom and Dad attending my parents 50th wedding anniversary.

There are a lot more wonderful moments and memories of Dad, Jim, Mr. Minahan, a person I admired, too.

Great Memories, thank you!

Richard

Rich Stettler - February 08, 2016 at 07:07 PM

JS

“ *Mr Minahan and I met when I was 8 years old when my family became neighbors to the Minahans. He was so tall and had a booming voice that either meant you were in trouble or we are having a fun time...mostly a fun time! His laugh and affection made you warm all over. Mr. Minahan was a loving man who did everything in his power to love and care for his lovely family. I will cherish my warm and loving memories.*

Jean Stettler - February 07, 2016 at 09:13 PM

SE

“ He sure will be missed. He loved to go to the gym, "Spa" as your Mom used to say. He loved to work out in the yard as well. Glad he had this past Christmas and family was able to visit with him.
Love to all.

Sue & Matt Ellison

Sue Ellison - February 03, 2016 at 03:46 PM

BC

“ To the Minahan "Kids"- Many, many memories of Dad flood our hearts this day. Too many to name. He had such a wonderful smile!
Peace and love to all of you,
The Stettler and Cadge Families

Barbara Cadge - February 03, 2016 at 11:12 AM

NK

“ Such a sweet man. Condolences to his big and wonderful family.

Nancy Koval - February 02, 2016 at 07:54 PM

NW

“ Nita And John Wieczoreck lit a candle in memory of James Minahan



Nita and John Wieczoreck - February 02, 2016 at 10:24 AM

NW

Greg, So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with you.

Nita and John Wieczoreck - February 02, 2016 at 10:25 AM

LR

Colleen,

Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss. Lisa Ray

Lisa Ray - February 07, 2016 at 02:51 PM



I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your Father Colleen. I didn't have the pleasure to meet or know him but, the thoughts expressed above tell me he was a great man!! May God grant you and your entire family His peace now and in the future.

Gary Thompson - February 09, 2016 at 02:04 PM