



James K. Peterson

October 17, 1934 - December 16, 2015

James Kenneth Peterson, “Jim”, died peacefully at University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton on December 16, 2015, after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer. He was 81 years old.

Born in Sioux City, IA, on October 17, 1934, he was the son of the late David and Beulah Peterson, and the brother of Timothy Peterson of Traverse City, MI. Jim’s early years were spent in Madison, WI, moving onto Battle Creek, MI, in his teens. He graduated from Battle Creek Central High School and attended Michigan State University, graduating in 1956 with a B.S. degree in Economics and Packaging Engineering. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, he also was a member of the ROTC, achieving the rank of Captain in the Army.

On February 2, 1957, he married Nanette Olin. The couple then moved from Ft. Bliss, TX, to Richmond, VA, where Jim joined Reynolds Aluminum, and a series of corporate moves ensued throughout the U.S., from Philadelphia to Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, New Canaan, CT, Boston and then, returning to Bryn Mawr, PA. Following his Reynolds years, Jim joined Continental Group, where he rose to become a Vice President and General Manager.

Jim was an active and respected member of the board of Southco Corporation in Concordville, PA, now known as TouchPoint.

In 1982, an opportunity to buy his own company occurred. Graphic Packaging Corporation became an exciting adventure, and he served as President. He eventually sold the company to Coors Brewery. It was at this time that thoughts of moving to Easton and the ours-of-doors became a reality!

Not wanting to be idle for too long, he felt strongly about contributing his time, talents and energy. Talbot County welcomed him with open arms. He joined the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum board, becoming Chairman of the Board. He also proudly served on the Easton Memorial Hospital Board for several terms, Character Counts, Talbot Mentors, Hospice, and on the Vestry at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Oxford. He also served on the board of Baywoods Retirement Community in Annapolis, where he was an owner as well.

To relax, he enjoyed tennis, golf, fishing, and hunting with his Labrador Retrievers. He loved spending time with his eight grandchildren, and watching them play sports. In his spare time, he returned to his love of adventure, whether it was trekking in Nepal, floating the Amazon, skiing the Alps, going on Outward Bound, or annual fishing trips for over fifty years with the same four pals. He was the first to say that "Life is good!"

In 2012, Jim wrote an autobiography for his family, entitled *Outrageous Good Fortune, A Life's Odyssey from a Midwest Youth*. He gave copies away to any and all, and it is now into its fifth printing.

Jim is survived by his wife of 58 years, Nanette Peterson; his three children, Kimberly Peterson of Pittsford, NY, Kristin Jaramillo of Oxford, MD, and David Peterson of Easton, MD; and eight grandchildren.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held the Church of Holy Trinity in Oxford, MD,

on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 11 a.m. The family suggests in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be made to the Church of Holy Trinity, 502 South Morris Street, Oxford, MD 21654 or to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 213 North Talbot Street, St. Michaels, MD 21663.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Holy Trinity
Oxford, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *James K. Peterson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James K. Peterson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Uncle Jim,*

You will be dearly missed by the entire Hackler clan. Your love of life was inspiring and the stories you shared of your many adventures will be treasured. I have countless fun and happy memories with you since I was a very young child so thank you!

I pray Aunt Nan, Kris, Kim, David and Uncle Tim will use their happy memories to help them through this most difficult time.

You will be forever cherished, always loved and never forgotten.

With Love, Sue McKean

Sue McKean - January 06, 2016 at 03:02 PM



“ *The staff and Board of Trustees of Character Counts Mid Shore sends our deepest sympathy to Jim's family. Jim was an outstanding Character Coach at Easton Middle School for many years. He was a true gentleman and an example for the students to follow; a man of great character!*

Susan Luby - January 05, 2016 at 03:36 PM

GN

“ Dear Nan,

We are sorry to hear of your loss of Jim. We see that his life was full of professional achievement, time for travel and hobbies and giving back to the community in retirement. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

George and Marilyn (Kelly) Nugent

George Nugent - January 04, 2016 at 03:13 PM

JB

“ *Jim was a wonderful brother-in-law. He embraced our family, and always welcomed us into his life. We shared so many good times together. Jim helped to make this world a better place. I will greatly miss his presence in my life. Sending thoughts and love to my sister Nan, Kim, Kris, and David.*

Judy Barnebee - December 30, 2015 at 08:09 PM

CP

“ *A honorable gentleman lives on through special memories.*



Christopher Platt - December 20, 2015 at 10:57 AM

BD

“ *Beth Dahlen lit a candle in memory of James K. Peterson*



Beth Dahlen - December 20, 2015 at 10:42 AM

NC

“ *Nichole Cummings lit a candle in memory of James K. Peterson*



Nichole Cummings - December 18, 2015 at 07:20 PM