



James Russell Phebus

March 20, 1943 - December 4, 2021

James Russell Phebus, 78, passed away on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at Compass Hospice in Centreville.

He was born on March 20, 1943, in Baltimore, the son of the late Earl Russell Phebus and Stella Gast.

Jim married Mary Irene “Renie” Steinacker, and they raised four sons in Stevensville. He worked as a sheet metal worker out of Local 100 in Washington, DC. Jim enjoyed spending time with family and friends, eating crabs, fishing and being out on the water. He also enjoyed spending time at home working in his garden, tinkering around the house and reading about history.

He is survived by his four sons; Michael Phebus (Pamela) of Trappe, Jeffrey Phebus (Virginia) of Centreville, Tim Phebus and Keith Phebus of Odenton; three grandchildren, Jessica Phebus of Albuquerque, NM, Christie Phebus of Baltimore and Nicholas Phebus of Trappe, his brothers; Bill Phebus (Chris) of Arnold, and Jack Phebus (Gilda) of Pasadena and his sister-in-law and brother -in-law, Ruth and Lee Whitsett of Berlin, MD and nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Renie, who died in 2018.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 12 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 106 Shamrock Rd., Chester, where a visitation will begin at 11 AM. The service will be webcasted at 12 PM. Burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to Compass Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

DEC 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 10, 2021 at 08:25 AM

TP

The guy knew something about just about everything. He could fix it, he was a problem solver. He helped anyone that asked for help and shook his head if you did it wrong because he just knew how to do it all. I will never understand how he learned so much, it wasn't like today with YouTube. Love that guy.

Tim Phebus - May 18, 2024 at 01:06 AM



“ *James Russell Phebus*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James Russell Phebus*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James Russell Phebus*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

DM

“ We were so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Dave has known Jim since his family moved to Poplar Ridge when Jim was 11 years old. We have remained friends throughout our lifetime.

So many of our memories of camping and vacations with our kids include Jim and Renie and the boys. So many fun times! Like getting snowed in on the Skyline Drive one October and camping on the beach on our many trips to Assateague. One of which, Dave and Jim spent most of the night talking and finishing off a jug of Jim's delicious homemade wine! Such good wine; such bad headaches in the morning!!!

We wish the boys and their families our condolences, but most of all, our love. Your parents were wonderful friends to us.

Dave and Martha Mullenex

Dave and Martha Mullenex - December 11, 2021 at 08:06 AM



“ I spent a great part of my childhood visiting my grandma and grandpa at their Kent Island Home. Grandpa had barrels in his garage of Old Bay with coarse sea salt, as a child I could not help but pinch a bit of seasoning and eat it like candy. He is my connection to the Chesapeake Bay, the trotlines, the chicken necking, and I still don't know why he said "wuter" instead of "water", lol. When I would visit he could be found watching fishing and wildlife shows, or outside tending the garden or cutting grass. As a kid, my grandma, grandpa and I would swim in their pool and pretend I was Ariel from *The Little Mermaid* and grandpa was always the prince, my poor grandma had to be ursula, and they were such good sports at pretending. I remember playing Marco Polo in that pool with them. I remember the smell of blue crabs boiling in the pot, and the memories of feasting on oysters, crabs, and corn on the porch in the summer.

Jess Marie - December 10, 2021 at 04:52 PM

JP

“ 1 file added to the album dad



Jeff Phebus - December 10, 2021 at 11:38 AM

JP

“ 1 file added to the album dad



Jeff Phebus - December 10, 2021 at 11:37 AM

JP

“ 2 files added to the album dad



Jeff Phebus - December 10, 2021 at 11:35 AM

JP

“ Dad, Just wanted to say that I love you and will missed you for the rest to my life. You were the best father, friend I could ask for.

Love ya,
Jeff

Jeff Phebus - December 10, 2021 at 11:34 AM

JP

“ Jeff Phebus lit a candle in memory of James Russell Phebus



Jeff Phebus - December 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Russell Phebus.



December 09, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ *Hatzel & Buehler Inc. purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James Russell Phebus.*



Hatzel & Buehler Inc. - December 09, 2021 at 08:46 AM



“ *Karen Phebus lit a candle in memory of James Russell Phebus*



Karen Phebus - December 08, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ *Damn Jim, I am sure going to miss ya. You had a killer grin just like the old man and Uncle Wilbur. All those years and you never let me down, not one time. I certainly was blessed to have you as a friend and brother.*

*Love Ya
Billy*

william Phebus - December 07, 2021 at 11:07 PM



“ *Pam Fallon lit a candle in memory of James Russell Phebus*



Pam Fallon - December 07, 2021 at 03:09 PM