



James Forrest Riley Sr.

March 5, 1929 - February 6, 2022

James “Jim” Forrest Riley, Sr., of Easton, MD, passed away on February 6, 2022. He was 92 years old.

Born on March 5, 1929, in Baltimore, MD, he was the son of Virginus Forrest and Inez (Seward) Riley.

Jim worked for Mobil Oil his entire career. He moved to Kent Island in 1980 and retired in 1982. Jim was an avid gardener, crabber and bird watcher. He loved his time on the water.

In addition to his parents, Jim is predeceased by his two beloved wives, Jean Ann (Wirth) of Glen Burnie and Elizabeth (Gannon) of Centreville; his son James F. Riley, Jr., of Reedville, VA; and grandson, James F. Riley III, also of Reedville, VA.

Jim is survived by his children, Jeanne Riley Gordinier of Stevensville, MD; William Riley of Eden, MD; and Glenn Riley of Australia. He leaves a slew of grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, too many to name. And even more who considered him their Pap Pap.

A service will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home PA in Chester, MD, on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 1:00 PM. A celebration of life

is planned for this summer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage at <https://www.cheswildlife.org/donate-to-cwh/>.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Forrest Riley Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James Forrest Riley Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James Forrest Riley Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *This is Jesse Riley 's Grandpap. He was a great man who I loved very much. Even post divorce he remained my “father-in-law” and was always loving, fun, and supportive. So supportive in fact he flew to California to drive Jesse and I cross country when we moved to the East coast. The highlights of that trip were a gunman in the hotel in Winslow AZ, a blackout in the hotel in Nashville from a truck running into the power supply, watching a program on veal and neither of us have eaten veal since, and Jim being so excited to share his favourite bar-b-que road side stop (when I asked for a chicken bar-b-que sandwich, which was not on the chalk board, they handed me a full chicken breast with bones between 2 pieces of bread). Jim taught me how to catch crab, and enjoy eating them out on the dock with a cold beer. So many fun memories. You will be missed. Now you can share a beer with Dad cheers.*

Vicki Lukert - February 14, 2022 at 12:32 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in memory of James Forrest Riley Sr.*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - February 09, 2022 at 03:31 PM

SD

“ *Sara Jane Davidson lit a candle in memory of James Forrest Riley Sr.*



sara jane davidson - February 08, 2022 at 04:31 PM

SD

When Jim married my friend Betty he proved to be a wonderful man, caring and kind. A true gentleman!

sara davidson - February 08, 2022 at 04:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Forrest Riley Sr..*



February 08, 2022 at 11:13 AM

DK

“ *Dave King lit a candle in memory of James Forrest Riley Sr.*



Dave King - February 08, 2022 at 08:00 AM

MB

“ *Mary Baker lit a candle in memory of James Forrest Riley Sr.*



Mary Baker - February 08, 2022 at 12:41 AM

BC

“ *Butch And Sally Coursey lit a candle in memory of James Forrest Riley Sr.*



Butch and Sally Coursey - February 07, 2022 at 09:07 PM

BC

Bill, Jeannie and families so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Thoughts. Prayers and hugs.

Butch and Sally Coursey - February 07, 2022 at 09:10 PM

WR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



william Riley' - February 07, 2022 at 08:26 PM

JG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeanne Gordinier - February 07, 2022 at 04:49 PM