



Rev. James Seale

May 10, 1946 - October 22, 2014

Easton: The Rev. James (Jim) Richard Seale died on Wednesday Oct. 22, 2014 in Easton, MD after a year-long battle with leukemia.

He was born on May 10, 1946 in Elizabeth, NJ and was raised in Kenilworth, NJ by his parents, Dorothy Wickham Seale and Alfred Allenby Seale.

Jim graduated from Penn State University in 1968 with an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering. He worked for the U.S. Navy as an engineer for nearly 25 years. During that time, he earned an MS degree in engineering and an MS degree in pastoral counseling. He began a pastoral counseling center at Church of the Ascension in Lexington Park, MD. He also attended Virginia Theological Seminary and earned a Masters of Divinity. After he was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1991, he served as assistant rector at St. James Episcopal Church in Potomac, MD and then rector at All Saints Church in Frederick, MD for 13 years. After retiring, he returned to engineering work at the Institute for Defense Analysis and served as interim rector at Church of the Holy Trinity in Oxford, MD. Most recently, he served as assistant to the rector at Christ Episcopal Church in Easton, MD until he retired again in August of 2013.

He was an avid pilot, sailor and musician. He lived life fully, selflessly and joyously.

He is survived by his wife Pamela P. Seale of Easton, MD, his daughters Kristin Seale Sylvia of Macungie, PA and Meghan Seale Laska of Acton, MA, and stepsons Jonathan Corbin of Asheville, NC and Thomas Corbin of

Medfield, MA. He also is survived by seven grandchildren: Meredith Sylvia, Ryan Sylvia, Evan Sylvia, Caitlin Laska, Kelsey Laska, Bradley Corbin and Weston Corbin. In addition, he is survived by his brother, Robert Seale, of Austin, TX, and beloved golden retriever, Barney.

A Celebration of Life service will be held this Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 10am at Trinity Cathedral in Easton, MD. Inurnment will be at The Church of the Holy Trinity Columbarium in Oxford, MD immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Church of the Holy Trinity in Oxford, MD to benefit the Harmony Ministries of Haiti.

Cemetery Details

Church of the Holy Trinity

Oxford, MD

Previous Events

Service

OCT **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Cathedral
315 Goldsborough St.
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. James Seale*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Rev. James Seale*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Rev. James Seale*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I first met Father Jim when I was invite to teach an archaeology and the Bible class at All Saints in Frederick in 1998. Then He invited me to co-lead a pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece in 2000, and to Italy in 2002. On each trip Fr. Jim greatly enhanced the spiritual pilgrimage, even helping an archaeologist to grow in faith. God greatly used Fr. Jim and He has welcomed home a warrior of the faith. - Dr. Tom Davis*

Tom Davis - October 29, 2014 at 03:53 PM

LL

“ I met Jim in the late 1980s when I was working for John Bolino. Then Jim and I worked at DTESA together with Tom Kempster. Jim oversaw the GPS program. He was always a comfort in any situation. I remember when Jim and two other friends received the Call to become a Priest. It was unusual to have three friends receive the Call at the same time. They went to the Seminary together - Jim, Dale Brudvig, and Patricia Kempster. Jim presided over the wedding for Maria and Doug Hartline. Maria was another co-worker. He made their wedding so special. And when John Bolino's wife passed away, John wanted to have a service in Northern Virginia and was unable to get a Catholic Priest to do the service. Jim was happy to adjust his calendar so that he could do Linda Bolino's memorial service. Jim was always such a comfort no matter the situation. I will always remember what a kind individual he was. Pam and family, I send my deepest sympathy and love.
Linda Van Landuyt



Linda Van Landuyt - October 28, 2014 at 11:00 AM

MM

“ Jim led our parish, St. James' Potomac, during a difficult time of transition. I believe he was universally loved and admired. John and I enjoyed working and socializing with Jim and Pam. They generously hosted us on a visit to Frederick and Jim was especially helpful to John in his exploration of ordination to the diaconate. I especially remember Jim's stepping in when John and I were leading our parish self-study on human sexuality, as required by one of our national conventions. Without ruling on the merits Jim made it clear that "shooting the messenger" was not Christian or acceptable in any way. I hope and believe that Jim and my dear husband John are having a few good laughs and sharing happy memories. Blessings and sympathy to Pam and the rest of the family.

Mary Miers

Mary L. Miers - October 26, 2014 at 09:24 PM

KC

“ At St. James' in Potomac, we had a going away party for Jim and Pam (he had accepted the position of Rector in Frederick, MD). Several of us youth group guys persuaded Pam to give us the keys to Jim's car. We filled up his car with rolled up newspaper and anything else we could get our hands on so that he couldn't get into his car when it was time for him to leave. He felt very appreciative and loved. He was truly a man of God and he will forever be remembered. I anxiously await the day that I can give him a huge hug when we meet again in Heaven. Pam, my condolences to you and the rest of the family and you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kevin Crumpler
Norman, OK

Kevin Crumpler - October 24, 2014 at 11:02 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Wood lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Seale*



Brenda Wood - October 24, 2014 at 10:06 PM

BW

“ *What little precious time we had with Father Jim! His presence, love, heart, wisdom, words, kindness and graciousness blessed many! I am so blessed I was able to be touched by his work here in Easton at Christ Church. You will be missed. Love, prayers and blessings to all of the family.*

*With Love,
Brenda & Michael Wood
Easton, MD*

Brenda Wood - October 24, 2014 at 10:06 PM


Michelle
Peirce

“ *My heart is heavy. Father Jim made such an impact in my life. I have so MANY memories with him; by his side as an acolyte, alter server and choir member. He confirmed me. He gave me my first real bible. He was the officiant of our wedding services. When I was a little girl, I asked Father Jim to marry me one day when I got older. His response "Well, Michelle, I am already married!" He knew I meant that I wanted him to be the officiant of my wedding....and sure enough, more than 15 years later he kept his promise. He shared stories and provided guidance for Kyle and I during our pre-marital council sessions. Father Jim, I will never ever forget you. Ever. I'm so sad that you are gone, but from everything you taught me, I know that you are in a very good place.*

*Love, Michelle, Kyle and Nolan Peirce
(Michelle Munger)*

Michelle Peirce - October 24, 2014 at 02:01 PM


Michelle
Peirce

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Michelle Peirce - October 24, 2014 at 01:55 PM

DW

“ *We remember Jim's sunny presence at St. James' so many years ago. It's good to know he had many joyful years of serving the Lord in active ministry and in retirement. Our condolences to Pam and the family.*

Gary & Dorothy Welsh

Dorothy Welsh - October 24, 2014 at 01:51 PM

DO

“ *Paul and I feel truly blessed to have known this special man. Sincere condolences to Pam and family.*

*Paul and Donna Gorgol
Frederick Maryland*

Donna - October 24, 2014 at 11:35 AM

JS

“ *i was saddened to hear of Jim's passing; but comforted in knowing that GOD is gaining a great soul! Jim will be reunited in heaven with his father, mother and brother Al. Blessings to his family. Jeanette Seale, Haines City, Florida*



Jeanette Seale - October 24, 2014 at 10:56 AM

RR

“ *I met Jim back in 1989 - he was my landlord, and we became good friends. Later, I worked with him at IDA. He was very caring, and he was also very thoughtful and insightful on the projects that we worked together. He is missed!*

My sincere condolences to Pam and the family. And, as we say in Hawaii: Aloha Oe Jim - until we meet again.

Ron Rolph - October 24, 2014 at 08:20 AM

RI

“ *To Pam and the family,*

Dayna and I extend our deepest sympathy to you, and pray that in the promise of the resurrection you may truly thank God for Jim's life and his new life in Christ.

It was a privilege serving as a colleague in Christian ministry in the Frederick area, and what a joy it was to be a partner and fellow Board member in supporting the Trinity School of Frederick in its early days.

God's comfort and peace,

Bert

Pastor Albert K. Lane, III

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Utica

Rev. Albert K. Lane, III - October 24, 2014 at 07:29 AM



“ *Rev. Jim was a generous and kind leader at St. James. Remembering him brings a warm glow to our hearts. We share in the feelings of sadness that his passing brings.*

Craig and Robin Johnson

Robin Johnson - October 24, 2014 at 07:16 AM

SZ

“ Jim Seale was a wonderful friend and mentor. On the day Terry and I were married by a Justice of the Peace, my daughter, Maura and Terry's son, Peter were our witnesses and Father Jim also attended the service at 11;30 a.m. And he had to be at BWI airport at 2:00 for a flight! He had promised that he would attend the wedding and with only a days notice he kept that promise. The world is a lesser place without Jim Seale.

Stas' Ziolkowski - October 23, 2014 at 10:05 PM

RT

“ God has called home a truly good man, one loved and respected by all who knew him. Our loss is great, but Heaven rejoices.

Our deepest sympathy to his family - Richard and Marian Trippe

Richard Trippe - October 23, 2014 at 04:51 PM

SB

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Father Jim it is hard to know where to begin.

I was on All Saints' vestry when Jim was called to All Saints'. My dear friend Liz Cullen and I plotted to tease him lovingly. On the outside Jim was a rock in Liz's tragic accident and long suffering path to heaven. On the inside we both bled, but he was such a comfort to us all. We grieve still.

When my dad with Parkinsons fell ill on a Vestry meeting night ,he would not let me go to the hospital alone and drove me there. when we arrived in the ER my dad, always a Brethren, said "things must be bad Susie brought her priest" Jim laughed. Dad was then diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer and through the next 10 months e made many trips to visit my dad who hadn't been to an organized church in many, many years. Dad came to love Jim as we did and said it was okay to go because Jim told him he was going to heaven.Dad was blessed,I was grateful. Jim did the lovely funeral service in 1995.

During dad's illness Jim met my sister who lived in Dallas. She thought he was an Apostle reincarnated and when she died unexpectedly in 2003, her husband and I to this day don't know how we would have made it without Jim Seale to guide us, support us and love us.

Our hearts are indeed heavy as heaven rejoices. We will love you always Father Jim.

Susie and Paul Beard

All Saints', Frederick, MD



Susie Beard - October 23, 2014 at 03:39 PM

JF

“ Jim and I began our friendship only recently. As it turns out, we share quite a bit in terms of family, the things we have in common, religion and our experiences in life.

We'd meet once a week or so for an hour (that generally extended beyond two), sharing our philosophies on life, God and our families. Each time we met, he looked stronger and so it comes as a visceral shock to hear that he has passed.

He and I shared a love of sailing and planned to go together on my "new" sloop, on the next warm day. That will have to wait a bit. Bon Voyage, my friend.

John Farrell

John Farrell - October 23, 2014 at 03:08 PM

SW

It was a blessing to know and work with Jim and I am happy that I was able to have lunch with him in recent months. I send my sincere condolences to his wife and family. I know he is enjoying God's embrace.

Susan Whitehead - October 23, 2014 at 03:59 PM

RR

What a joy to know Jim Seale as a colleague and friend. During his time at All Saints, Frederick, we enjoyed collegiality -the agonies and joys of our pastoring, feeding each other with support and good food. I enjoyed sailing with Jim and, time at his home in Neavitt some years back. Jim was a principled guy who loved his family, enjoyed flying and - like me- was often frustrated with golf. I miss him and send my sincere regard for Pam and family in their time of grief.

Ron Reaves, Frederick

Ronald E Reaves - October 26, 2014 at 08:16 PM