

James Howard Shortall, Sr.

May 30, 1942 - August 22, 2023

James Howard Shortall, Sr., a resident of Denton, MD, peacefully passed away early Tuesday morning, August 22, 2023, at Arcadia Assisted Living in Denton after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 81 years old.

Jim was born on May 30, 1942, to Virginia Agnes (née Brooks) and Thomas Edward Shortall, Sr., of Trappe, MD. After graduating from Easton High School in 1960, Jim joined his father and brother Tommy in the family farming business. His son Joe later joined him, and father and son worked together, painstakingly restoring a 1948 Farmall H straight axle tractor in addition to their many farm duties. Jim remained a proud Talbot County farmer until his retirement in 2001. He was also an avid golfer, a tremendous Harley-Davidson fan, and was very proud of his red 2010 Camaro.

Jim married his first love, Patricia Mary Smith, in August 1963, and they had three children together: Jimmy, Beth, and Joe. Jim and Pat enjoyed 37 wonderful years together until her passing in 2000.

In August 2002, Jim married his second love, Loretta Dixon. They spent 21 years together traveling, playing golf, and enjoying NASCAR, football, and baseball. Rarely were they seen apart from each other.

Jim was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2016. Throughout the stages of the disease, Loretta remained courageously by his side. He entered Arcadia Assisted Living of Denton in December 2021. Loretta never missed a day visiting him and bringing his beloved chocolate bars. The family will be eternally grateful to the staff at Arcadia II of Denton for their exceptional caregiving.

Jim died gracefully in the knowledge that he was thoroughly loved by his family and many friends.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, his first wife Pat, his brother Tommy, and a nephew, Timothy Shortall.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta; his daughter, Beth Gunsallus, and her husband Frank, of Trappe; his sons, James H. Shortall, Jr., of Arlington, VA, and Edward Joseph Shortall of Trappe; a beloved granddaughter, Patricia R. Shortall of FL; a nephew, Tony Shortall of IN; and two of his closest friends, Leroy Miller and Steve Lindsey.

He is also survived by Loretta's children, Bob Banning (Melissa) and Michelle Robinson (Jay); his step-grandchildren, Logan Shubert (Cody), Jordan Banning, and Cassidy Robinson; and an amazing step-great-grandson, Beckham Gray Shubert.

A memorial gathering will be open to all from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 200 S. Harrison St, Easton, MD. A private service at Oxford Cemetery for immediate family will follow the memorial gathering. The service at Oxford Cemetery will be live-streamed by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home (www.fhnfuneralhome.com) on Mr. Shortall's obituary page.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011 (www.alz.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Howard Shortall, Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 28, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ *James Howard Shortall, Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Michael And Theresa Dulin lit a candle in memory of James Howard Shortall, Sr.*



Michael and Theresa Dulin - September 05, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *Granville, Charlie, Nancy, Adam, & Nikki purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Howard Shortall, Sr..*



Granville, Charlie, Nancy, Adam, & Nikki - August 28, 2023 at 05:21 PM

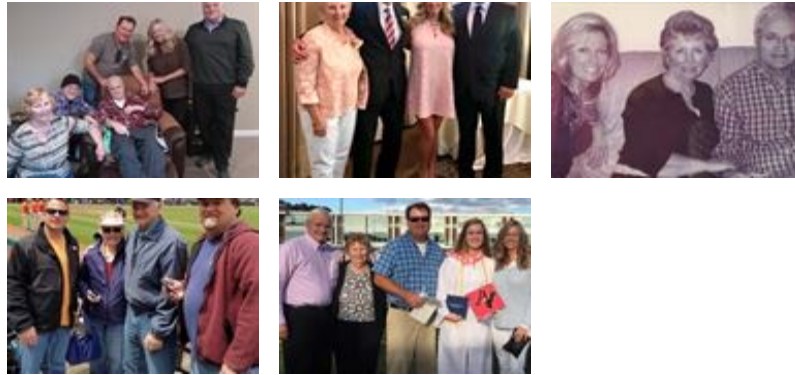
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“ Granville, Charlie, Nancy, Adam, & Nikki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Howard Shortall, Sr..

Granville, Charlie, Nancy, Adam, & Nikki - August 28, 2023 at 05:21 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 28, 2023 at 11:05 AM

DD

“ I have known Jimmy many years. I was a best friend to Pat. A year after Pat's death Dwayne introduced Loretta, (Dwayne's sister) to Jimmy and afterwards they married. We had some great times together. We will miss you Jimmy.



Dwayne and Donna Dixon - August 26, 2023 at 01:43 PM

JA

“ I did not know Mr. Shortall, but recently have been visiting someone at Arcadia. When signing in, I would see Loretta's name in the book often! What a devoted wife and caregiver. I am sorry for your loss, but am glad Mr. Shortall is freed from this dreaded disease.

Jane Anthony - August 25, 2023 at 11:24 AM

JS

“ What a great man. Wonderful memories of all the fun times spent on manadier rd. Hugs



Jeanne smith - August 25, 2023 at 09:58 AM

LB

“ Lynn & Perry Bridges lit a candle in memory of James Howard Shortall, Sr.



Lynn & Perry Bridges - August 25, 2023 at 08:57 AM

JS

“ 10 files added to the album *Pictures of Dad*



Jim Shortall - August 25, 2023 at 04:45 AM

RD

“ *Ritchie Dulin lit a candle in memory of James Howard Shortall, Sr.*



Ritchie Dulin - August 24, 2023 at 08:58 PM

SP

“ *Sandy Price lit a candle in memory of James Howard Shortall, Sr.*



Sandy Price - August 24, 2023 at 05:51 PM

AF

“ *Altvater Family lit a candle in memory of James Howard Shortall, Sr.*



Altvater Family - August 23, 2023 at 09:06 PM

JS

“ *June Shortall sent a virtual gift in memory of James Howard Shortall, Sr.*



June Shortall - August 23, 2023 at 06:10 PM

JS

“ *June Shortall lit a candle in memory of James Howard Shortall, Sr.*



June Shortall - August 23, 2023 at 06:10 PM

KR

“ *Beth, Frank and Shortall family, May the prayers and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. Sending hugs, and much love.
Karen & Dewey*



Karen Reed - August 23, 2023 at 03:42 PM

PD

“ *Sending hugs, prayers and love to Beth and the entire Shortall Family. Mr. Jimmy, Big Jim as we called him, was a wonderful Man! God Bless You All!*

Penny Lynn Doty - August 23, 2023 at 01:40 PM

PD

“ *Penny Lynn Doty lit a candle in memory of James Howard Shortall, Sr.*



Penny Lynn Doty - August 23, 2023 at 01:34 PM

JC

“ *My condolences to all the Shortall family. Mr. Jimmy was a great man.*

Jacki Kirwan Carels - August 22, 2023 at 07:23 PM