

James A. "Rabbit" Tydings

January 19, 1929 - March 9, 2014

James A. "Rabbit" Tydings of Queenstown, MD, died on March 9, 2014. He was 85.

Born on January 19, 1929, in Washington, DC, to James Tydings and Sabina O'Donnoghue. He grew up in Stanton Park area. Mr. Tydings attended Gonzaga High School, and he enlisted in the US Army at the age of 17 and served in Germany. Jim started his career in tile setting for various contractors and would begin a career with the DC Fire Department in July of 1957 until October 1979. He retired as a lieutenant. Then Jim began working with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) in Washington DC traveling across the country giving training sessions and writing training manuals. He later served on the DC Retirement Board and handled investment affairs between the District of Columbia and the firefighters. After retirement, he was executive vice president of MAPS, Mid Atlantic Plan Sponsors. He lived in Virginia most of his career and then moved to Annapolis, MD.

He was a member of the American Legion, Elks in Ocean City, MD, and a member of "Guns and Hoses". He loved fishing, golfing, reading the newspaper and taking trips to Bethany Beach.

Mr. Tydings is survived by his wife, Eileen E. Gough Tydings; son, James E. Tydings of FL; daughters, Barbara Paul and her husband Peter of Grasonville,

MD; Sharon Calisto and her husband Rodney of Grasonville, MD; a sister Jaqueline Swanson of NV; and five grandchildren, Bradley, Jennifer, Lauren, Peter, and Sarah. He was predeceased by his daughter, Deborah Pendley; first wife, Emily M. Tydings; and his sister, Patricia Raney.

Visitations will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2014, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Services will be held on Friday, March 14, 2014, at St. Christopher's Catholic Church, 1861 Harbor Drive, Chester, MD 21619 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Queen Anne's, 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Visitation

MAR 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Mass

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
1861 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James A. "Rabbit" Tydings*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 07, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *James A. "Rabbit" Tydings*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James A. "Rabbit" Tydings*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James A. "Rabbit" Tydings*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

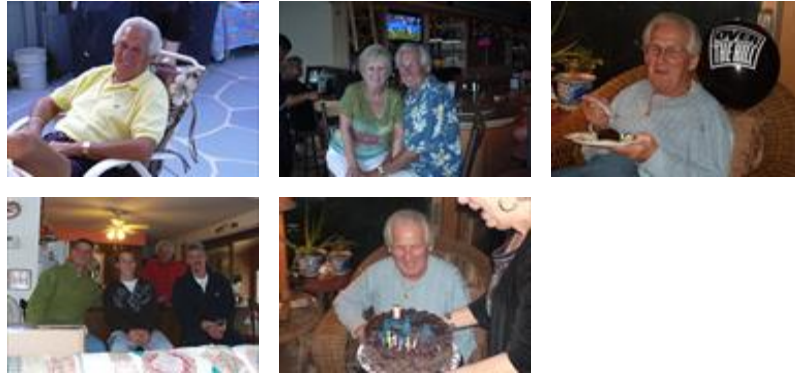


“ *Its been a long month without you Mr Jim...we miss you..found some pics to share :)*

Sharon - April 08, 2014 at 02:18 PM

SH

“ 8 files added to the album Mr Jims pics



Sharon - April 08, 2014 at 01:49 PM

DP

“ *Dahlia Pena lit a candle in memory of James A. "Rabbit" Tydings*



Dahlia Pena - March 14, 2014 at 02:38 PM

TS

“ *Rabbit was the most positive and upbest person I have ever none. He was a great friend to my p a rents for over sixty years.*

Tom Seymour

Tom Seymour - March 12, 2014 at 02:19 PM

YJ

“ We will miss you grandad...All the wonderful memories that we have of you and our time growing up. Not one part of my childhood you were not a part of. We will miss all your jokes and the laughs we had. You always had us going and knew how to put a smile on our face. We taught us so much and we love you with all our heart.

Your grand-daughter, Jenny - March 11, 2014 at 03:16 PM

CR

“ I had the pleasure of working with Jim at old Eng.8 as a probationer that returned to the department after a tour in the U.S. Navy. Jim was an excellent, experienced firefighter that shared his knowledge and watched over me. We quickly became friends and respected each other. Jim continued to work to provide DCFD firefighters, long after his retirement. We all are thankful for his efforts. I will miss Jim's knowledge, humor and joy he provided we ever we gathered together He is a loss to his family and to all. and will be missed. I regret I will not be able to attend his memorial service. If possible maybe one of my DCFD brothers can share my sorrow with his family at his service. May Jim be eternally in our Lords loving care.

Clarence (Dick) Talbert Lieut. RS 1 Ret. - March 11, 2014 at 07:05 AM

SR

“ Jim, you were the best dressed guy in the neighborhood! You always had a kind word for Bert and I. I love the fact that you got to meet my Mickey dog and you never failed to tell him he was a good boy. I'm sorry that the four of us never got a trip to The Sunset for dinner. Maybe Eileen and I can get there and have a toast in honor of the two handsome men in our lives. You will be missed!

Sharon Robertson - March 10, 2014 at 09:08 PM

SH

“ Sarah Harris lit a candle in memory of James A. "Rabbit" Tydings



Sarah Harris - March 10, 2014 at 03:31 PM

NC

From Boots, one of the last of the Stanton Park "Gang", actually "Neighborhood Friends for Life". We had formal names but generally were known by our earned Nick Names", James became Rabbit, named by my brother Frank, who was impressed on how fast, James moved. The "Corner", Sam's Restaurant and Mike's Barber Shop, at 5th and C Street N.E across from Stanton Park.

There was about a 30-year age span of the Boys, Largest ethnic group, Italian, hence many local Italian phrases were inculcated into our corner conversation. Of the 40 to 50 corner boys, over 90 percent went into military service, beginning before the start of WWII. We served in all branches, and all theaters of the War, and into the Occupation and right into the Korean War. Just talking to the Boys, you could get a real history of the fighting and logistics of the War. Infantry, Air, supply, construction, sea battles, D-days, paratroopers, we had first hand information from the Boys from the Connor. Jim served in the German Occupation and saw the destruction of the German Cities. Most of the older Corner Boys were skilled craftsmen, tile, marble, brick. Others went into Civic Service, Police and Fire Department. Jim worked in tile and then joined the D.C Fire Department. Right in line many of the Boys. With the G.I. Bill, many went into professional positions.

Our social life evolved from coffee shops to local bars, clubs and frequently in groups. In summer it was Ocean City, Wildwood, N.J Oh what great times we had, until one by one marriage and our family life, with get together. At first weekly, then monthly, then one summer and one winter, until summer only. And later phone calls "Who and What". Jim, I think there are only four of us left, Joe Dunn, Greg Gregory, Joe Olivet, and me, Nazzarino "Boots" Coluzzi. Let me know where the corner is up there.

nazz@coluzzi.com

Nazzarino Coluzzi - March 12, 2014 at 08:03 PM