



James A. Bortner

April 18, 1922 - June 24, 2008

Captain James A. Bortner, USN (ret.), 86, of Chestertown, MD died on June 24, 2008.

Born in York, PA, he was the son of Earl Jennings Bortner and Emma Mary Shaub Bortner. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October 1942 and he served throughout World War II. After the war, he attended Bucknell University, receiving B.S. and M.S. degrees in Mathematics and Physics. Recalled to active duty for the Korean Conflict, he attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island; and graduate schools at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Naval Post-Graduate School in Monterey, California. His duty stations varied geographically to include Massachusetts, Florida, Guam, California, and Maryland. Capt. Bortner's assignments included serving as chairman of the Electrical Engineering Program at the U.S. Naval Academy and Executive Officer at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC. After retiring in 1974, he taught Math, Physics, and Electronics at several schools and universities in Maryland, including Anne Arundel Community College and Chesapeake College.

Captain Bortner was a life-long Mason and active member of the Zeredatha Lodge of York, PA. He was also a HAM radio operator, operating under the call letters WA3UJE, and was very active in the Anne Arundel and Kent County Radio Clubs. He served many years on the vestry of St. Paul's Church

in Chestertown and St. Anne's Church in Annapolis. As a 27 year resident of Kent County, he was deeply involved in restoration of the local waterways, Actor's Community Theatre, and other local charities and organizations. An avid reader, he loved the challenge of a good Scrabble game or other intellectual pursuits.

He was preceded in death, by his first wife, Caroline Swaim Bortner after a marriage of 34 years and his sister Joanne Bortner Campbell. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Sydney Dutton Bortner. He was also father to Caroline Tiffany Bortner (Stevensville, Maryland), James Bradley Bortner (Brush Prairie, Washington), Anne Augustine Turner (Longmont, Colorado), and Christopher Franklin Bortner (York, Pennsylvania) and stepfather to Jennifer Hawthorne (Malone, New York), James Hawthorne (Church Hill, Maryland), Caitlin Hawthorne Bowman (Worton, Maryland), Robert Dutton Hawthorne (Chestertown, Maryland). Surviving grandchildren include Erica Roberson, Lauren Breslin, Benjamin Bortner, Jefferson Bortner, Jordan Bortner, Randee Hawthorne, Weston Bortner, Taylor Bortner, Samantha Hawthorne, Emily Hawthorne, Margaret Turner, Jack Hawthorne, Jonanna Turner, Bethany Turner, Asher Bowman, and Flynn Bowman.

Services will be held on Sunday, June 29, 2008 at 2:00 PM at Old St. Paul's Episcopal Church Kent in Chestertown, MD . Interment will be in the adjoining cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please direct contributions to the American Cancer Society (Kent County), Kent County Humane Society, and the Maryland Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Kent
7760 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *James A. Bortner*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James A. Bortner*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James A. Bortner*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I have always had the highest respect and affection for Syd and Jim - always looked forward to seeing both at Isaiah 40 and sometimes at the symphony - - will miss you, Jim.*

God's Blessings to you, Syd . . .

Pat###imported-begin##Pat O'Hanlon###imported-end##

June 28, 2008 at 11:26 AM



“ *had some great visits with jim at chateaugay lake ny. always good to have around for a card game or a glass of wine. will be greatly missed.###imported-begin##Steve Wilson###imported-end##*

June 28, 2008 at 10:44 AM



“ I was sad to hear we have lost such a stalwart leader in the Diocese of Easton, especially the Cursillo movement of which he was such a vital part. My heart goes out to Syd, I know the loss she is feeling, and will miss him terribly at our Isaiah 40 gathering next year in Ocean City. Annn Glovier, Easton # 2###imported-begin##Ann Glovier###imported-end##

June 27, 2008 at 09:37 AM



“ My deepest and most heartfelt condolences go out to you, Aunt Syd, Cousins, and all of your families.

Uncle Jim was one of a kind, and will be sorely missed. I thank the Lord for the privelege of knowing him, and for memories of him to cherish until we are all reunited with him in the Kingdom of the Lord.##imported-begin##Andrew Campbell##imported-end##

June 26, 2008 at 06:43 PM



“ miss my uncle james bortner he going walk to heaven and when i see pretty star night from him and his sister in heaven i love you to our family billy campbell##imported-begin##billy##imported-end##

June 26, 2008 at 02:33 PM



“ i heard sorry james this my uncle my mother her brother james she will wait see him in heaven he will walk to heaven meet to her in heaven i really love all our causin love billy##imported-begin##william##imported-end##

June 26, 2008 at 01:01 PM