



James C. Luker

September 25, 1940 - May 5, 2009

Entered in eternal peace on Tuesday, May 5 at Johns Hopkins Hospital after battling a long illness. He was 68 years old.

Jim was born on September 25, 1940 in Gloucester, New Jersey. He moved to Arlington, VA with his parents, Howard W. Luker and Mary Emily nee Wilson, when he was two. He attended Wakefield High School in northern Virginia and graduated in 1958.

Jim entered college in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and played football before joining the Marine Corps. Following an honorable discharge from the Corps, Jim returned to school at the University of Maryland to complete his undergraduate studies earning a Bachelors of Arts. He furthered his higher education with two Masters Degrees in Business and Public Administration, and Psychology.

His early years were spent in the northern Virginia circle where he was very active in the communities of Arlington and Alexandria. His love of sports made the Northern Virginia Athletic Club and softball league his second home. It is here where he met and married the love of his life, Patricia A. McCaffery on July 4, 1980.

Jim had a very successful career in retail management spanning four

decades. Starting with Giant Food of Maryland and continuing as a Human Resource and Personnel Executive for other large retail corporations across the nation, which included Dart Drug, Family Dollar, and Montgomery Ward. He ended his accomplished career from Magruder's Supermarkets in August 2003.

There is much to say about Jim and how he lived his life. He was a caring individual and looked out for others. He was an avid volunteer especially where children and animals were concerned. He had a quick wit and was never without a comeback. But what we will most remember him for is his larger than life personality and his laugh that could fill the room. He was truly one of kind.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Patricia A. McCaffery and her daughter and son in law, Kimberly A. Adomanis-Chomicz and Gregory Chomicz; and beloved brother Howard W. Luker II.; sister-in-law Doris Luker; a niece Kathleen Marsden. Jim's life was full of delight with his only grandchild, Lauryn.

Families and friends are welcomed to join for mass services on Friday, May 8 at 1PM at St. Christopher's Church, 1861 Harbor Drive, Chester, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Charles Hesdorffer Research Fund or the Vasculitis Discovery Fund at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, 4940 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21224.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *James C. Luker*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James C. Luker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James C. Luker*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *For several years, Jim was a client while he was at Montgomery Ward. His ethics, professionalism and definitely his humor made him the status of the most favored client. He was awesome!*

Janis Martinez - December 06, 2015 at 04:41 PM



“ *It's so sad to hear of Jim's death. To me he was bigger than life. He was my mentor and my friend. He could always make me laugh and listening to him laugh couldn't help but make me smile. He will be so missed.*

To Pat, Kim and the Luker family I send my love and my sympathy.

Dorothy###imported-begin##Dorothy Gasparro###imported-end##

May 17, 2009 at 09:00 PM



“ Dear Pat & Kim,

I was so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. I have such very fond memories of Jim. There were so many times that Jim would come over to our house and shoot baskets with me after one of his jogs to 7-11 in his gray running clothes. I remember how he would tease me when Boozer would bark and frighten me. I also remember a time when he helped me get through the first time I had the wind knocked out of me - I thought I was dying! He calmed me down and I caught my breath, then he chuckled because he was the one who through the ball to me!

He had such a giant personality! He was the kind of person that everyone wanted to talk to, wanted to know. I always enjoyed seeing him at Joe's Christmas Eve party or at one barbecue or another. I feel lucky to have known Jim. Of all of the adults I knew growing up, Jim holds the most special place in my heart and I will truly never forget him. I will pray for him to quickly move past this stage of life and on to the next and I will pray for peace in your hearts and strength to carry on in this world.

My deepest sympathies and love,

Paul Kyle##imported-begin##Paul & Beth Kyle##imported-end##

May 08, 2009 at 09:36 PM



“ My sympathy to the Luker family. I came to know Jim briefly while working out together at Club One and I would see Jim occasionally at St Christophers where my wife Paula and I serve as Eucharistic Ministers.

Jim was always in high spirits during his workout despite the difficulty of his condition. As he went from machine to machine with his cane he was an inspiration to all at Club One. May his soul rest in peace##imported-begin##Ronald J. Forst Captain USN(Ret)##imported-end##

May 07, 2009 at 03:45 PM