



Jesse Gordon Cunningham

May 29, 1937 - February 16, 2020

Jesse Gordon Cunningham of Chestertown, MD, died on February 16, 2020. He was 82. He was the son of the late Jesse Drury Cunningham and Pearl Baker Cunningham.

Jesse was born in Alabama and graduated Handley High School in Roanoke, AL. He served in the U.S. Army for eight years and was honorably discharged. He graduated from Stonier School of Banking at Rutgers University. Jesse served as President and CEO of Provident State Bank from 1990 until his retirement in 2009.

He married on July 31, 1961, to the late Ethel Hatcherson Cunningham of 50 years, who predeceased him on January 26, 2012.

He was a member of Chester Lodge #115 and Roanoke Lodge #132 AF&AM, Frank M. Jarman American Legion Post 36, Chesapeake Commandery #10 Knights Templar in Denton, Chestertown Elks Lodge #2474, the Jaycee's, and Chester River Yacht and Country Club. He enjoyed shooting sporting clays, golfing, and was an exceptional woodworker.

He is survived by his daughter, Paula Cunningham Pavon of Chestertown, MD; a brother, Austin Cunningham of Hoover, AL; two grandchildren, Drury Christopher Pavon of Broomall, PA, and Ana Kathryn Pavon of Richmond, VA;

a special friend, Linda Archer along with many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by three brothers, Gene Cunningham, Wesley Cunningham and Avery Cunningham.

Masonic services will be held on Saturday February 22, at 1:00 PM, at Fellows Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home where relatives and friends may call from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Interment will be in St. Paul's Cemetery in Chestertown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kent County Humane Society, 10720 Augustine Herman Highway, Chestertown, Maryland 21620.

Cemetery Details

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

FEB 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jesse Gordon Cunningham*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Jesse Gordon Cunningham*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Jesse Gordon Cunningham*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Rene' Walbeck lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham*



Rene' Walbeck - March 14, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *Donna Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham*



Donna Hollingsworth - February 26, 2020 at 07:46 PM

TV

“ Jesse and I spent many Wednesday mornings over a four -year period at the sporting clays range in Greenwood, DE. We usually shot up at least 100 rounds of 12 gauge shot shells, then would drive back to Chestertown and have lunch. Along the way, we would spend the time relating both personal and Masonic stories. On some days, Paula would call to see how Jesse was doing or to let him know he was to meet for dinner or pick up Ana at her dance class.



On Friday evenings, a group of us would gather at a restaurant in Rock Hall, Millington, Betterton or Chestertown and have dinner together. We have many good memories of those gatherings.

I'm sorry that I was unable to attend Jesse's funeral but the fellow that was my Deputy Grand Master in 2009 and 2010 passed away the day after Jesse and Carole and I flew to Baltimore for his funeral.

Jesse was a very good friend and he will be missed by Carole, me and the Brothers of Chester Lodge.

Tom Velvin, MWPGM-MD

Thomas Velvin - February 26, 2020 at 03:00 PM

LF

“ Larry Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham



Larry Faulkner - February 21, 2020 at 10:54 PM

RF

“ *Rebecca and Neal Arnoff & Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Jesse Gordon Cunningham.*



Rebecca and Neal Arnoff & Family - February 20, 2020 at 05:07 PM

NT

“ *Nancy Toy, lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham*



Nancy Toy, - February 19, 2020 at 04:36 PM

BL

“ *Brenda Lyons lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham*



Brenda Lyons - February 19, 2020 at 04:05 PM

BL

*"our loved ones never truly leave us...
they live on in the kindness they showed,
the comfort they shared,
and the love they brought into our lives."*

Brenda Lyons - February 19, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jesse Gordon Cunningham.*



February 19, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ *Cheryl Butler And Brendon lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham*



Cheryl Butler and Brendon - February 19, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ *Jessie was a good man , a good Mason and a good example how people should treat one another. He will be missed.*
George Kennedy , Sr.



George Kennedy - February 19, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *Linda Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham*



Linda Fletcher - February 19, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Jesse Gordon Cunningham.* ”



February 19, 2020 at 07:59 AM



“ *Frankie & Jane Dill lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham* ”



Frankie & Jane Dill - February 18, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ *Joyce Benton lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham* ”



Joyce Benton - February 18, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham* ”



Marie Usilton - February 18, 2020 at 07:20 PM

TB

“ *Thelma Bright lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham*



Thelma Bright - February 18, 2020 at 07:05 PM

JS

“ *Janet Seward lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham*



Janet Seward - February 18, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ *Jean Payne lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham*



Jean Payne - February 18, 2020 at 06:28 PM

GK

“ *Glenda Kelly lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham*



Glenda Kelly - February 18, 2020 at 05:25 PM

PF

“ *Paula Ford lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham*



Paula Ford - February 18, 2020 at 02:19 PM

CA

“ *Cheryl Anderson lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham*



Cheryl Anderson - February 18, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ *363 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 18, 2020 at 12:25 PM

MB

“ *Paula so shocked and saddened to hear this. We will be away this week-end but know that my thoughts and prayers will be with you all. Melinda Blyman*

Melinda Blyman - February 18, 2020 at 11:52 AM

KS

“ *So sorry to hear of this loss of such an amazing gentleman. I knew him through his banking years - especially while at Provident State Bank. We enjoyed fishing together for many years and I will always cherish these memories of Jesse! Deepest condolences! Karen Stiltner*



Karen Stiltner - February 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM

PJ

“ *Pres & Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham*



Pres & Sherrie Jacobs - February 18, 2020 at 09:50 AM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham*



Doug Pierson - February 18, 2020 at 09:23 AM

LB

“ Larry Beck lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham



Larry Beck - February 18, 2020 at 07:52 AM

KC

“ Paula, Dru and Ana, I am so very sorry for your loss! My heart goes out to the three of you at this difficult time. Keep your memories close to heart to keep Mr. Jesse's spirit alive and know that he is reunited with your Mom. Please know that I am here if you need anything. Sending much love and hugs to you. You're in my thoughts and prayers!



Kim Crew - February 17, 2020 at 09:43 PM

LM

“ Lee And Susan McGinnis lit a candle in memory of Jesse Gordon Cunningham



Lee and Susan McGinnis - February 17, 2020 at 08:13 PM

JB

“ Paula, Dru and Ana
our hearts go out to you, its gonna be tough,
but you will. I first met Jesse when I got a job
at Maryland National Bank in Chestertown,
He was always so laid back, but he KNEW his
banking. Loved listening to him talk with his southern accent. He
was a great guy Paula and he will be missed. You all our in our
thoughts and prayers.



Joyce & Wayne Bradley

Joyce Bradley - February 17, 2020 at 05:22 PM

TG

“ Too many memories to mention but our infamous trip to Alabama as
kids will always stand out along with countless Christmas Eve's and
days at the pool. And I certainly can't leave out Uncle Jesse's
homemade peach ice cream. His struggles are over and he is fully
well now. I sure do love you, my much older cousin!! Prayers for
comfort, all in good time.

Teresa Giunta - February 17, 2020 at 04:53 PM

JH

“ Joan Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of
Jesse Gordon Cunningham



Joan Hatcherson - February 17, 2020 at 11:19 AM

JH

Paula, Dru and Ana, my heart and prayers are with you.
Love you, Aunt Joan

Joan Hatcherson - February 17, 2020 at 11:21 AM



Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bob and Debbie Nickerson - February 17, 2020 at 05:36 PM