



R. James "Jim" Latham

July 20, 1942 - January 5, 2023

Known as "Jimmy" to many, Ralph "Jim" James Latham, was a knowledgeable real estate professional over his 58-year career. He led the Eastern Shore's top independent real estate brokerages for many decades. The life-long Easton resident passed away due to complications from Parkinson's disease on January 5. The son of James C. and Josephine P. Latham, Jim was 80.

Jim was well-known for his love of the Eastern Shore and his family. He is survived by his wife of nearly 59 years, Margaret (Peggy) Latham, his children, Stephanie, R. "Jamie" James, Jr., and Holly, grandsons James Brandon and Ryan, granddaughter Lily, two sisters, Patricia and Elena, and their families.

Peggy asked Jim to a Sadie Hawkins Dance and the rest is history. It was a true partnership, raising three children, along with numerous pets and various horses, and running his own business. Jim and Peggy did some traveling together and their favorite trip was to Alaska.

Jim graduated from Easton High School and Goldey-Beacom College's School of Business before starting his real estate career in 1962 in the family business, Latham Realtors, which had opened in downtown Easton in 1953. Twenty-years-old and a Staff Sergeant in the Maryland Army National Guard, he was home on leave when he sold his first property. By 1968, he had his

broker's license and numerous deals under his belt.

He eventually took over as owner/broker of Latham Realtors when his father, James C. Latham retired. As real estate changed on the Eastern Shore, so did Jim. Highlights from his illustrious career include 25 years of various ownership and management with Coldwell Banker, including Coldwell Banker Latham Realtors with offices in Easton, St. Michaels, Cambridge, Salisbury, Denton, and Princess Anne, and later, Coldwell Banker Latham Kagan and Associates. For a number of years, he also owned a Nanticoke Homes (now Beracah Homes) franchise. After a quasi-retirement, Jim began operating as Latham Realty once again before merging with EXIT Realty and briefly joined Benson and Mangold prior to his official retirement in 2021.

Jim loved to reminisce about his long career in real estate. He fondly remembered one day especially: July 20, 1969. Not only was it his birthday and the day when man reached the moon, but it was also when he showed the property (and later settled) that would become Martingham in St. Michaels. He and his father then went on to help develop the community. Jim was also instrumental in the development of Easton communities Beechwood, South Beechwood and Charlestown Village, among many others.

He proudly served on various committees for the Talbot County Board of Realtors, now Mid-Shore Board of Realtors (MSBR), serving for two terms as president. Jim was chairman of the Real Estate Political Action Committee (RPAC) for Talbot County and RPAC Trustee for Maryland REALTORS® (formerly known as MAR) and RPAC Chairman for two years where he met his goal both years. He spent two terms on the board of directors for the Maryland Real Estate Board along with several MAR committees and was involved in establishing the current state board office. Jim was instrumental in launching the Multiple Listing Services (MLS) in a digital format for Maryland and served as MLS Chairman for seven years where he launched the Talbot

board. He also served as president of the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce. In 1997, Jim became part owner of Shore Sportsman with his son, Jamie. Also in the late 1990s, Jim renovated the Town Hall Mall in St. Michaels.

A two-time Talbot County Realtor of the Year, and recipient of MSBR's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013, Jim helped countless people become homeowners. He also served as a mentor to many Realtors starting out and throughout their careers. He enjoyed many pleasurable meals at Hill's on Dover Street, giving advice and opining on every topic under the sun. Even as his health declined, Jim's entrepreneurial spirit was actively engaged in fresh business concepts.

Jim was engaged with a number of civic organizations over the years, including Easton Jaycees, Maryland Jaycees, Ducks Unlimited-Talbot, Waterfowl Festival, Easton Lions Club, and Easton Elks Club, among others. Jim was a founding member of the 1985 Easton High School Senior Class After Grad Party, still being held today. He was also instrumental in Easton's inaugural Fourth of July Celebration in 1991. His understanding and love of the Eastern Shore were palpable, as were his love of and pride in his family. A true Eastern Shoreman, Jim loved his country and was a proud Republican, having served eight years as chairman of the Talbot Republican Central Committee.

In his spare time, Jim loved to hunt with his trusted Labrador and fish from his boat, "Sell a Lot." It was especially meaningful to do the things he loved with his son and grandsons. His family remained his greatest pride.

There will be a visitation on Friday, January 13, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home at 200 S.

Harrison Street in Easton. A Memorial service will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's name may be made to the Bryan Brothers Foundation, Inc., at P.O. Box 973, Easton, MD 21601 or Compass Regional Hospice at www.compassregionalhospice.org/donate.

Previous Events

Visitation

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

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

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of R. James "Jim" Latham* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 13, 2023 at 09:12 AM



“ *R. James "Jim" Latham* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *R. James "Jim" Latham* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *R. James "Jim" Latham* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

CS

“ My grandma has Parkinson’s disease, she is about 75 years old it was detected 7 years ago. Right now it’s getting more difficult to live for her, because of stiff muscles she can’t even move. L-dopa and carbidopa medicines are given, but won’t give much relief. She can’t eat food and the skin is damaging forming ganglia. I thought this might be the last stage and the medications she was given did not help at all, so I started to do alot of research on natural treatments and came across Parkinson’s Herbal Treatment from Health Herbs Clinic ([healthherbsclinic. com](http://healthherbsclinic.com)), the treatment has made a very huge difference for her. Her symptoms including body weakness and her tremors disappeared after few months on the treatment. She is getting active again since starting this treatment, she is able to walk again (down the street and back) and able to ride her treadmill again. God Bless all PD Caregivers. Stay Strong, take small moments throughout the day to thank yourself, to love your self, and pray to whatever faith, star, spiritual force you believe in and ask for strength.

Connie Simonton - January 23, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of R. James "Jim" Latham.



January 13, 2023 at 09:53 AM

RL

“ Jim Latham , my first cousin, I will miss Jim, he was a great guy, friend, my cousin.
My name is Rick Latham I live in PA Bryn Mawr just out side of the city.
I have been duck and goose hunting with Jim for over 60 years, we had
great fun on the water,he always out shot me all those years.
Jim and I have pulled in some big fish on the Chesapeake.
Cousin Jim is with his lord and savior now, I know when I go to the other side Jim will have saved me a seat .

Rick Latham

Rick Latham - January 12, 2023 at 12:37 PM

TL

“ Thoughts and prayers for Peggy and family.
Many fond memories of working with him at the Board of REALTORS and our many chats at Hills Cafe and the Waterfowl Festival.
Peace be with you Jim. Trudy & John



Trudy Leager - January 12, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of R. James "Jim" Latham.



January 12, 2023 at 09:51 AM

SB

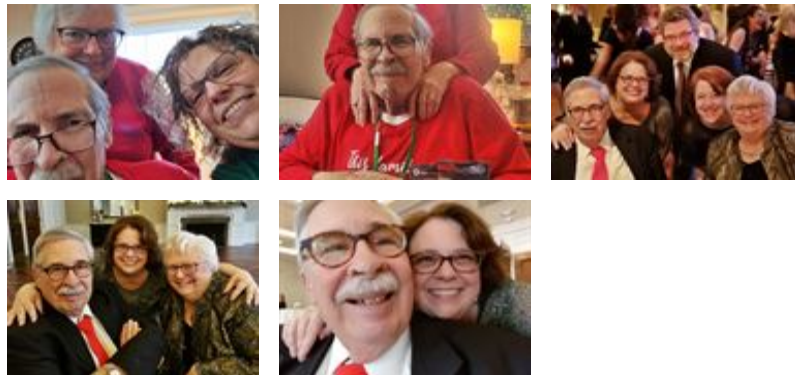
“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Jim's family. I worked with Jim at his Coldwell Banker Brokerage for 10 years and spent many more years working with him. I always found him to be a successful leader and to me, he was also a good friend and mentor. Gave me some great real estate advice many times and stood behind his agents always. He will be sorely missed. RIP Jim. Stephany and Pat Barrett



Stephany Barrett - January 11, 2023 at 10:02 AM



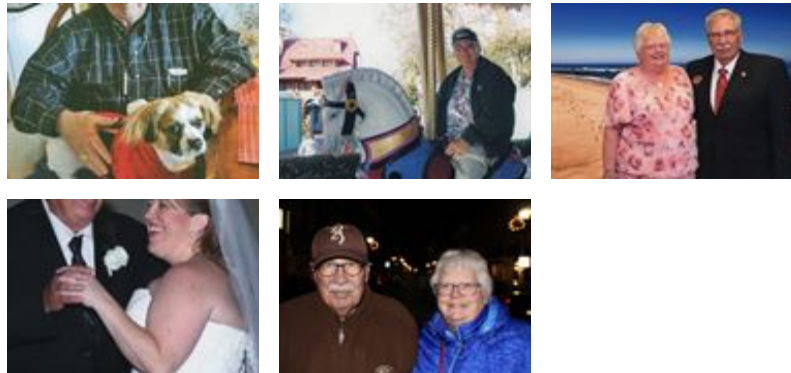
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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 11, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ 80 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 10, 2023 at 04:35 PM

RC

“ *Rich & Alma Colburn lit a candle in memory of R. James "Jim" Latham*



Rich & Alma Colburn - January 09, 2023 at 09:13 PM

RC

Jim was instrumental in helping me in my 1982 House of Delegates victory, which lead me to represent the Eastern Shore for 28 years in Annapolis. He was also very kind & helpful to my wife Alma and helped her develop a very successful real estate career on the Eastern Shore. We are fortunate to have many fond memories of him. R.I.P. my friend.

Rich & Alma Colburn - January 09, 2023 at 09:36 PM

AW

“ Andy/Agnes Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of R. James "Jim" Latham



Andy/Agnes Wilhelm - January 09, 2023 at 08:52 PM

PF

“ I was sad to learn of Jim's passing. Our friendship went back a half century and transcended any partisan differences. In fact, I often made "the list" that he would put out from time to time, and was always grateful to be there because I knew the high regard in which he was held by so many in the community. I will miss the lunches we had which always left me with a better insight into the workings of Talbot County or the affairs of the world. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Phil Foster - January 09, 2023 at 06:51 PM

DP

“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of R. James "Jim" Latham



Doug Pierson - January 09, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of R. James "Jim" Latham.*



January 09, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of R. James "Jim" Latham.*



January 08, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ *David Fike lit a candle in memory of R. James "Jim" Latham*



David Fike - January 08, 2023 at 08:33 PM



“ *Jim was most instrumental in helping me start my career in real estate. I am very grateful to him for that and we have remained friends and visited many times over the last 36 years. He certainly was a great influencer in a lot of issues and a lot of peoples lives. He will be missed*

Marrie Retallack - January 07, 2023 at 11:02 AM

LM

“ *Lori Marth lit a candle in memory of R. James "Jim" Latham*



Lori Marth - January 07, 2023 at 09:21 AM

RH

“ *Rita Hill lit a candle in memory of R. James "Jim" Latham*



Rita Hill - January 07, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of R. James "Jim" Latham.*



January 06, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ *Jimmy was a knowledgeable, true real estate professional. His understanding and love of the Eastern Shore were palpable, as were his love of and pride in his family. My deepest sympathy to all his family and many friends and colleagues.*

Anne Ryan Neary



Anne Ryan - January 06, 2023 at 02:01 PM

DH

“ Donna Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of R. James "Jim" Latham



Donna Hollingsworth - January 06, 2023 at 09:52 AM

SW

“ Sarah Welch lit a candle in memory of R. James "Jim" Latham



Sarah Welch - January 06, 2023 at 09:51 AM

CL

“ Carolyn Lane lit a candle in memory of R. James "Jim" Latham



Carolyn Lane - January 05, 2023 at 07:28 PM

JB

“ Joanne Brown lit a candle in memory of R. James "Jim" Latham



Joanne Brown - January 05, 2023 at 05:14 PM