



Arthur James "Jim" Wolfe

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Arthur James "Jim" Wolfe, age 92, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, June 5, 2021 in Lewes, DE, surrounded by his loving family after a brave battle with Alzheimer's disease. As with anything he was presented, Jim approached his diagnosis with great strength and courage to the very end. Jim passed in the early morning hours not long after midnight, on the day he would have celebrated his 67th wedding anniversary with his beloved wife, Esther Wolfe.

The son of Sallie A. Kettering, Jim was born on December 18, 1928 in Birmingham, AL. A hardworking young man with a deep love of sports, Jim joined the United States Army and served in Korea during the coldest and most intense years of conflict: 1951-1953.

Soon after returning to the States, Jim married Esther on June 5, 1954. Together, they raised three daughters in the Northern Virginia area. Their three daughters are Sharon Wolfe Pendley (Dan) of Aydlett, NC, Karen Pownall (Rick, deceased 2014), of Lake Frederick, VA, and Janice Wolfe-Easley (Don), of Springfield, VA. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Nicole Dunn of Lorton, VA, Christopher Pownall (Sara), of Winchester, VA; and his great grandchildren: Kaitlyn and RJ Pownall.

While raising his family, Jim actively participated on baseball and basketball teams, coaching men's basketball at Marymount University in Arlington and women's basketball at George Mason University in Fairfax. Avid fans of the Washington Redskins, Esther bought season tickets for Jim as their first Christmas gift. They held those tickets for 67 years; from early fall days when they sat on bleachers at old Griffith Stadium, to the decibel-busting years inside RFK Stadium, to two 50-yard-line seats at what is now Fed Ex field.

With retirement, Jim and Esther moved to Lewes, DE to be near the ocean and a short ride from their daughters in VA. It was in retirement that Jim found his true calling as a dedicated servant to those who have served in the military. As a faithful 20-year member of the Korean War Veterans Associations (KWVA), Jim was a highly successful contributor to numerous fundraising activities



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(golf tournaments, raffles, and flapjack breakfasts). In addition to his KWVA fundraising efforts, Jim proudly supported Wounded Warrior Amputee softball teams. He was always seen wearing a cap that proudly and boldly declared him a "KOREA VETERAN".

His daughters recall that their father was "a good man and a great father" who taught them the importance of family, treating his wife "like a queen," and always displaying an "infectious" smile and a fun-loving sense of humor. A dog lover too, Jim always carried a pocketful of treats. Our handsome and beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, American hero, and friend will live on in our hearts forever. Hail to the Redskins!

No services have been planned at this time.

Donations in Jim's memory can be made to your favorite charity or a simple act of kindness to someone in need will be greatly appreciated.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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CP

Connie Pillsbury posted:

Dear Mr. Jim, I just want to say thank you for raising a wonderful daughter and my friend Sharon, knowing her is a reflection your kindness and who you were. Godspeed Jim, knowing you have friends you never met , but have you in their hearts. Connie Pillsbury

June 21 at 5:48 PM

JM

Jackie Mckenna posted:

I only had the honor of meeting Mr. Wolfe on a couple of occasions over the last few years, but I feel like I knew him well thanks to the stories and memorabilia Janice so lovingly shared with me about her dad. She was so proud of him and loved him very much as evidenced by the beautiful scrapbooks she made of his accomplishments, the pictures she would share via Facebook of their adventures, and the fond way she would recount tales about it. I know of his devotion to the Washington Redskins, his service to his country, and his love for his family. Losing someone is never easy; losing someone who had had such a huge impact on the lives of others is exponentially more difficult. The more meaningful the person was to you, the more poignantly you experience their absence. I pray that you find comfort in shared memories and realize that the magnitude of your grief is a reflection of your love for him and of his impact on your lives. His legacy lives on in each person he nurtured, and if Janice is any measure of that, then the world is so much richer for having been inhabited by such a magnificent man. May God welcome him with the words, "well done, my good and faithful servant!"

June 17 at 2:44 PM

WB

Wanda Beasley posted:

Jim, dad, granddad, uncle, dear FRIEND, You have departed your earthly home on your wedding anniversary, gained your wings, and are whole again in all ways according to God's promise. Redskins heaven along with your Korean War buddies were sure to have welcomed you with open arms and happy smiles. Having met you in "recent restaurant years" as the bestest father ever to my dear friend, Sharon, you & Esther quickly became friends = we bonded immediately. From enjoying BJ's meatloaf & sides to lovin' Wanda's FRUITCAKE, you warmed our hearts with your compliments & kindness & sense of quiet & subtle laughter. You loved & supported all sports, loved America & proudly served your country & loved your family dearly. With deepest sympathy & love we honor your life and pray for the emptiness your sweet family will feel with you gone. May all the happy memories flood their hearts each time they are saddened when thinking of you. Sincerely & lovingly, The Beasley Family & BJ's Carolina Cafe crew

June 17 at 2:10 PM



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SP

Sharon Pendley lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



June 16 at 4:35 PM

NJ

Nelson Jones posted:

good bye my friend till we meet again! you always had great stories to tell. u cared so much for the wounded worriers still remember the stories you told me about them years later. esther i am sure u r lost right now but if u ever need to talk i am here keep smiling and know that he is still looking out for you from heaven god bless nelson

June 15 at 7:30 AM

JB

John Bennett posted:

We have been sending prayers for the entire family. We are deeply sorry to hear of his passing. God will accept him with open arms and he will be in His Grace forever. Our prayers will continue for the family during this time of sadness. John and Bonnie Bennett

June 14 at 12:05 PM

CD

Carl Dunn posted:

Jim was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, funny man, and friend. He always had a funny joke or witty statement whenever I would see him. Even though he has gone he will never be forgotten. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Miss you all!! 🙏👤

June 13 at 2:17 PM

DH

Doug Harbaugh lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

I always looked for Jim when attending services at Conley's UMC because he always gave me a handshake, a smile, and invitations to fund raising pancake breakfast for veterans! That's the kind of man he was. He always treated people as if they were old friends. I miss you Jim! ❤️🙏



June 12 at 12:18 PM



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JT

Joan Tadlock posted:

James, what can I say?? Even though we met later in life through one of your amazing daughters Janice, I learned to love you real quick! Your infectious smile and tender heart, were both attributes that stood out! I admired your work with the Wounded Warriors Project, the fact that you continued to make visits to Walter Reed at the age of 85+, your and Esther's participation in the senior Olympics and working in the produce section of your local grocery! Sky was the limit for your giving! My fondest memory of you was our watching the Amputee Softball game at GMU together!! This is where they presented you with the home plate! Well you are home now James, you can rest, we will all be reunited someday! 🧑❤️

June 12 at 10:29 AM

JE

Janice Wolfe-Easley lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

6/11/21 Daddy's home ❤️

June 11 at 6:12 PM



JF

Joy Fuller posted:

To the family of Mr Jim Wolfe . I truly sorry for you loss. I wish I had words to heal your broken hearts. I never got to meet Mr Jim but I did meet his wonderful daughter, Sharon, She is a very dear friend , buddy , and my Pal! I do wish I had the opportunity to Thank Him for his service. Making the sacrifice and keeping my country free. My dad also served in the Korean War. They were truly brave young men and I am truly thankful. I pray God will send his peace and love all around you! God Bless You, Joy Fuller

June 11 at 4:07 PM

KM

Kati Murphy posted:

Mr. Wolfe was always one of my favorite people to talk with. Such a wonderful person. Esther and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and love is with you. -Kati Murphy

June 11 at 12:41 PM



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JP

Joann Pendley posted:

Losing a loved one is never easy especially when you are fortunate to have so many wonderful years together. Our prayers are with you and your family that all your happy memories will help ease the pain you are going through. Love, JoAnn & Steve (Pendley)

June 11 at 5:24 AM

BS

Bevie Dwight Shumway posted:

We are thinking of your family as you move through this tough loss. Cherish the memories and laugh about the good times together. You are in our thoughts. Dwight & Bevie Shumway

June 11 at 2:49 AM

BM

Bill Morgan posted:

Sharon and Family, I am very sorry for your loss. Although, I didn't know your Dad, it sounds like he touched many people in his life. I hope you all treasure all the good memories over the years and carry those warm memories for many years to come. I pray for peace and comfort for you all as you walk this difficult journey. Respectfully, Bill Morgan

June 10 at 6:31 PM

AK

Annmarie Konrad posted:

Esther, words can not express how blessed I am to have had the honor to get to know Jim and the rest of your family. It is all Sharon's fault when she walked into Mel's and into my heart she brought the rest of the family with her. We have been through some exciting times together, with opening the Cafe, closing the Cafe lol and Celebrating Jeff and My Wedding some wonderful memories when Jim and you would come to town. I send prayers of Strength and Guidance to help with your broken heart. Much Love and big ((hugs)). Until I can hug you in person 🍷.

June 10 at 6:15 PM



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AY

Alison Yessick posted:

Words are never enough to express the emotions over loss of a loved one. Jimmy was my cousin. I didn't get to see him much growing up, but when he visited he always had me laughing and seeing the bright side of life. My mother loved him very much as they grew up together. I send my love to Esther, Janice, Sharon, Karen and all of the Wolfe family. Jimmy is with you and shall always be. Alison Yessick

June 10 at 6:08 PM

BH

Brenda Hockett posted:

Sharon and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. May your sweet memories dry your tears. Much love. Brenda, Risty, James, Liz and Megan New Life Maintenance

June 10 at 5:30 PM

RS

Rich & Maryann Swindell lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

Mrs Esther, there are no words. My husband and I have you in our prayers every day. Praying for peace and comfort knowing that Mr Jim is at peace. I also pray that you find the strength to get through these difficult times. We thank Mr Jim for his service, even though we did not know him, he sounds like he was a wonderful man, husband, father, soldier and the list goes on. Our love to you and the family.



June 10 at 5:05 PM

BH

Bryant Harris posted:

Praying for your family... hoping you find peace during this time of loss. We are thankful for people like Jim who serve his country sacrificially and provide a witness to God's love and family values... I know he is deeply missed... blessings to you all- Bryant and Linda Harris (Acworth, Ga.) Sharon's former pastor...

June 10 at 4:55 PM

CS

Courtney Strickland posted:

Sharon and Family, Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the memories and love of those around you give you strength during these days ahead. Courtney Strickland

June 10 at 4:53 PM



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TN

Tom Nelson posted:

Tribute to Mr. Wolfe. Esther and family, sorry for your loss. Tom Nelson

June 10 at 3:23 PM

SY

Sydney posted:

Sharon, I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending lots of love, take care. ❤️-Sydney

June 10 at 12:42 PM

LU

Luke posted:

Hey buddy, I'm so sorry for your loss, hope you're doing well =)- Luke

June 10 at 12:40 PM

EC

Elissa Cooper June 10 at 4:57 PM

We continue to pray for your family during this difficult time. God will see you each through everyday until you meet again. May God be with your family and give you peace. Love, hugs, and prayers to you each. -Elissa

GZ

Gail Zabit June 10 at 4:42 PM

Mama Wolfe, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and hugs always 🙏😊

RA

Randy posted:

we are so sorry for your lose you are in are thoughts hope you are doing well,see you when you get back Randy and Dana Cross

June 10 at 12:37 PM

SA

Sarah posted:

I'm so sorry, Sharon. We love you so much ❤️

June 10 at 12:32 PM



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AM

Amy posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. ❤️ Amy Miles

June 10 at 11:40 AM

DO

Don posted:

Condolences to you and your family. Dan Evans

June 10 at 11:02 AM

MA

Marjie posted:

You are all in my prayers and thoughts. Marjie English

June 10 at 10:59 AM

KA

Katie posted:

Positive thoughts and prayers to you and your family. 🙏❤️ Katie English

June 10 at 10:57 AM

SH

Steve And Donna Hauser lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

Although we didn't know Jim well, the kind of person he was shines on in the wonderful legacy he left behind; his family. Through the years we've come to know and love many of you and we hold you (all of you) in our hearts as you grieve and learn to live without your husband, dad, grandpa . . . There are no words, but please know, that our deepest sympathies are with your family. With love, Steve and Donna Hauser

June 10 at 9:13 AM



KP

Karen Pownall lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

June 10 at 8:58 AM





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CP

Chris Pownall posted:

So many fond memories of Granddaddy Jim. As a kid he loved to torment me. Just mess with me any step of the way he could. But, that was how he showed his love. It kind of became our thing. Just constantly joking with one another. Will miss his smile for sure.

June 10 at 4:35 AM

DB

David And Melanie Birch posted:

Dr Birch and I are so saddened to hear of Arthur's passing. We have very fond memories and enjoyed caring for him and Esther. Our love and prayers to his family. -David and Melanie Birch

June 10 at 12:29 AM

DM

Debbie Masdie posted:

Beautiful remembrance of Uncle Jimmy. Love, and hugs to Esther, Janice, Karen and Sharon and their families.

June 9 at 1:44 PM

NK

Nancy Nix-Karnakis posted:

Sharon,I'm sorry for your loss. It is never easy.

June 9 at 12:26 PM

AM

Amy Miles posted:

Sharon and Family,I hope you find comfort in the good memories and remember to lean on each other when days are tough. He will be smiling down on you all!

June 9 at 9:17 AM

RA

Ranjit June 9 at 4:25 PM

So sorry for your loss, May God keep his pure soul in peace. May God keep his blessings and love upon his upon all his love ones . I feel so sorry, we all have many of his beautiful memories, he will be always with us. Love Ranjit



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VG

Vanessa Gaynor posted:

Dear Sharon and family, I am so sorry for your loss. We hold you close in our thoughts, and hope you know you can lean on us for whatever you may need. ♥

June 9 at 8:29 AM

BB

Bobbi Baird lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

I will always remember Jim for his infectious smile. It spoke volumes about the type of person he was. The reading of his obituary confirmed it all... he was a loving family man who shared his love of life to so many. Heaven and the stars above shine a little brighter now... Rest In Peace.



June 9 at 8:26 AM

DA

Denton Aylor posted:

Jim He was very good man and fellow Army buddy but of a different time. He in the 50's and me in the 60's. If you did know Jim you missed a real Gem. Rest in piece good buddy. Denny and Lois

June 9 at 8:23 AM

PC

Patrina Chappelle posted:

To Sharon, Janice and family, I am very sorry for your loss...you are all in my thoughts and prayers! Patrina Chappelle

June 9 at 8:18 AM

SL

Susan Laume posted:

My next act of kindness in honor of Mr Wolfe

June 9 at 8:09 AM



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Sandy Woods posted:

I will always remember Jim fondly whenever I watch the Redskins(or whatever they end up calling the football team) 😊. He always had a wonderful smile and a mischievous twinkle in his eyes as he loved to banter about life and sports. He will be greatly missed. May his spirit continue to live on in the hearts of his loved ones.

June 9 at 7:57 AM



Esther Wolfe lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



June 9 at 6:58 AM



Sharon Pendley lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



June 9 at 6:45 AM



Joy Fuller June 10 at 5:02 PM

To The Wolfe family. We are so sorry for your loss!!!! Loosing someone we love and look up to is so very hard , and remember the memories they left us will sometimes bring us a smile and peace. I never got to meet him , but I would like to express my gratitude of his service for my and my family's freedom. My dad was also served in the Korean War!!!!!! My prayers are with you and your family. We love you dearly. Bobby and Joy Fuller



Helen Guilford June 9 at 4:15 PM

To Karen and her family We hope you find some comfort in the memories you hold in your heart. Ed and Helen Guilford



Sharon Pendley June 9 at 7:14 AM

...to my Daddy, to my coach and to my American HERO...luv you bunches and remember Mom will be treated like a "queen" just as you did...HTTR.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Arthur by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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