



# James Barclay Phillips II

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**J**ames Barclay Phillips, II, age 63 of Lewes, DE passed away on Sunday, January 14, 2024, He was born on September 2, 1960, in Pittsburgh, PA, son of the late James and Jane Phillips.

James moved to Lewes with his parents when he was 17 years old. He was big hearted and vibrant, and radiated with light. He accepted everyone with an open heart and open arms. His true love of boats and “rescuing” them manifested into a lifelong career. Eventually, James became the proud owner of Phillips Marine Service LLC for over 20 years. He had many hobbies including: cooking, shucking oysters, participating in Punkin Chunkin, camping, and just tinkering around. James was also a member of the American Legion, Post 17. Being a caring and big-hearted soul, James was an animal lover, taking in and loving his 5 cats and 2 dogs. His departure will be deeply felt by his entire family and community.

James is survived by his loving wife of 9 years, Monica Rae Phillips; his stepdaughters Meredith Rhoads, and Michelle Rust; his cousins, Allen Phillips (Sarah) and J.R. Gray. Perry Summers Who James took under his wing at a very young age.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 6:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, 19958.

Live stream: <http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/11284737/LTWebcast>

Please visit James Life Memorial Webpage and sign the online guest book at [www.parsellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com)





# Events

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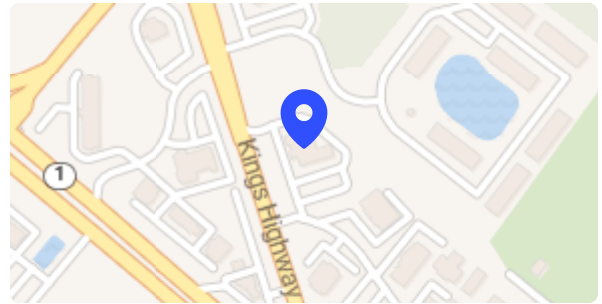
## Memorial Service

 **Monday**, January 29, 2024

 6:00 PM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958





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**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium** shared a **Webcast Video**.



January 29 at 5:07 AM



**Jill Defelice** lit a candle in honor of James.

I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing, we worked together for many years at the Indian River Marina. He will be missed.



April 16 at 9:47 AM



**Peter Kirsch** posted:

I just learned of Jim's passing, I am so sorry for your loss Monica. Jim was the model "old school," fun and hard working guy. Jim was my "boat guy" and friend for almost 20 years. Jim bailed me and my boat out on numerous occasions, one on a late Sunday evening when it was taking on water in its slip. Jim never missed an opportunity to give me a hard time with a chuckle.

April 7 at 3:15 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Phillips family.



January 29 at 4:20 AM



**Monique Mangini** posted:

Jim and Monica have been wonderful friends to me for many years. Jim always came to the rescue if I had a problem with my car, was a great listener, and had a wicked sense of humor. Many memories of times with Jim and Monica, hanging in the garage, Knoebels, Bingo, beach days, to name a few... My heart breaks for you Monica. I know Jim was one in a million, and the two of you loved each other deeply. We will never forget him.

January 24 at 2:29 AM



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**Derral W (Freedom Boat Club)** posted:

I am honored to got to have known Jim and he will always be remembered I'm going to going to his shop and calling him to pick his brain about an issue I have with a boat and just the conversations and knowledge given. Never accepted a payment for anything would always say I'll never know when I might need a favor I'm definitely going to miss him and seeing that red Toyota coming down pilottown rode with his arm hanging out the window waving lol. Take your rest now you definitely made an impact on many peoples life 🥺🌻🙏

January 22 at 7:39 PM



**Darrell Dukes** shared a photo to the **Jim Phillips** album.



January 21 at 9:58 AM



**Gay And John Perkins** posted:

Jim used to doctor our boat. A more kind-hearted, generous man would be hard to find. Soft/spoken, smart, helpful, and empathetic, Jim wasn't just our mechanic; he was our friend. We can't believe he's gone.He loved his animals and his wife. May he rest in peace.

January 20 at 3:55 PM



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**Barry G Boulden** posted:

First I knew Jim for along time,my dad used to take his boat to him for the longest time.About a month ago I had a problem with my boat motor took it to Jim and he fixed it ,for free. I told him no way you have to take something,he refused.Thats the kind of man he was.your sure going to be missed.YOUR FAMILY IS IN MY PRAYERS,REST IN PEACE MY FREIND

January 20 at 3:09 PM



**Michelle Rust** January 29 at 2:36 PM

Jim was the best Father a girl could ever hope for. He taught me so much and I will cherish the time I had him in my life. I love you Jim and will miss you dearly, I will have faith we shall be together again, to laugh and love once more. RIP and stay away from Mary's side in Heaven.Michelle Rust



**Rosie Campbell** January 26 at 11:06 AM

I remember when I first met Jim, through a mutual friend, Capt. Speed. Jim was funny and kind. Many fond memories from hanging out, our Punkin Chunkin days and boat rides. He seemed to know everyone around and everyone was always pleased to see him. A kind soul that would help anyone out in a jam. Many prayers to all the family. He will be missed by many....now he joins his friend Capt. Speed in heaven.Rosie Campbell



**Matt Lawlor** January 23 at 7:19 AM

I confess to ruing the day I bought a motorboat, then celebrating when I sold it. This is, but for one exception: with every spring and onset of winter, I had occasion to visit Jim Phillips for servicing. Our family has been summer residents in Lewes for years, and Jim treated me as a year-round neighbor from Day 1. He was a magician when it came to engine mechanics, and was always fair in his business dealings. At the same time, you couldn't find a kinder human being. Like others writing on this page, Jim became just as much a friend as a highly skilled mechanic. He had a quiet demeanor, but quick to smile. He was comfortable inside his skin, and made others feel comfortable. He took special pride in sponsoring the Pumpkin Chuckin behind the shop, and was exceptionally generous with many charities. He fought his cancer bravely and privately. I never heard a complaint about the impact on his business or the many constraints put on him and his family. My sympathy to Monica, his family, and to all of us who will miss him. Lewes will be a lesser place without Jim. Yet without a doubt his good-nurtured spirit and contributions in the Lewes community will serve as a model to all of us.Matt Lawlor



**Kevin And Jane Reynolds** January 21 at 10:36 AM

Jim was my campsite neighbor at Knoebels for many years. Although we only saw Jim and Monica once a year, we always looked forward to his friendship and stories. South Carolina 8 will never be the same. We already miss him.



# Media

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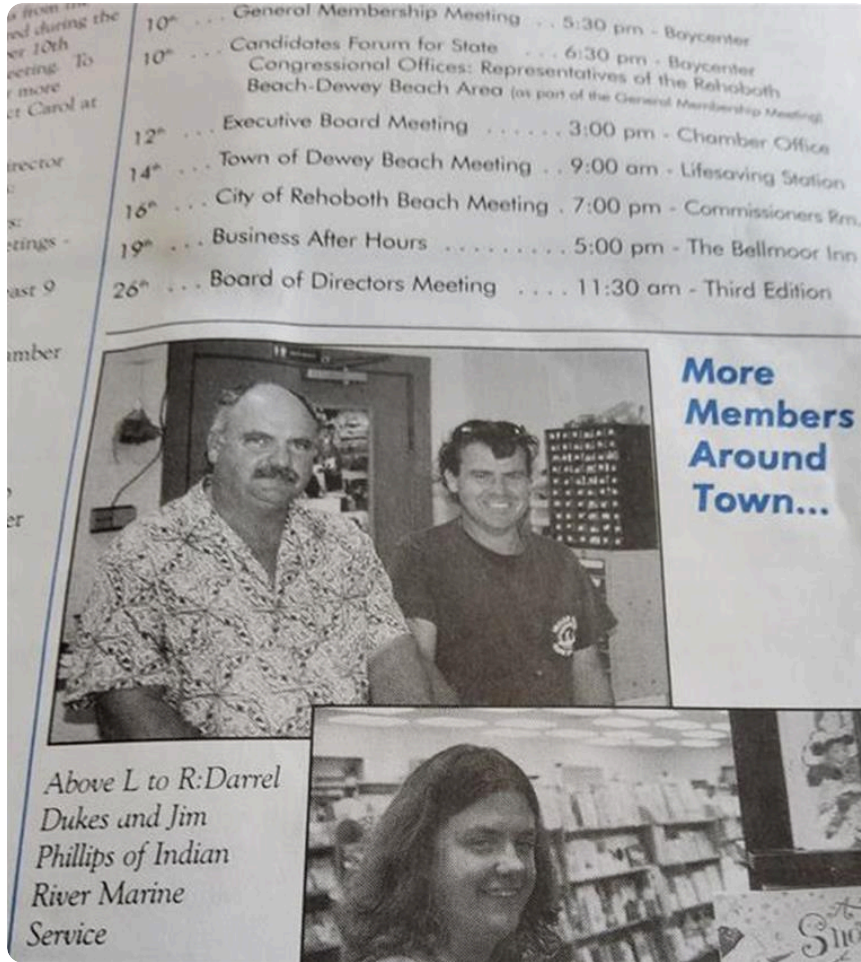
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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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