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James Walter “Jim” Samans, age 83, of Milton, Delaware, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at the Hospice Center in Milford, Delaware, after a long battle with heart and lung illness.

Born on February 24, 1942, in Salem, New Jersey, Jim was the son of the late Walter and Elise Samans. He spent his early years summering on Lewes Beach before attending Mercersburg Academy for high school. He went on to earn his undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond and later completed a Master’s degree in Education Administration at Salisbury University.

On September 18, 1975, Jim married the love of his life, Charlotte Mach, at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Lewes, Delaware. Together, they shared over 50 years of marriage, building a life rooted in love, family, friendship, and deep devotion to one another.

Jim dedicated 25 years of service as Business Manager at Delaware Technical Community College in Dover, Delaware. Throughout his career, he was respected for his integrity, commitment, and steady leadership.

Outside of work, Jim found great joy in golf, music, painting, reading, fishing, and traveling. Above all else, he cherished time spent with his family and friends, whether at home or exploring new places together.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Charlotte Samans; his son, Jamie Samans of Olympia, Washington; his daughter, Lisa Samans Feist of Lewes, Delaware; and his cherished grandchildren, Quinn Feist and Kellan Feist, both of Lewes, Delaware. He is also survived by many loving cousins and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Walter Alexander Samans Jr. and William Dercum Samans.



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A private committal service will be held at St. Peter's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 200 2nd Street, Lewes, Delaware 19958.

Family and friends are invited to visit Jim's Life Memorial webpage at <https://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com>.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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Joyce Mackler posted:

Dear Charlotte, I have not seen you in many years but have fond memories of you and Jim from AAUW dinners and events you hosted at your home. I am very sorry to read of his passing. I pray your memories and time with family help comfort you. Joyce Mackler

January 26 at 10:22 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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