



## James K. Durkin

January 4, 1938 - January 12, 2022

James K. Durkin of Bridgeville, DE, formerly of Cherry Hill, NJ, passed away on January 12, 2022, at Country Rest Home in Greenwood, DE.

Jim was born in Poughkeepsie, NY, on January 4, 1938, and grew up in Fanwood NJ. After graduating from Scotch Plains High School, he served two years in the U.S. Army, after which he attended Penn State University, graduating with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Jim then relocated to Philadelphia where he began his career at Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, retiring after 34 years of service.

As a young man, Jim enjoyed participating in the Scotch Plains football team and kept in touch with many of his teammates through the years. He enjoyed many sports including scuba diving and tennis. He also became very active with our local church serving lunches to the homeless on Sunday mornings. Another mission that he found very rewarding was Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship. He visited the prisons and also the local Angel Tree outreach to children of prisoners. He was a devoted husband and father, he enjoyed spending time with his family. After retiring, Jim enjoyed working with remote control planes and spending time at the beach in Ocean City, NJ. Upon relocating to Delaware, he continued to enjoy time at the beach with his beloved wife, Elaine.

Jim is predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Clara Durkin, his brother, Joseph Durkin, and his sister, Sandra Guthrie. He is survived by his wife, Elaine; his daughters, Kelly Powers and her husband, Doug Powers, and Meghan Maloney and her husband, Chris Maloney; as well as grandchildren, Emily Powers, DJ Powers, Durkin Powers, Lily Maloney and Julia Maloney.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 21, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Crossroad Community Church, 20684 State Forest Road, Georgetown, DE 19947.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Friends of Israel, P.O. Box 908, Bellmawr, NJ 08099.



# Previous Events

## Flowers

JAN 21. 1:00 PM (EAST)

Crossroad Community Church  
20684 State Forest Road  
Georgetown, DE

## Celebration of Life

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (EAST)

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Georgetown, DE

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Elaine and Family,

*We send our sympathy on the loss of Jim. Jim was always an energetic, happy, and compassionate person, with a great sense of humor. We met you all when Elaine and Jim scheduled a Family Canoe Trip & Barbecue Day. We probably had a dozen or more families participate. It started as a hot summer day on a stream for an hour or two, then the clouds & wind rolled in and we had to canoe across a huge lake, against the wind, to our pick-up point. Needless to say, all the kids & moms stopped paddling & Jim Cheered all the Dad's back to shore with a promise hamburgers & beers at his house. We all laughed for hours back at your house over stories of tipped canoes and lost snacks. You all maid the day so much fun for the whole group of Canoe Families! Jim will be missed by all and we are so glad you are all there to help Elaine transition into a life without her "Love". Best Wishes, Lynn & Fred Maier*

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**The Maiers** - January 23 at 01:09 PM

RS

“ This shared memory is from Judy Wood and Rosemary Lane who were childhood friends of Jimmy Durkin. Judy lives in Scotch Plains and I live in Louisville KY. We have kept in touch and speak frequently. Today's conversation centered around Jimmy and the Durkin family and all the memories we have of our time living just houses away. Jimmy's older brother was DoDo.....never any other name! As I remember, DoDo was a big strappin' guy.....I always wondered how long it would be before the name DoDo would fall by the wayside. I remember Sandy, his sister, who I believe went to nursing school. But, Jimmy was our good friend, and I'm sure he was with us when we created all sorts of havoc in Fanwood. We were a mischievous trio! Good thoughts go out to Jimmy's family....we remember him fondly.

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**Rosemary Lane Sandman** - January 18 at 04:13 PM

CG

*My name is Camille Guthrie, the daughter of Sandy Durkin Guthrie --- loved reading the memory you shared of my Uncle Jimmy, my Mom and my Uncle Joe (aka "DoDo"). Thanks for sharing!*

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**Camille Guthrie** - January 19 at 06:18 PM

KL

*Yes, I also thank you for sharing. I'm Kelly Durkin, Dodo's daughter. I'd love to hear how he got that name! Thank you for sharing your memories.*

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**Kelly Durkin Lafferty** - January 19 at 08:26 PM

DG

*This is a great story about my family that I've never knew! Thank you for sharing this with us, Rosemary Lane Sandman. All the best, Durkin Guthrie -*

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**Durkin Guthrie** - January 20 at 11:38 AM