



James H. Guerin

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James H. Guerin, 91, of Mount Joy, PA joined his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, on February 10th, 2022.

Jim was born in Morristown, New Jersey on June 9th, 1930 to the late Harvey and Esther Guerin. One of three children, Jim is survived by his sister, Esther Guerin of Chester, New Jersey. In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his loving wife Helen Guerin, his brother Harvey Guerin, and his beloved grandson, Robert Breitigan.

In 1952 Jim married his high school sweetheart, Helen Theresa Jacobson of Chester, New Jersey. After 52 wonderful years of marriage, Helen passed in 2004. Jim and Helen were blessed with five children: Nancy Hamilton, Shirley Baker (Howard), Beverly Korman (William), James Guerin (Julie) and Tom Guerin (Anne), along with 18 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his second wife Carolyn Musser of 16 years, and his five step-children: David Musser, his buddy with whom he was particularly close, Kim Usewicz (Dan), Nevin Musser (Jill), Anthony Musser (Deanna), and Andrew Musser (Joy). Together Jim and Carolyn have 31 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

After graduating from Roxbury High School, Jim attended Rutgers University where he was on the football and wrestling teams. After graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Engineering, he was commissioned as an Officer in the United States Navy on board a Combat Destroyer during the Korean War. He received several military decorations including the Korean War Service Medal, the Navy Occupation (Europe Clasp), United Nations Medal, and the National Defense Citation. He was released from Active Duty in 1955 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander and stayed in the Naval Reserves until 1963.

While working full-time as an engineer for the Lockheed Corporation, Jim enrolled at Rutgers University for the second time. He graduated with High Honors only three years later having earned his second degree, a Bachelor of Science in Electronic Engineering.

Taking a leave of absence from Lockheed, Jim took a Teaching Fellowship at the University of Arizona in Tucson. While there, he earned his Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering with Honors, taught Electronic Engineering and Calculus, coached freshman wrestling, and was an assistant football coach. During his time in Arizona, he also published leading-edge breakthrough research on "Fast Rise Transistorized Blocking Oscillators."

Upon returning to Lockheed, he was transferred to Sunnyvale, California and was given dual responsibilities as Program Manager to lead the Poseidon Missile Program, and Division Manager overseeing the efforts of more than 250 engineers.

Seeking a more tranquil location to raise their family, Jim and Helen moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania after Jim accepted the role of General Manager in the Systems Division at Hamilton Watch Company. After three years, he resigned and started a high-tech military electronics company, International Signal & Control. During the next 16 years, Jim employed more than 5,500

employees in Lancaster County and other locations throughout the world.

Jim was very active in the local community, serving as Chairman of the Urban League. He was also on the advisory boards for the United Way, Penn State and Millersville Universities, and a trustee for Lancaster General Hospital and the Pennsylvania School of the Arts. Additionally, he was elected to three honorary societies: Tau Beta Pi (Engineering), Eta Kappu Nu (Electronic Engineering), and Pi Mu Epsilon (Mathematics).

A man of many passions, Jim enjoyed volleyball, skiing, flying his Cessna 210, parachute jumping, playing chess and bridge, and most importantly, philanthropy. He generously committed both time and resources to help the indigent and infirm of Lancaster County, the Philippines and Honduras.

But his greatest joy was in Christ and his beloved family. He enjoyed watching his children participate in sports and music, and as a longtime member of the Church of God of Landisville, Jim spent many years singing in the choir and teaching Sunday school.

May Dad ride smoothly on God's Wings of Eagles.

The funeral service will be held on February 25, 2022 at the Church of God of Landisville, 171 Church Street, Landisville, PA 17538 at 11:00 am. Visitation will be 9:30 to 10:45.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in the name of Allie Allen to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Log-on to www.stjude.org/give/memorials-and-dedications.html or mail memorials directly to St Jude Children's Hospital, Memorial Giving, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Church of God,
171
Landisville, PA 17538

Funeral Service

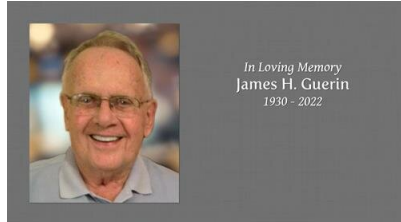
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of James H. Guerin*



Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc - February 23, 2022 at 08:39 AM

GF

“ *I only learned today of the fact that! First of all I thank you for the once-opportunities you provided me through my seven years in Italy at ISC/Ferranti and of the present received during my employment. My sincere condolences to the Family! G.L. Franchi*

GIANLUCA FRANCHI - May 28, 2025 at 05:27 AM

KB

“ *To all my cousins Uncle Jimmy was the greatest, lest we forget my Uncle Carl who was like a big brother to me growing up in little old Chester N.J. My love to all the Guerin and Jacobson families. All my love Mahlon Henry Jacobson.*

Kim L Bildstein - September 21, 2022 at 01:53 PM

JM

“ Thank you, Mr. Guerin, for the great support you gave to your children's teachers and coaches at Hempfield, of whom I was one. And thank you immensely for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunities you provided to me personally through my eight years at ISC/Ferranti. May you rest in peace!

Jay Miller

Jay Miller - February 25, 2022 at 10:56 AM

LM

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. Jim was a very special guy to me. I will miss our chats and hearing him say “It’s that my Letty” when I called or stopped in for a visit. Rest well dear Jim.

*Much love,
Letty Musser*

Letty Musser - February 25, 2022 at 07:53 AM

JC

“ Our hearts, our thoughts, our sympathies, our love...are with all of you today.

Jane and Chris



Jane and Chris - February 25, 2022 at 12:56 AM

SL

“ Jim Guerin was my best friend. We have been compadres for man, many years and have been there for each other when and whatever storms we had to face in are our personal lives. I will miss him a lot! Rest in peace and say Hi to "Jakey." Because the candles are free and I'm a defrocked Catholic, I'm gonna light one for ya!



stan

Stan Leacock - February 24, 2022 at 04:50 PM

LR

“ Jim was a gracious man. Whenever I visited Nancy, he and Helen always made me feel welcome. I have fond memories of experiences I never would have had without his involvement. My favorite was our MW trip to Fort Lauderdale. May you Rest In Peace. 🙏❤️. You and Helen created a remarkable lineage reflected in your children, grand children, and great grand children that in turn spilled over to those that may have peripherally benefitted from your love and generosity.

Love,
Sax

linda rachman - February 23, 2022 at 08:01 PM

VS

“ We send our condolences to the families of Jim and Carolyn Guerin. Jim was a great blessing to us in the early days of our struggling nonprofit, World Mission Associates. We will always remember this gentle man with fondness.

Glenn and Verna Schwartz

Verna Schwartz - February 18, 2022 at 12:37 PM

KU

“ Jim became a part of our family 16 yrs ago. He was a devoted husband to our mother whom had lost our father a few yrs prior. He took us all in as his own. He endured our crazy family gatherings and encouraged and loved each of us as his own. He always had a smile . He doted on our mother and they were so good for each other in their senior yrs.

Jim also took our older brother , whom has some difficulties under his wings ,but made Dave always feel special. The had a special bond. Our mother took care of Jim as only a loving wife and child of Christ would do. He became pop-pop to moms grandchildren too and always lit up when we got together. It's with heavy hearts that he is no longer on this earth ,but we know that he could not wait to be in the arms of Jesus. You are so missed but till we see you again...It is well with our souls...

We all love you .

Kim and Dan

And the rest of our family

Kim Usewicz - February 17, 2022 at 03:39 PM

WO

“ My condolences to the family of James Guerin. Mr. Guerin had been my employer for fifteen years.

William Overly - February 15, 2022 at 01:26 PM

WW

“ I was Shirley Guerin’s best friend in high school. Mr. Guerin, a devoted father, learned quickly I was a broken-hearted girl, mourning the loss of my own Father’s care and influence. Mr. Guerin stepped in. He treated me like one of his daughters. I was invited to go on their family vacation with the Grandparents in Europe! I felt like Cinderella at the ball! When my big red suitcase, which weighed more than me, was left in the Paris train station, Mr. Guerin somehow located it and had it delivered to me the same day! On the cruise home on the Queen Elizabeth II, he told all the kids to line up because he had something to give to each one. I stayed back but he told me to get in line too. He handed each of us a \$50 bill and told us to go have fun in the ship’s gift shop. Forty-six years later, I still proudly display the Wedgwood vase and jewelry box I bought that day. Mr. Guerin made up the difference in my tuition so I could attend a private 4 year Christian college. I’m paying it all ahead. My husband and I do mission work in refugee camps in Nigeria, and there I have the sheer honor of teaching the Bible and telling the fatherless that they have a Heavenly Father Who loves them always, and they too are welcome in God’s family through the atoning work of Jesus. Thank You Mr. Guerin, for showing me the Father heart of God by your kind and enduring example.
Wendy Beard (Webb)

Wendy Webb - February 14, 2022 at 08:22 PM

JO

“ I was fortunate to have first met Jim in the late 70's and then work for ETI, ESI and then ISC Tech. I always found him to be personable and a very kind man. I particularly remember the first time he invited me to his office for a game of chess one day at lunch. I was probably 21 years old at the time. It only took 30 minutes or so for him to beat me soundly. Then he patiently spent the next 30 minutes giving me pointers. The last time I saw him was at Carl's funeral. I was surprised that he remembered me. He was just that kind of guy. Rest peacefully Jim and thank you for all you did for our community. Jeff O.

Jeffrey Orr - February 14, 2022 at 07:26 PM

AL

“ jim was a great boss when i worked at isc in the late 60s i was there only 6 months when my son was run over by a car he was 5 at the time he took care of my entire hospital bill cause my insurance didnt kick in yet ,thats a boss you would do anything for without any questions will miss him greatly

ALBERT LICHTY - February 14, 2022 at 04:57 PM

NE

“ MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL FOR THE LOSS OF OF YOUR LOVED ONE. I WORKED AT ISC IN THE 1970's & JIM WAS A WONDERFUL CARING BOSS!! MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU! NEIL

NEIL - February 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM

TM

“ *My sincere sympathies for your loss.*

Trish Mountain

Trish Mountain - February 14, 2022 at 09:43 AM

Jl

“ *Sending my condolences to the Guerin and Musser families at large. Jim and Tom Guerin I know from attending Hempfield High School. Sorry for your loss. Your dad is in my prayers and thoughts today. Joe Nolt*

Joseph P. Nolt, III - February 14, 2022 at 08:28 AM

Jl

“ *Joseph P. Nolt, III lit a candle in memory of James H. Guerin*



Joseph P. Nolt, III - February 14, 2022 at 08:25 AM

JN

“ My husband, Gary Nelson, came to work in Engineering at ESI/ISC starting in the spring of 1980, & always maintained that it was the best company he had ever worked for during his long career in the defense industry -- challenging, rewarding & very family oriented as well, & all because of Jim, of course, too. Gary passed away in July '13 in New Orleans, & I'm now 82 years old too; but, I'll try to do my very best anyway to be present on 2/25 to "say goodbye" in his stead, which is what I know that he would want me to do for him. Please accept my sincerest condolences in this saddest of times for your family.

Jo Ann Nelson
Mount Joy

Jo Ann M. Nelson - February 13, 2022 at 11:11 PM

SH

“ Sending my condolences to the family. I'm sadden to hear of Jim's passing.

Susan Holmberg

Susan Hollmberg - February 13, 2022 at 02:39 PM

SI

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc. - February 11, 2022 at 05:04 PM