



James E. Burkholder

December 16, 1935 - June 15, 2023

James E. Burkholder, age 87, husband of Patricia K. (McGregor) Burkholder of Oaks, PA, passed away on Thursday, June 15, 2023, in the Manatawny Manor. Born on December 16, 1935, in Altoona, PA, he was the son of the late Elvin W. and Leah A. (Haines) Burkholder.

Jim Burkholder never met a stranger! His beaming smile emanated from his bright blue eyes and never failed to coax a smile in return! Jim was kind, fun-loving, and always helpful. He worked as a scheduling manager for Container Corporation until his retirement and was a proud graduate of Ursinus College. Amateur sports were his passion: baseball, basketball, volleyball, racquetball, golf, and bowling. He coached little league even before he had children eligible to play, claimed to get better value out of a game of golf (more strokes per dollar), and reveled in his crowning achievement: bowling a 300, his perfect game!

Annual family vacations were typically shared with the family of Jim's lifelong friend, Rodger Fritz. Camping trips were the norm in the early years...until that beach vacation accompanied by a constant downpour -- digging a trench around the tent in the sand was impossible. Upgrading to rental cabins and homes was appreciated by all! The vacations were extended to international destinations on nearly every continent, including a mission trip to Tanzania and a bungy jump (at age 70) from the Kawarau Bridge in New Zealand.

Despite the ravages of dementia that slowly took their toll on Jim, he continued to enjoy watching professional sports and snoozing with his cats, Tabitha and Magic. Jim passed with his wife by his side, just three days shy of their 68th wedding anniversary.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Burkholder is survived by two children, Barbara Burkholder and Kevin, husband of the late Jacqueline Burkholder; one granddaughter, Katherine Burkholder; and a loving extended family. He was preceded in death by one sister, Helen Wesner.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service at St. Paul's Memorial Episcopal Church, 126 Black Rock Road, Oaks, PA 19456, on Friday, June 23, 2023, at 11:00 am. Officiating will be Rev. Jeremiah Mustered. Burial will follow in the Church cemetery. Friends will be received from 10:00 am - 10:45 am in the Church on Friday. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 126 Black Rock Road, P.O. Box 404, Oaks, PA 19456. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Cemetery

126 Black Rock Road
Oaks, PA 19456

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
126 Black Rock Road
Oaks, PA 19456

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James E. Burkholder



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - June 20, 2023 at 08:07 AM

DW

“ I am so sad to hear of Jim's passing. I worked with Jim at Smurfit North Wales from 1994 until his retirement. As a newcomer to North Wales from the Lockland Plant, Jim was one of the most welcoming and helpful individuals.

He always had a smile for everyone, was very professional, had a quick wit and a wonderful gentleman. I always enjoyed seeing Jim at the Boxbuster's group luncheons at the Phoenixville Country Club. Pat, my sincere condolences and prayers to you and your family. Rest In Peace, Jim.

Donna Wagner



Donna J Wagner - June 23, 2023 at 04:30 PM

JW

“ Christine and I were so sad to hear of Jim's passing. Our thoughts are with you, Pat, and the rest of your family during this difficult time.

James Douglas Wright - June 23, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James E. Burkholder.

June 23, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ Carol and I were very sad to hear of Jim's passing. we have fond memories of our friendship not only at work but socializing outside of the work scene. with his lovely wife Pat. our deepest condolences go out to you Pat and your entire family. may Jim rest in peace.
Randy and Carol Evans

Randy Evans - June 22, 2023 at 08:56 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James E. Burkholder.



June 21, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ Jim and I were long time friends, having met at St. Paul's so many years ago. We bowled together with other mutual friends on the church team and spent many a post game gathering in the taproom at the "Hookies" Bowling Alley in Royersford. I will always remember Jim's smile and wonderful sense of humor. He was a joy to be with. Rest in our Lord's eternal peace my friend.

Jim Graham - June 21, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James E. Burkholder.*



June 21, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James E. Burkholder.

June 19, 2023 at 11:24 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James E. Burkholder.*



June 19, 2023 at 11:24 PM

FG

“ Jim was peaceful man who never thought about him self. He spent most of his time thinking of others and how he could help them. I never herd him say an unkind word to or about anyone. He would do anything for you, bring you to services at St. Paul’s, drive you to the Mens breakfast or ever take to grocery shopping. He loved St. Paul’s Episcopal Church the members and Pastors who served over the years. You would find him often times arriving early for the service listening to the music just to find the peace and quiet that he so loved. As a vestry man we always admired his in put about helping people in need. Jim did all he could to be there for all the folks in need in the surrounding towns with a big smile on his face. As the Lord said, Well done thou good and faithful servant. Mr. James E. Burkholder, just a great old guy, our good friend and a Christian gentleman.

Fran Gross - June 19, 2023 at 01:06 AM

JD

“ My wife Linda and I worked with Jim for many years at CCA North Wales.
Later, after retirement we got together with Jimmy , Jim Martin, Mike Sarro and Al Hritz at Mariannos
And later in Collegevile for catch up dates on our lives. I never heard Jimmy speak badly about anyone . He was a great athlete, tallented business professional, and great friend!
Justin and Linda D'Angeko

Justin D'Angelo - June 18, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of James E. Burkholder.



June 18, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of James E. Burkholder.



June 17, 2023 at 09:07 PM