



James W. Highlands Sr.

March 3, 1952 - October 27, 2025

James Wayne Highlands, Sr., age 73, of Limerick, PA, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2025, surrounded by his family. Born on March 3, 1952, in Philadelphia, PA he was a devoted and loving partner and father.

While having been born in Philadelphia, he grew up in Gilbertsville, PA. After completing Bachelor's degrees in Metallurgical Engineering and Business he went on to complete his Master's Degree in Business Management and spent his life self-employed as an engineering consultant traveling the world. He was an active volunteer with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and was proud of his contributions in creating ISO 9001, a globally recognized standard for quality management.

While he enjoyed summers on his boat at the NJ shore, he valued his close-knit family more than anything. He respected integrity and honesty above all else and worked hard to instill that in his children. His commitment to his family always made them feel safe while also encouraging them to find their own voices and independence.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, James J. and Marie (Pfender) Highlands and his wife of 33 years, Diane (Hetrick) Highlands. He is survived by his partner of 21 years, Sherri Tunis; his three children Jennifer Austin (Tom Maher) of Devon, PA, James W. Highlands Jr. of Nederland, CO and

Justin Highlands (Melissa) of Glenolden, PA along with eight grandchildren he adored.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Jim's life at the Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home, 600 Washington St, Royersford, PA on Friday, November 7, 2025 at 11:00 AM. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Friends will be received from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM on Friday at the funeral home. Condolences may be offered online by visiting www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are being handled by Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Royersford, PA.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home
600 Washington Street
Royersford, PA 19460

Memorial Service

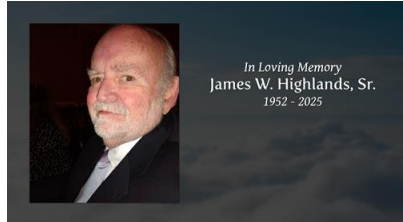
NOV 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home
600 Washington Street
Royersford, PA 19460

Tribute Wall



“ *Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James W. Highlands Sr.*



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - November 04, 2025 at 09:36 PM

JS

“ *I'm sorry to say I just learned of his passing recently. Jim was a monarch when it came to Nuclear and Quality program and will be missed by many in the industry. Always willing to provide sound advice when needed. I've had the pleasure of meeting with him at least once a year over the past 28 years. Fair Winds and Following Seas, my friend. RIP*
Jason S (Bonney Forge)

Jason S - December 03, 2025 at 08:39 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James W. Highlands Sr..*



November 06, 2025 at 11:42 PM

PV

“ Paul Schccatano and Marisol Valenzuela planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Highlands Sr..

Paul Schccatano and Marisol Valenzuela - November 06, 2025 at 11:42 PM

TC

“ The Colonial Machine Company purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James W. Highlands Sr..



The Colonial Machine Company - November 05, 2025 at 11:51 AM

TC

“ The Colonial Machine Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Highlands Sr..

The Colonial Machine Company - November 05, 2025 at 11:51 AM

JB

“ Worked with Jim over the last 20 years. He was always available whenever needed to answer questions. Going to be missed by many in the nuclear industry. RIH Jim Highlands job well done.

John B - November 03, 2025 at 06:20 PM

MT

“ I'm Miriam. I'm 9 years old. I know Jim because he was my Nana's partner and I went to the beach with him and I really enjoyed it. He was always nice and jolly and it always felt good to give him a big hug.

Miriam Tully-Landsman - October 30, 2025 at 07:49 PM

ST

He loved being with you and your hugs. Nana

Sherri Tunis - October 30, 2025 at 09:07 PM

SP

“ Jim
I cannot count the number of hours I spent reading to you. As a toddler, you loved action comic books. Some of them we both memorized. I will always remember you with love and how caring you were. As you aged you became very much like your father with children.

Cousin Sandi Pfender (daughter of Gertrude and Fred Pfnder)

Sandra Pfender - October 30, 2025 at 02:53 PM

TF

“ The Maher Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James W. Highlands Sr..



The Maher Family - October 30, 2025 at 11:21 AM