



James A. Costie

April 29, 1935 - December 8, 2021

Heishman Funeral Home/ Valley Funeral Service would like to send condolences to the family of Mr. James (Jim) Costie.

James (Jim) A. Costie, 86, of Mt. Jackson, Virginia passed away on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jim was born in Weehauken, New Jersey on April 29, 1935, to the late Alexander and Elizabeth Boehmer Costie. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Jill E. Costie.

Jim was truly a Renaissance man. He became the man of the house at a young age when his father passed; this had a lifelong impact on him. He was the first member of his family to graduate college. After college Jim served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a proud Veteran and a true Patriot. After returning from service Jim married and moved to Virginia to begin his long career at Merck and Company in Elkton, Virginia. Jim was a success at everything he tried. He was a friend to everyone and a mentor to many.

Jim was a lifelong Boy Scout and served as District Chairman of The Massanutten District for many years. He was awarded the Silver Beaver Award for his years of service. Jim was a devout Christian and a faithful member of many Bible Studies and Men's Retreats. He helped to organize a program through the Lutheran Men in Mission which distributed Bibles to young men who were new believers.

Jim had a serious interest in the Civil War and enjoyed attending the Civil War

Symposium at JMU and touring battlefields with his son. Jim loved the mountains. His favorite pastime in recent years was to sit on the patio and watch the mountains. One of his favorite places was the Skyline Drive. Jim is survived by his wife Karen Costie, his son Glenn Costie (Tammy Thomas) of Armstrong Creek, Wisconsin, his daughter Ali Thompson (Robbie), his grandchildren Bo, Ranzie and Graye Thompson all of Atlanta Georgia. His sister Alma C Vincent of Maplewood, New Jersey. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews all of whom he loved very much. He was especially close to his niece Lora Camporale of East Hanover, New Jersey, and his great niece Brea Hinegardner Prokop of St. Louis Park, Minnesota.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 12:00 o'clock noon. The service will take place at Grace United Church of Christ, 10492 Orkney Grade, Mt Jackson, VA. Interment will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to: Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp 8481 Moreland Gap Road, Fort Valley, VA 22652. The Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center 28 Cedar Wood Lane, Edinburg, VA 22824. Dementia Society of America P. O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace United Church of Christ
10492 Orkney Grade
Mt. Jackson, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *James A. Costie*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *James A. Costie*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *Jim was a long-time dear friend of our family. We shared many years of wonderful gatherings. He was a special boy scout leader, friend of all, along with my husband, Jim Hoak. Condolences to you, Karen. We send our love to You! We all have lost a tremendous fellow!!!!*

Dolores Hoak - December 22, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *Dear Karen,*

Please accept my sympathy on the loss of your husband. I remember meeting Jim many years ago when you both attended Cub Scout Banquets at Plains Elementary School where our sons were Cub Scouts. I was delighted to see you on those occasions. We were honored to have you both attend. Jim did much to support scouting.

I informed Nancy of Jim's passing. She sends her sympathy as well.

Judy Bowman Kidd

Judy Kidd - December 20, 2021 at 10:10 PM

AW

“ Karen and family you are in my prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.

Anne Wenger - December 18, 2021 at 07:24 PM

PK

Karen, I am just now reading of Jim's passing. Please know I am thinking of you and your family.

Pam Zirkle Kuehl - March 09, 2022 at 02:21 PM

PR

“ Karen and family,
We are thinking of you at this difficult time and hope you will find comfort in your memories of Jim.
Phyllis and Bernie Rinard

Phyllis Rinard - December 17, 2021 at 03:00 PM

LS

“ I was saddened to hear of "Mr C's" passing. This is what those of us that worked for him referred to him as. He not was a subject matter expert in microbiology and sterile processing but also a humanistic manager. As a manager he was the best that I ever had because of the trust and caring for his employees and we reciprocated. A good man and friend, he will be missed. Healing prayers to the family.

Larry Shifflett - December 17, 2021 at 09:17 AM

KC

“ Made me sad to see Jim's obituary in the paper this morning. He was one of my favorites at Merck. Always kind, polite, a true gentleman always wearing a smile. I am thankful for knowing Jim. Prayers for peace and comfort to the family. ❤️

Kathy Crickenberger - December 17, 2021 at 05:52 AM

DL

“ I am very saddened to learn of Jim’s passing. I first met Jim as I started my journey with Merck at Elkton, Virginia. I have never met a more caring, gentle and compassionate person than Jim. He looked after me as a son and always had a kind word and a smile. Nothing was every a difficult situation.

Thank you for sharing such an incredible person with the world. Jim was a true patriot who will be missed by many.

David Loker - December 17, 2021 at 05:48 AM

EP

I was sorry to hear of Jim's passing. No matter how his day was going he always had a smile and would acknowledge you. Hw was a joy to work with.

Ed Pease - December 21, 2021 at 03:02 PM

RW

Karen and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Jim was always to good to us and such a joy to have known. Our thoughts and prayers are with, especially so close to the holidays.

Randy and Amy Wakeman - December 24, 2021 at 03:06 PM