



## James Harris Trott

February 21, 1936 - January 5, 2018

James Harris Trott, 81, of Fort Valley, passed away on Friday, January 5, 2018, at Greenfield Assisted Living in Woodstock. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 13, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Woodstock. Rev. Clara Young will officiate. Burial will be private at a later date in the Munch Cemetery in Fort Valley. The family will receive friends on Friday, January 12, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Valley Funeral Service in Bowman's Crossing.

Jim was born February 21, 1936, in Des Moines, IA, son of the late Walter Trott Jr. and Helen Rosenberger Trott. After graduating from Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Photography, he served in the U.S. Army. He then worked in Washington, D.C. as Assistant Photographer at the National Gallery of Art. In 1963, he began his long career in Photographic Services at the National Geographic Society, retiring as Director of Photographic Quality Control in 1991. A lover of the beauty of nature and of Fort Valley, he began his own nature photography business upon retirement. He also co-authored the book "Welcome to Fort Valley: The History and Culture of Virginia's 'Valley Within a Valley.'" A long-time member of the Fort Valley Ruritan Club, Jim was a recipient of the Club's 2011 Citizen of the Year Award. He was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Jim is survived by his beloved family: wife of 55 years, Margaret Akers Trott; two daughters, Sarah Trott Friga and husband Michael of Ithaca, NY, and Meredith Trott Hansen and husband Greg of Medina, OH; brother, David W.

Trott and wife Margaret Sadler Trott of New Bern, NC; four grandchildren, Lukas James Friga, Madeleine Rose Friga, Jacob Daniel Friga and Eli James Hansen; and cousin Anne Daly of Moneta, VA.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fort Valley Fire Department, 7088 Fort Valley Rd., Fort Valley, VA 22652, or St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 235 S. Main St., Woodstock, VA 22664.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **12.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Valley Funeral Service  
14116 South Middle Road  
Edinburg, VA 22824  
(540) 984-3700  
secretary.valleyfs@yahoo.com  
<https://www.valleyfs.com>

## Memorial Service

JAN **13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
235 S. Main Street  
Woodstock, VA 22664

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Harris Trott* ”

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *James Harris Trott* ”

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *Chris Godden lit a candle in memory of James Harris Trott* ”



**Chris Godden** - January 14, 2018 at 01:49 PM



“ *Caroline Linnie-Godden lit a candle in memory of James Harris Trott* ”



**Caroline Linnie-Godden** - January 14, 2018 at 01:47 PM

MW

“ Dear Meg and family,  
So sorry for your loss. I love the picture of Jim on this page, it captures his warm smile and personality. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.  
Love,  
Mary Beth and Mike Wusk

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**Mary Beth Wusk** - January 13, 2018 at 07:16 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of your loss. I will keep you and your family in prayer.  
  
Cindy Mead Popeck

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**Cynthia Mead Popeck** - January 12, 2018 at 05:40 PM

AJ

“ Mr. Trott was one of the kindest gentlemen I have ever had the privilege to care for. I think of him and his lovely wife frequently. Ms. Trott please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Sincerely:  
Ann Jenkins

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**Ann Jenkins** - January 10, 2018 at 02:55 PM

RM

“ Meg and family- We are so sorry for your loss. We'll always remember how you and Jim welcomed us as newcomers to the Fort into your warm and wonderful historic home. He leaves a lasting impression. - Fondly, Rosette and Lloyd Moss

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**Rosette Moss** - January 09, 2018 at 05:59 PM

AN

“ Anne purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of James Harris Trott.



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Anne - January 09, 2018 at 03:40 PM

MF

“ It was always a pleasure to be in Jim's presence. His quiet smile and attention added to every encounter. Was happy to be an in-law with him. Gratefully, Marilyn Friga

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Marilyn Friga - January 09, 2018 at 10:51 AM



“ I am saddened by the news of your loss. I pray that God will grant you "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow...".

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Joan Corman - January 09, 2018 at 07:34 AM

AK

“ That never ending smile of Jim's will remain in our hearts and minds forever, as will his kind and gentle disposition! Love to all of you, Abbe and Bubba Kennedy



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abbe kennedy - January 08, 2018 at 11:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Harris Trott.



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January 08, 2018 at 08:04 AM