



## James B. "Jim" Stricker, Jr.

February 16, 2026

James B. "Jim" Stricker, Jr., age 100, residing in Suffolk, VA, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 16, 2026. He was born in 1925 to James and Marjorie Stricker. He married Betty Middleton on August 12, 1950.

Jim enjoyed two careers. He served with the US Navy on active duty aboard aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea (CV-43) and at several shore assignments with the Naval Reserves. He then had a long and dedicated career with Honeywell Aerospace as an aeronautical engineer, working with other engineers designing guidance, navigation, and control systems for Gemini spacecraft and Mars Viking landers. He was a 25-gallon blood donor. Jim was known for his quick wit and sense of humor.

Survivors include his daughters, Marny Prillwitz (Nolan) and Nancy Stricker, son, James Stricker III (Karen); three grandchildren, Ryan Prillwitz, Melissa Matson, Laura Beth (Al) Vardaro, and one great-grandchild, Adalynn Vardaro.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, his brothers George and David, his sister Joan Pease, and his grandson, Andrew Matson.

At Jim's request, his family will privately inter his ashes at Bay Pines National Veterans Cemetery in St. Petersburg, FL.



# Tribute Wall

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“ Jim and Karen - Pastor Randy and I always enjoyed our brief visits with your Dad at Bickford. He was a gentleman and a man who got to the point pretty quickly. :-) He seemed very independent-minded, yet friendly and smiling. Joyce and I know you will miss him, his wisdom and instruction for living. It was an honor to get to know him a little bit.

*Michael Strickland*

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