



James Arthur Gamble, Jr.

June 21, 2012

James Arthur Gamble, Jr., 77, passed away Thursday, June 21, 2012, surrounded by his loving family, after a brief argument with cancer.

Jim is survived by his wife of 50 years, Pauline, son Geoffrey and husband Kevin Metzger, son Ronald and wife Jennifer, daughter Pamela Djigounian and husband Arek, and daughter Laura Cope and husband Jeff. He was "Grandpa" to McKenzie and Palmer Gamble, and "Papa" to Mallory Journigan, Lindsey and Alissa Cope, and Matthew Djigounian.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he was the son of Ann and James Arthur Gamble, Sr. He was preceded in death by his sister Virginia Mack in 2010. Jim was a graduate of Har-Brack High School and the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. In 1962, he began his career with General Electric Company, working at locations in Louisville, KY, Pittsfield, MA, and Utica, NY, before coming to Chesapeake in 1971 to work at the plant in Suffolk. In 1986, he joined the Norfolk Naval Shipyard where he had 26 years of service and earned many awards for appreciation of special achievement before taking a well-deserved retirement in 2010 at the age of 75.

Jim enjoyed music, especially singing in the church choir many years and as a member of the Commodores, a local Barbershop chorus. Over the years, he

was an avid bowler and golfer, and in later life, he enjoyed quiet time working in his yard and tending to his koi pond. All those who knew and loved him will miss him and his never-ending sense of humor.

From 1957 to 1959, Jim served as a PFC in the United States Army, and his remains will be entombed in a private family ceremony at the Albert G. Horton, Jr., Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Suffolk. A memorial service to celebrate Jim's life will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel. The family will receive friends prior to the service, beginning at 6 p.m.

The family would like to thank his doctors, especially James Snyder of Sentara Surgery Specialists and J. Randy Howard of Virginia Oncology, for unsurpassed care and compassion. Also, thanks to the nurses and staff of Sentara Leigh Hospital, and the many angels of the Sentara Bridge/Hospice Program who brought comfort and peace, not only to Jim, but the family as well.

In lieu of flowers, Jim would want you to make a donation to either the Chesapeake Animal Services or Portsmouth Humane Society, in the names of his constant canine companions, Spunky, Sammy, and Bodie, or the American Cancer Society or American Red Cross.

Tribute Wall



“ To Mrs. Gamble and family, I just wanted to let you know that we are sorry for your loss. You and Mr. Gamble were some of my first homeowners when I started building in Silverwood. I enjoyed working with both of you. He and I hit it off from the beginning, and I appreciated the opportunity to build your home. He was a good man, and I know you all will miss him. Charlie & Mary Ellen Johnson##imported-begin##Charlie Johnson##imported-end##

July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the family of Jim Gamble.##imported-begin##Mary Johnson##imported-end##

June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Laura and family, Words cannot express my heartfelt condolences to all of you at this time. You are in my thoughts and prayers today and tomorrow. I know it doesn't help, but know he is in a better place and doesn't hurt anymore. Those of us left here are the ones suffering right now. Love, Cheryl NSG COWORKER##imported-begin##Cheryl##imported-end##

June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Polly, we are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. The children send their condolences. May you gain much strenght and love from your family and friends. Our deepest sympathy,##imported-begin##Ellen & Tommy##imported-end##

June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I love you, Dad, then, now, and always.##imported-begin##Geoffrey Gamble##imported-end##

June 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Very sorry about your loss. I lost my father many years ago, but can still tear up when I think about him being gone 15 yrs later. The memories you have will keep you going. And he will always feel near by. I think that is the hardest part... our dads make us feel protected and secure. Losing them some how makes us feel vulnerable. Be strong! He's watching you! - Karen##imported-begin##Karen Jones Carter##imported-end##

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“ I remember Mr. Gamble from the times I would visit Geoffrey's home. Whenever Mr. Gamble would be there, I always thought here's a man that is confident about who he is and is enjoying his life. To this day, I recall things he would say usually in giving Geoffrey a hard time about something, and in his own special way, he was lovingly teaching all of us something. I am privileged that I was allowed to share a few moments of his life, and I know that he is now enjoying an eternal life of peace and joy. Peace to all, and my love to the Gamble family.##imported-begin##Stephen White##imported-end##

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“ To my other Mom, Laura, and family. My heart goes out to you during this difficult time. I am so glad I got to spend time with dad a few weeks ago to say my goodbyes. He was such a wonderful person with a big heart. We will miss him. I wish I could be there with you during this difficult time. Just know I am there in your hearts and just a call away if you need me. Love you very much! Sending our love! Shelley and Carter###imported-begin##Shelley Sukdolak###imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathies to a special family. I sure wish I could have gotten to know Mr. G. as an adult, before we moved away, but I have such fond memories during those formable years, and am thankful I at least got to better know him and get reacquainted with the family through Facebook. Mr. G. was always so nice to us kids, and I remember vividly his sry sense of humor. Thinking and praying for each of you, and wishing you the best in the days ahead as you celebrate the life of a great man.###imported-begin##Kathy Keltner Previs###imported-end##

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“ Love to the entire family, I have been blessed to have you in my life. I know he will be kept alive through memories, stories, and laughter. God Bless###imported-begin##Beverly Hall###imported-end##

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“ *I am so sorry for your family's lose! You all are in our thoughts and prayers!!!!*

*Matt, Collin, & Ali Bunting##imported-begin##Matthew
Bunting##imported-end##*

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