



James O. Kiphart

November 26, 2025

James O. Kiphart departed this life in peace and grace on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. Born to Otis S. Kiphart and Dolores Hobbs (Kiphart) Tubbs, he was raised in Elwood, Indiana, graduating from Wendell Willkie H.S. in 1952. He married Nancy S. Sigler in 1953 and then Ilene Myers in 2008, both of whom predeceased him.

Surviving him are daughters Christine Kiphart Fisher of Orlando, Florida, Cynthia Kiphart Hashemi and son-in-law Massoud Hashemi of Las Vegas, Nevada; brother Harry Kiphart of Indiana; son Stephen Myers and wife Rhonda of Suffolk, Virginia; daughter-in-law Donna Myers of Suffolk, Virginia; granddaughter Miranda Hashemi and husband Brandon Hashemi of Seattle, Washington, granddaughter Alexis Myers of Suffolk, Virginia. He is predeceased by his brother Jack V. Kiphart of Greeley, Colorado, and son Herbert L. Myers, Jr.

Jim worked at Ex-Cell-O in Elwood, Indiana, as a young man, rising through the ranks as the company evolved into Airfoil Textron. He retired as Vice President of Operations after a 37-year career with the company.

Jim was a joyful man who never met a stranger and enjoyed a robust sense of humor. He loved people with his whole heart and was loved in return.

He was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Master Mason of Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, a member of the Khedive Temple, the Chesapeake Shrine Club, Esther Chapter #37, Order of the Eastern Star, where he held multiple offices. Jim was also a volunteer fireman in Indiana and a hospice volunteer in Ohio. He served his country proudly in the Army.

A funeral service will be held at 1 pm on Monday, December 1, 2025, in Loving Funeral Home with Military Honors and Masonic Rites. Rev. Randy Duncan will be officiating the service. The family will receive friends in the funeral home one hour before the service. Entombment will be private.

In place of flowers, please consider a donation to Shriners Hospital for Children.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 12:00 PM - 12:55 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“Joyce and I got to know Jim after he married Eileen, who was a member of the church we attend, New Creation UMC. He was a fine and friendly gentleman who always had a ready smile and greeting. We enjoyed getting to know him and are saddened by his passing. Our condolences to all of the family,
Michael and Joyce Strickland

Michael Strickland - December 01, 2025 at 11:41 AM

SO

“Sonia sent a virtual gift in memory of James O. Kiphart



Sonia - December 01, 2025 at 11:24 AM

SO

“Remembering all the fun and dinners we had with you and Ilene. You will be missed.
Sonia Thomas and Stephanie Rowe

Sonia - December 01, 2025 at 11:17 AM

SR

“Sonia Thomas & Stephanie Rowe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James O. Kiphart.

Sonia Thomas & Stephanie Rowe - December 01, 2025 at 11:07 AM

BE

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Jim was a true delight to know. He was always a gentleman, loved his Ilene, and loved a hug. I know his suffering is over and pray for you, his family, for comfort, strength, and peace at this difficult time.

Bonnie Enderle - December 01, 2025 at 08:15 AM

CC

“ I worked with Jim at Excello/Textron in Elwood for many years as a sales manager. He was such a great and fun person to be around. Such a great person. Prayers to his family. RIP Jim.
Carolyn Hare Caldwell.

Carolyn Caldwell - November 28, 2025 at 09:18 AM

KF

“ I had the privilege of meeting Jim at Ex-Cell-O in Orland, FL, and working with him for a number of years. He was a wonderful influence and was instrumental in the development of me, and many others at our operation. We kept up on FB as friends, and I will remember him fondly.
- Kerry Fordyce

Kerry Fordyce - November 27, 2025 at 08:43 AM