



Clark Deakyne "Jim" Stull

November 26, 1930 - May 17, 2024

Clark Deakyne "Jim" Stull, Jr. passed away on May 17th, 2024 at the age of 93. The cause was heart failure. Predeceased in 2008 by his wife Carolyn, he moved to White Horse Village in Newtown Square and lived happily there for fifteen years. Prior to that, he and Carolyn resided for many decades in Villanova, where they raised four sons.

Born November 26, 1930, Jim grew up in Ridley Park, PA, where his father was a physician in general practice and his grandfather, one of the borough's early residents, had played a prominent role in civic affairs. Jim's mother, the former Mary Buckman Carnill, originally of Wilkes-Barre, died unexpectedly when Jim was only three years old.

After completing elementary and middle school in Ridley Park, Jim attended secondary school at The Episcopal Academy. There he was noted for his athletic prowess, as a football quarterback, a baseball pitcher (with both a fine throwing arm and an exceptional batting average), and even as a pole vaulter. In his senior year he led both the football and the baseball teams to Inter-Academic League championships. Always good at maintaining friendships, Jim remained close to many childhood neighbors and school classmates through the years.

Jim went on to attend Duke University, where he studied political science and

became a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He interrupted his college career at the midpoint in order to enlist in the U.S. Navy—"on a lark," as he later put it. Following four years of service with the Atlantic fleet, he returned to Duke and was graduated in 1956. He subsequently attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he received an MBA from the Wharton School in 1958. Over the next four decades he pursued a varied career in business in and around Philadelphia, including retail (Strawbridge and Clothier), marketing (Sealtest Dairy), investments (G. H. Walker), manufacturing (Pottstown Pipe Products), and finally commercial banking (Glendale National and Mellon).

In 1956 Jim married Carolyn Eva Stapf, who had grown up in Roxborough and at the time was a first-grade teacher at Episcopal Academy. The couple settled on the Main Line and soon had a growing family and a busy life in church, school, and social circles. Jim often remarked that marriage to Carolyn was the best decision he ever made; for both of them family was at the center of things, a source of stability and strength. All four sons survive: Clark D., III (Beth), Mark B. (Jean), Rodman S. (Susan), and William C. Jim is also survived by nine granddaughters and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his older half-brother, William Carnill, II.

Jim was a longtime member of the Merion Golf Club and, through his mother's colonial-era Quaker roots, of the Welcome Society of Pennsylvania and the Sons of the Revolution.

His Memorial Service will be held on Friday July 5th, 11 am in Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, 30 E. Athens Ave., Ardmore, PA

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Guiding Eyes for the Blind (www.guidingeyes.org).

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clark Deakyne "Jim" Stull.



July 03, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ Love, Jean Mitchell Bickley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clark Deakyne "Jim" Stull.

Love, Jean Mitchell Bickley - July 03, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ Dear Family: My name is Jean Mitchell Bickley and I am the daughter of Edith Stull Mitchell Bickley. My mother and Uncle Jim were cousins and were very close having grown up in Ridley Park together. Mom is the daughter of John Allen Mitchell and Edith Viola Stull Mitchell. I called your Dad when my mom died on April 8, 2020 just shy of her 97th birthday. He was so sad and what followed was a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a hand-written note which I have saved and included the most wonderful sentence about my mom which I will remember forever. Following Aunt Jean's death (Mom's sister: Jean Rau Mitchell Gillespie), your Dad hosted a group of family at Merion. We had a lovely lunch and he was most gracious. Your father was a "class act" and will be missed. I take comfort in knowing he and Mom are up in heaven together now - perhaps having a scotch to host his arrival. I also remember your mother whom I met several times and I always remember she was so strikingly beautiful. With deepest Sympathy, Cousin Jean

Jean Mitchell Bickley - June 03, 2024 at 06:49 PM

MS

Hello Jean, Thanks for much for sharing your memory which such kind words. I am very touched and am sure my brothers are too. I hope to carry on a bit of his "class" as an honor to him:)

Mark Stull - June 04, 2024 at 12:45 PM

JB

You are most welcome. They were a great generation

Jean Bickley - June 06, 2024 at 11:54 AM

JJ

“*Dear Mark, It has been many years, with much water under the bridge, but I wanted to let you know that in 1974 your Dad changed the course of history for my father, me, and our entire family. His support and investment in my father's business was a game changer that provided the capital for our business to grow and proposer. Your father was an inspiration, guiding light and so important to the success that we ultimately enjoyed. I will remember him fondly, always. John McGowan*

John B. McGowan, Jr. - May 23, 2024 at 09:41 PM

MS

Hi John. Thanks for your kind words and bringing back great memories! I helped assemble and pack many of Flow Limiters back in the day. Dad also took me out to see your invention center as well. I could not have been happier at the time. You guys were the best! I miss those exciting days of my youth.

Mark Stull - May 24, 2024 at 01:15 PM