



Jim Armour

December 13, 1926 - February 10, 2022

James (Jim) W Armour Jr, 95, beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully on February 10, 2022 with his family by his side.

Jim was born on December 13, 1926 in Worcester, MA to James and Rachel (Longely) Armour. The family moved to Michigan where he graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in January 1945 ranking first in his class. He entered the Navy's Radio Technician Training Program in February 1945 and studied in radio and radar schools conducted by the Navy. He served as Radar Technician aboard the USS North Carolina and was honorably discharged in July 1946 as Electronic Technician's mate.

Jim then attended Cornell University from 1946 through 1950 where he focused on Electrical Machinery, Electric Power Systems, and Electronic Circuit Theory and Design. Upon graduation, he joined the New England Power Service Company's training program for college graduates. On June 18, 1949, Jim married his high school sweetheart Elizabeth (Betsy) Crane in Falls Church, Virginia.

Jim went to work for the Lowell Electric Light Corporation in 1952 designing wiring layouts for stores and commercial buildings and promoting and selling electric cooking equipment to restaurants. He attended Harvard Business

School from 1956 to 1958, concentrating in the field of finance. After graduating with distinction with a Masters in Business Administration, he worked as a research assistant at Harvard and then went to work for Pennsylvania-Bradford Appliance Corporation in Philadelphia in the financing and marketing department. In 1961 Jim accepted an opportunity to work at Electro Science Investors Inc in Dallas Texas. Continuing to climb the corporate ladder, he accepted a position in 1963 at Novo Corporation in NYC where he was Vice President of Corporate Development. He eventually decided to run his own business and purchased a package delivery service in Philadelphia, renaming it to Quick Courier Service and developing it into a successful international courier business. He sold the business in 1989 and retired to spend more time with family.

Jim enjoyed his retirement years immensely, traveling far and wide with his wife, Betsy. He led an active life enjoying tennis, skiing, bridge, hiking, croquet, bicycling and time with family and friends. He was an active member of the Main Line Ski Club and the Merion Cricket Club.

Jim is predeceased by his four sisters, Jane Schiek, Nancy Baugh, Joanne Mason and Ann Standish. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Elizabeth (Betsy) Armour, his son, James (Jay) Armour III and wife Polly Armour, his daughter Elizabeth (Beth) Armour and husband Tucker Barrett, grandchildren Ryan and Cora Barrett, Sarah and Josh Armour, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life for James W. Armour Jr. will be held April 16th at 1pm at the Main Line Unitarian Church, 816 South Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA 19333. Interment of ashes will be held in the church Memorial Garden following service. Light refreshments will be served after interment ceremony..

We ask that those coming to the in-person event be fully vaccinated for

COVID before arriving and plan to wear a mask throughout the entire service. We wish to make the event as safe as possible for everyone.

Those who would like to join us by Zoom can do so by clicking the link at the bottom of this invitation.

Date: April 16, 2022

Time: 1pm service. Interment of ashes will be held in the church Memorial Garden following service. Light refreshments will be served after interment ceremony.

Place: Main Line Unitarian Church - 816 South Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA 19333-1825

Please pass this along to anyone who you feel might be interested.

To join online via zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83649655295?pwd=NGtDSmwyU0pCUmdDL2FyaHJud2cvQT09>

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In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Nature Conservancy or the Main Line Unitarian Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Main Line Unitarian Church
816 South Valley Forge Road
Devon, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Armour.* ”



April 09, 2022 at 05:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Armour.* ”



March 06, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *9 files added to the album Jim Armour photos* ”



Beth Armour - February 19, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ It was my privilege to serve as Jim's minister at Main Line Unitarian Church. "Pillar of the church" may be an old-fashioned phrase, but it certainly applies to Jim. He was a loyal, reliable, caring member of MLUC who consistently made the congregation's health and future a personal priority. His loss will be felt throughout the MLUC community and beyond.

Rev. Dr. Neal Jones

Neal Jones - February 17, 2022 at 12:38 PM

RM

“ Jim and I worked together
For many years ..
He was a mentor and a friend .
A very fine man , who loved a free lunch .
We had some great adventures together...
I am forever grateful , for the trust he placed in me
And our times together

My condolences to Jim's family

Bob Mitzman

Robert Mitzman - February 16, 2022 at 03:57 PM

BA

“ What a wonderful friend we had in Jim! Husband Bill and I spent dinners, tennis, holidays and skiing together. Jim, always the intrepid skier, led some of us skiers on a merry chase down Jackson Hole's Toilet Bowl, a 150-foot drop into fluffy snow for me!. We will miss Jim.

Bambi Dudley and Bill Bower

Bambi - February 16, 2022 at 12:22 PM

HA

I always felt comforted and and accepted just by Jim's smile and countenance. He didn't need to say anything at all. He was always kind and available to chat about just about anything. Jim and Betsey were a beautiful pair. I'll look forward to seeing Betsey again soon and thank her for her own kindness and generosity of spirit.

Holly Alden - February 18, 2022 at 09:18 PM

SB

I was fortunate enough to have had the pleasure of knowing Jim and his family for over a decade. I am forever grateful for his wisdom and generosity shared over the years, and our many impromptu conversations around the table offering pause to live in the moment of life always delivered with a genuine kind smile.

I will miss you my dear friend. Sincere condolences to the Armour family.

Scott Bender

Scott Bender - February 19, 2022 at 10:41 AM

LC

Jim and Betsy Armour were friends of ours ever since we moved to the Main Line. We moved first to a roomy house in Newtown Square and raised two children. When the children grew older I moved first to an apartment in the city/ and then to a house on County Line Road in Wayne. Betsy helped me with my tennis and we enjoyed their beautiful home in Villanova and also their home in Vermont. We experienced a number of trips together in Europe. Jim was a wonderful host and shared his knowledge of the countries of and their history. The Armours were very good friends. We shall miss Jim very much.

Lucy Carroll.

Lucy Carroll - February 22, 2022 at 03:07 PM

RB

I lived next door to Jim and Betsy for the better part of 20 years. Each time I saw Jim, he always had a smile and a kind word for me. It is said that you can pay for an education, but you can't buy class. Well, Jim had both, and was an ongoing example to me of how you carry yourself through this life, and stay just a little above the chaos. Thanks for being you Jim. Rest In Peace

Rick Biesecker - March 06, 2022 at 05:16 PM