

James Robert Evans



James R. Evans of Whitehall, PA, passed away on Friday, 13 November 2020 with his beloved wife and children by his side. He was 82 years old.

“Jim” was born in Weatherly, PA, son of the late Clarence and Alice (Croman) Evans. He graduated from Weatherly High School and the U.S. Naval Academy.

After graduation, he served on board COMPTON and DEALEY, then spent 37 years with Pennsylvania Power & Light (PPL) as an engineer in various departments. He ended his career in the fuels division.

In retirement, he continued to serve his church and community, volunteering with the National Park Service and Crown Financial Ministries. He enjoyed hiking the Appalachian Trail, traveling abroad and taking photos for Ancestry.com. Jim loved to sing. As a midshipman, he was a member of the Navy Chapel Choir and Glee Club. In civilian life, he sang with various church choirs, and for more than 20 years, was a member of the Summer Harmony.

In addition to his wife, Sandy, Jim is survived by three brothers, Kenneth, Clarence “Joe” and Richard, as well as their families who all loved him dearly. Jim was preceded in death by his brothers, David and Thomas.

He was enormously proud of his daughters, Susan Lindsey (and her husband, Charles) and Sharon Kitzman. He was a caring and loving grandfather to Carolyn, Evan and Erin Lindsey, and Matthew Kitzman.

January-February 2021 Shipmate