

Walter James Lippold



“Jim” Lippold passed away on 27 March 2024 in Port Republic, MD. He was 85 years old.

Jim was born in Annapolis, MD, on 2 August 1938 to Walter and Marian Lippold. Soon after his birth, his father, a Navy dentist, was transferred to the Far East. They lived in China and the Philippines, until the attack on Pearl Harbor. Jim returned to the States with his mother, while his father stayed and fought the war. After the war, his family lived in many places, ending up in Norfolk, VA, where Jim was able to complete his high school education. Upon graduation, he reported to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he graduated with the

Class of 1960. In 1961, he married his high school sweetheart, Joan Gibson.

For the next several years, Jim served in the Navy as a nuclear submariner. Upon leaving the Navy in 1967, he attended NC State University to earn his master’s degree in nuclear engineering, then went to work for Baltimore Gas & Electric at their Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant in Lusby, MD, for the next 30 years. He retired in 1998.

Jim and Joan spent the next 20 years traveling the world. They visited countries from China to Russia and many in between. Their favorite trips were river cruises through Europe, winters in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and three times a year to Disney World. When not traveling, they enjoyed their home in Scientists Cliffs, overlooking the Chesapeake Bay, where Jim enjoyed gardening, completing his honey-do list, and spending time with family and friends.

Jim was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Port Republic, MD, and a charter member of the American Chestnut Land Trust. He was also a professional engineer.

Jim leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Joan; their two daughters, Karen Lippold Myrick and Jan Lippold Huether (David); and grandchildren, Benjamin and Hannah Huether, and James Myrick.

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