

## James Clarence Householder



James C. Householder passed away on 31 August 2024 in Mountain Home, AR, with his family by his side. He was 88 years old.

“Jim” was born in Milo, MO, on 1 June 1936. He graduated from Nevada High School in Nevada, MO, attended SMS (MSU) in Springfield, MO, for two years, and then completed four years at the Naval Academy.

On 8 June 1960, he graduated from USNA with an engineering degree and married his SMS sweetheart, Marjorie Elizabeth Fearl. He served over three years as an Army first lieutenant in Munich, Germany, where he and his wife welcomed their daughters, Kelly and Dana. They loved their time in Europe, traveling as much as possible, learning to snow ski and making life-long friends.

Jim began his career in engineering at Eastman Kodak working in Rochester, NY, and Houston, TX, for over three years. While he enjoyed working with Kodak and learning about photography, the desire for a more rural life prompted him to move his family to Mountain Home in 1967 and build their home in the woods by the beautiful Big Creek. Except for a few years supervising construction projects in the area, he was employed at Baxter Healthcare Corporation with over 25 years as a plant engineering manager. He was considered a great leader, generous mentor and was appreciated for his many talents. After retiring, he consulted on several projects for Baxter.

Jim loved road trips, exploring the country’s national parks, tractor hunting, tinkering with his antique and classic tractor collection, competing in tractor pulls, bird hunting (particularly the annual pheasant hunting trips in South Dakota with his buddies for over 30 years) and spending time with his family and friends. He will be remembered for his brilliant mind, sense of humor, kind manner, hard-working nature, and as a wonderful husband, father and friend. He will be greatly missed.

Jim is survived by his wife, Marjorie Householder; daughters, KellyLynn Householder-Giuliano (Peter) and Dana Leigh Householder; sister, Helen Joan Kosley; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews and their children and grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, Roy James Householder and Lucille (Palmer)Householder; sister, Riva McMannis; and brother, Karl Otis Householder.

*January-February 2025 Shipmate*