



## James Edward Houck Jr.

November 18, 1930 - March 14, 2015

James Edward Houck Jr. of La Plata, Maryland, died on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at his home. He was 84 years old.

Mr. Houck, fondly known as Ed, was born on November 18, 1930 in Emmitsburg, Maryland to the late Agnes Helena Rosensteel Houck and the late James Edward Houck Sr. Growing up in Emmitsburg, Ed worked in the family business, Houck's Quality Shop located in the town's square. He then became the owner and operator of the store. Ed also served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War and was Honorably Discharged at the rank of Sergeant. While in the Army, he witnessed the first atomic cannon. At home Ed was also a volunteer fireman and served as Mayor of Emmitsburg. He also was involved in the Boy Scout program, primarily starting new Scout Troops throughout Maryland. He eventually left the family store and later worked for other retail businesses, including Macy's, involving sales and managerial positions. He was very family oriented, including being the authority on the ancestry and family tree. He enjoyed going to the horse races, camping and traveling with his family.

Ed is survived by his wife of 64 years, Doris L. Houck; his children Denise Robey and her husband John, Patricia Ann Houck, Jim Houck, III and his wife Pat, Joseph Houck; his grandchildren James Houck, IV and his wife Theresa, Geoff Bennett and his wife Jocelyn, Tami Hayden and her husband Bryan,

Scott Bennett; great grandchildren Courtney Edmondson and her husband Khiry, Brittany Bennett, Bryan Hayden Jr., James E. Houck V, Donovan Bennett and Gavin Bennett; his sisters Mary Theresa Leonard and Margaret Callen.

Visitation from 9:30AM to time of service to begin at 11:30AM on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

Interment to follow at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity or organization of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## MD Veterans Cemetery - Cheltenham, MD

11301 Crain Highway  
Cheltenham, MD 20623

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 24. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2920  
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## Service

MAR 24. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James Edward Houck Jr.*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *James Edward Houck Jr.*

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October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *I worked with ED at Hechts Marlow Heights and St. Charles, he was always eager to tell me about the next alert on the family tree. We both shared info on each of our families. I was so sorry to hear of his passing.*  
*Dona Moore*

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**Dona Moore** - March 25, 2015 at 01:09 PM

PA

“ I met Ed 32 years ago while working in men’s clothing, he was my boss. His patience and dedication to his family was reflected in his work ethics as a manager. Ed soon became my father in--law as he introduced me to his oldest son, Jim whom I married. With our marriage came my three children whom Ed treated as his grandchildren and treated their children as his great grandchildren. He loved to tell stories, some were true and some he made up as he went along (always checked with Granny for verification). I never met anyone with such a wealth of knowledge as Ed had. Both Ed and Doris filled a void I had in my life after both of my parents passed away which I will always be so grateful for. His quick wit, stories, jokes, dedication to family, love for the Redskins & Nationals will be greatly missed but the memories will last for a lifetime.

Love & miss you Granddad.  
Your daughter in--law Pat.

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**Pat** - March 23, 2015 at 12:36 PM

ML

“ Mary Theresa and all the Leonards purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of James Edward Houck Jr..



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**Mary Theresa and all the Leonards** - March 22, 2015 at 04:27 PM

PA

“ *Patty(poole)edwards lit a candle in memory of James Edward Houck Jr.*



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**patty(poole)edwards** - March 21, 2015 at 10:30 PM

PA

*patty so sorry to hear about your father*

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**patty(poole)edwards** - March 21, 2015 at 10:32 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Edward Houck Jr..*



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March 20, 2015 at 04:48 AM

RC

“ Dear Doris, my Cousins and all your families,

*We were so sorry to hear about Ed. I so very much appreciate all the times that John and I spent with my wonderful Houck family. Ed was my special cousin who reconnected me to all of you after so many years, and I loved all the family history he recorded and shared with us. What an amazing, giving and loving man.*

*Ed was a devoted husband, a caring brother, a doting father, a loving grandfather and great-grandfather – and my favorite Santa at Christmas! Ed will be missed, but he will always be in our hearts. We love you, buddy. Thank you for making a difference in my life, and for bringing our family closer.*

*Our heartfelt condolences to all the family.*

*Love,  
Raymond Houck and John Coy*

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**Raymond Houck and John Coy** - March 17, 2015 at 07:56 PM

FG

“ Fort Washington Guard purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of James Edward Houck Jr..



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**Fort Washington Guard** - March 16, 2015 at 06:54 PM

TI

“ *My sincere condolences to the Houck Family. Mr. Houck was a very strong family man, and taught his family to be the same. Always laughing and cracking jokes on everyone. Made a tremendous contribution to everyone that met him, all the way down to the NC/VA line! And I'm sure everywhere he and Mrs. Houck went, they sowed their special seeds of love to everyone they met. He will be missed very much.*

*Tissie*

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**Tissie** - March 16, 2015 at 06:46 PM

KC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Houck family. I will always remember Uncle Ed for the fun times he provided around a campfire, whether at the cabin or just in a backyard. My prayers are with you all.*  
*Kerry Callan*

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**Kerry Callan** - March 16, 2015 at 02:27 PM

JC

“ *My heart goes out to the Houck family. Grandpa (Pat always referred to him) was such a sweet, happy man every time I saw him. He would routinely pull Jim or Pat's chain and laugh with them - he was such a special person.*

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**Jennie Chandler** - March 16, 2015 at 11:37 AM

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*My prayers are with the family...I remember him at the Rosensteel reunions...Bob was in touch him over the years about genealogy...good memories*  
*Eleanor Sprankle*

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**Eleanor Sprankle** - March 21, 2015 at 08:20 AM