



James (Jim) Ray Edelen

October 28, 1938 - February 20, 2019

James Ray Edelen, 80, of La Plata, Maryland, passed away on February 20, 2019.

Jim was born in Richie, Maryland in 1938, the son of Julia and the late Joseph Ray Edelen. He served in the U. S. Navy from 1962 until he was Honorably Discharged in 1967. Jim worked 30 years before retiring for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. He was also employed by Ken Dixon Chevrolet. His hobbies were gardening and carpentry. He cut many surfaces for the Southern Maryland Decorative Painters, was a NASCAR and Dale Earnhart Jr. fan, and could not miss Curse of Oak Island and Gold Rush on television.

In addition to his father, Jim was preceded in death by his son Jeffrey Edelen.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Audrey Edelen; his mother Julia Edelen; brother Joseph Lynn Edelen (Lana); son James Robert Edelen (Denise); daughters Deborah Vito Olejnik (Richard), Kimberly Vito Kuehl (Michael); grandchildren Zachary, Kyle and Caroline Edelen, Caitlin Olejnik, Dakota and Cassidy Kuehl; nephews Joel Edelen, Steven Edelen, Michael Edelen, and Timothy Edelen.

Family and friends to gather on Friday, March 8, 2019 from 1PM until time of service at 2PM at Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Avenue,

La Plata, Maryland 20646. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Charles County, 2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, Maryland 20603.

Previous Events

Gathering

MAR 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service
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Celebration of Life

MAR 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James (Jim) Ray Edelen*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *James (Jim) Ray Edelen*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Loraine Hennessy lit a candle in memory of James (Jim) Ray Edelen*



Loraine Hennessy - March 01, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the family, I know he will be truly missed, he was one of the good guys for sure. Jim was a big part of my life and his passing is a big loss for so many that knew him. R.I.P. My Friend*

Steve Padgett - February 25, 2019 at 10:22 AM

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Shame on me, your 1st Cousin Steve Champion, for only now recognizing what a wonderful, warm, intelligent human being Bro. Elias (Cousin Jim) was. Until reading his obit I had no inkling of his many accomplishments. And bring a fellow Knight of Columbus. And what a great sense of humor. My wife and children will always recall our special visit with him at his residence in Victorville, CA too many years ago to recall the exact one. Our kids enjoyed him so much as with either his or the Victorville facilities' huge dog "Edison"! What a treat! While he was in Los Angeles he came to our home in Simi Valley, CA. A very, very special human being. Jesus has a very special Soul up there with him. 💕💕 Cuz Jim

steve Champion - July 01, 2019 at 02:58 PM