



James M. Rupert

June 25, 1922 - November 14, 2017

James Merrill Rupert, aged 95, passed away peacefully at home in Jacksonville, Florida on November 14, 2017.

Born in Augusta, Georgia on January 25, 1922, the fifth of nine children of John Albert Broadus and Norma Tallulah Morgan Rupert.

Jim spent his early years between Georgia and Ohio and in a mining camp in South Nuttal, West Virginia, where as a young boy he worked alongside his father in the coal company store. His experiences of growing up in the coal camp at an early age left a lifelong impression revealed in the richness of his character, wisdom and colorful stories.

A graduate of Anstead High School, he moved to Charleston, WV where he wed Virginia Lee Todd on November 13, 1948 and became a successful home builder. They moved to the Washington, DC area to continue in the construction business and raise a family.

In the late 60s he bought his beloved Farm in Baker, West Virginia, which quickly became a family gathering point. Over the years he tried his hand at raising cows, breeding horses, growing vegetables and flowers, lumber milling, clock building, making wine and establishing an orchard.

Later, Jim and Virginia would spend their winter months in Florida, where he built his own home at seventy-eight years old and worked with his son to construct a 33-foot sailboat and also built a home for his daughter in Tucson Arizona.

His advice and counsel as the family patriarch was sought after by his many

friends and family to the end.

Jim is survived by his sisters Margaret Green of Silver Spring, MD, and Evelyn Jackson of Charleston, WV; his four children Mary Ellen Wooten of Tucson, AZ, Henry Rupert of Jacksonville, FL, Martha Bloomfield of Wheeling, WV and Janet Blazovic of Wilmington, DE; eight grandchildren; and eleven great grandchildren.

Family will receive friends on Friday from 5-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville where services will be held Saturday at 11am .

Graveside services and interment in Riverview Cemetery, Moundsville.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

Round Bottom Hill Rd.
Moundsville, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville
400 Jefferson Ave
Moundsville, WV 26041
(304) 845-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LK

“ Love, JR ,Colisia and kids purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James M. Rupert.



Love, JR ,Colisia and kids - November 24, 2017 at 11:01 AM

TS

“ The Strattons purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James M. Rupert.



The Strattons - November 24, 2017 at 10:07 AM

WM

“ With Love, The Hargreaves Family in Maryland purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James M. Rupert.



With Love, The Hargreaves Family in Maryland - November 23, 2017 at 11:25 AM

SA

“ Sue, Nancy and Andy purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James M. Rupert.



Sue, Nancy and Andy - November 22, 2017 at 03:54 PM

WS

“ *Mary Ellen, Henry, Martha, and Janet I'm saddened to hear of your father's passing. I remember your father letting me ride on the bulldozer when he developed James Park. Your mother and my mother were classmates at Marshall college. Mom and I attended your parents 50th anniversary celebration. God Bless.*

Bill Stratton

William Stratton - November 21, 2017 at 11:29 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of James M. Rupert.*



November 20, 2017 at 11:38 PM