



James Kenneth Burch

August 15, 1950 - March 12, 2022

James Kenneth Burch of Providence Forge, New Kent County, VA, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2022, with family at his side. He was 71 years of age.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Noleen R. Burch of Providence Forge, VA; sons, Michael P. Burch (Amy) of Riverview, FL and James L. Burch (Andrea) of Frederick, MD; brother, William Burch (Cathy) of Albuquerque, NM, Sister, Joni Thompson of Gore, VA, and sister, Susan Parham currently of Ecuador; 10 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph S. Burch and Blanche C. Burch; son, Samuel K. Burch; sister, Nancy Burch.

His career was centered in the field of configuration management and logistics for military, government and civilian entities. He also served in the U.S. Navy.

Jim loved spending time with friends and family. He held a very special place in his heart for his children and grandchildren and liked to share his corny jokes with them. He had a great sense of humor!

Jim was passionate about baseball. He played as a youth and as an adult. He

was a player/coach/manager for the Ponce de Leon Baseball League of the Maryland/Virginia Professional Baseball School. He was a lifelong Baltimore Orioles fan and came to be a Washington Nationals fan, as well.

He enjoyed fishing, playing golf and doing home improvement projects. Jim also had a love of history.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date. Donations can be made to the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation. Information for donations can be found at www.ripkenfoundation.org.

Tribute Wall

KH

“ Chris and I have lost a brother. We have so many wonderful memories of special times with Jim and Noleen. When they moved to Virginia a little over a year ago and found a place to live just 3 blocks from us, we had even more fun times. We will always remember his love of baseball and his family. He was so proud of his sons and their families. There is hole in our hearts.

Chris & Kathy

Kathleen Haynes - April 09, 2022 at 07:02 PM

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Amy Burch - April 03, 2022 at 09:48 PM

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Amy Burch - April 03, 2022 at 09:32 PM

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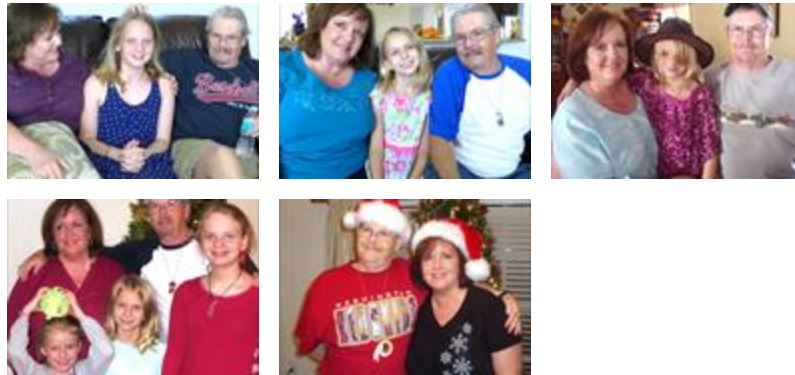
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Amy Burch - March 27, 2022 at 04:58 PM

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Amy Burch - March 27, 2022 at 04:37 PM

MM

“ I was extremely sad to hear of Uncle Jim's passing. From Camden Yards to FedEx Field to Smithfield Downs Golf Course to Uncle John's boat on the Chesapeake Bay, my heart is full of great memories of Uncle Jim. Jenn, Ava, Ethan, and I send our condolences to Aunt Noleen, Mike, and James. He'll be missed.

Matthew Milas - March 26, 2022 at 07:19 PM



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Amy Morris - March 25, 2022 at 12:09 PM

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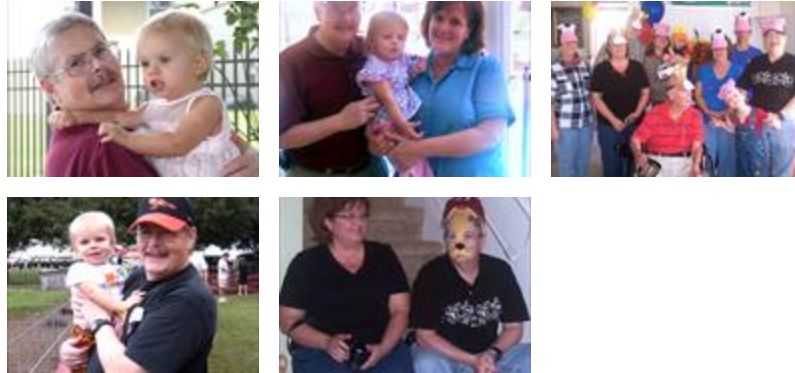
“ Our hearts are heavy knowing that Jim is not here. The first time we met him, we knew he was perfect for Noleen. He made her so very happy for 35 years! When Jim married Noleen he enriched our family further by bringing Sam, Michael and James into our lives and our hearts. Kevin and I so very sorry and send love to each of you. We hope that your many wonderful memories will be a comfort to you and will help you through this great sorrow.



Eileen and Kevin Milas - March 24, 2022 at 09:46 PM

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Amy Burch - March 20, 2022 at 05:59 PM

MS

“ I was a Facebook friend with Jimmy. We also became neighbors when I moved to New Carrollton, Md in 1961. It was a short little street with only 6 houses and we all had children who played together and were in and out of each others' houses almost daily. We parents socialized and went on outings together with the children. I, along with the children and parents who I maintain contact with will, at times, reminisce with great fondness about those days. When I expressed concern about his health he would say, "Ok New Carrollton Mom". He was right—once a Mom always a Mom. I was proud to have him call me Mom but to me he will always be Blanche's little boy. Love you Jimmy
Martha Ann McDaniel Seeman.

Martha Ann McDaniel Seeman - March 20, 2022 at 07:50 AM

KM

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Kathy Marianelli - March 19, 2022 at 09:08 AM

RA

“ *John and I extend our condolences to Noleen and family. Praying for you all. I have enjoined getting reacquainted with my cousin on Facebook over the past few years. Jim was a funny guy. I will always think of him as Jimmy because that's what I called him when we were kids. He will be missed. Until we meet again cuz!!*

Ruth Anthony - March 18, 2022 at 08:55 PM

JH

“*Kim and I send our condolences to Jim's immediate family. His siblings, his kids, Noleen, and everyone else in his extended family. If there's one thing that stands out with me it's his love and concern for his family. He had a great interest in his ancestry, doing a lot of research on both the Blakeney and Burch family. He loved to make comments on the Blakeney Family website in Facebook and was so supportive of everyone in that group, constantly posting positive comments. He loved to reminisce about our grandparents and our cousins. He posted something one day asking people to put some of their memories of growing up in the Blakeney family in the 60's. I saw a post from Jim a couple years back, being man enough to admit some earlier mistakes in his life and apologizing, showing how his family was way more important to him than anything. Jim and I debated a bit on facebook and he "de-friended" me twice, only to immediately ask to be friends again, realizing his family was more important to him than any ole debate. And of course I'll never forget the baseball card collection he gave me when I was 14 that I still have. I'll never forget him defending me when some bullies were picking on me when I was very young. Jim's mom, my Aunt Blanche, was mine and my sister's godmother. She was so loving and so generous to me, my sister and all the rest of us. Jim had a large part of her heart in him, just as his siblings.*

Jack Hay - March 18, 2022 at 08:14 PM

JB

“ Dad through the years.



James L Burch - March 18, 2022 at 08:13 PM

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“ These kiddos and James & I miss Pops so much!



Andrea Burch - March 18, 2022 at 07:45 PM

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Amy Burch - March 18, 2022 at 05:21 PM

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Amy Burch - March 18, 2022 at 04:47 PM

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William Burch - March 18, 2022 at 04:37 PM

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Amy Burch - March 18, 2022 at 04:36 PM

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Alice - March 18, 2022 at 04:34 PM

WB

“ Jim was my onliest brother. He was 4 years younger than I was, so he was the little brother, always in the way, his momma's pet, a little bit feisty, but he was a sickly kid for a while, that made us worry about him. Then it was back to picking on him as is normal for an older brother to do. He was bent in a different direction than my older sister (BTW - I got two more sisters later on, and they're pretty neat too) and I - he liked to tinker with things and went to the same High School (Bladensburg) as we did but in a vocational program. I moved away to New Mexico in 1971, and we lost touch for a bit. He got married, had some children, all boys, which he adored. When that marriage broke up, he kept his boys close at hand and was quite involved in their upbringing. When he found Noleen, his life turned around - she was definitely his soul mate. I had always loved my brother, and we did get a few opportunities later in life to spend some time together. After all, he lived in Tampa Fla. So, when we went to Florida, sometimes we'd meet - in Tampa, or Destin, or Orlando. We even got to have a couple of reunions in Ocean City, MD. I really got to like him - I found that he had the same weird humor, slightly sarcastic, told each other bad jokes, reminisced about our time in the Burch household growing up. He was a good husband and father, then turned into a good grandfather as well. He loved baseball as I do, but we liked different teams - his Nationals won, my Dodgers won, and we both cheered each other's teams. I looked forward to seeing him in the future - another reunion was postponed by this Covid thing - and I will miss him. He was my onliest and bestest brother in the whole wide world.

William Burch - March 18, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ *My memories of cousin Jimmy go way back to the 60s & 70s. He was always kind to his younger cousin. I thank God for Facebook because I got to feel connected to him through his posts and his comments on my posts. I loved his sense of humor, and his devotion to our home sports teams.*

Kathy Blakenley - March 18, 2022 at 04:03 PM

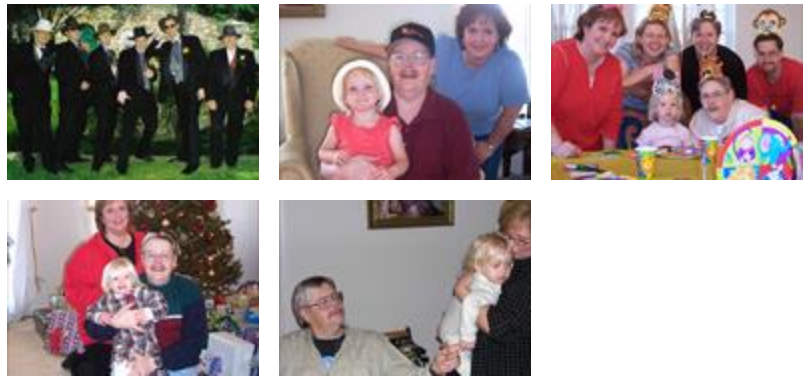


And I kept that pretty bird picture as my Facebook profile because Jim said how much he really liked it.

Kathy Blakenley - March 18, 2022 at 04:04 PM



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Amy Burch - March 18, 2022 at 02:05 PM

EG

“ *Although we lived across the country from one another, I always felt connected to Uncle Jim. He frequently commented on our social media posts and it felt like he was a part of ours lives even from far away. I remember when my kids met him - they were very young, and they couldn't believe how much he resembled their Grandpa Bill. We love our Burch family!*

Eileen Gonzales - March 18, 2022 at 01:39 PM