



## James Pinckney Townsend

February 22, 1945 - March 21, 2016

James Pinckney Townsend, 71, of Manquin, Va., passed away peacefully at his home, Queenfield Farm on Monday, March 21, 2016.

Born on February 22, 1945, James graduated from Virginia Tech, class of 1967. James was a member of the VPI Corps of Cadets and served in Vietnam in the U.S. Army, honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant. He returned home to Queenfield, and was the owner/operator of the family dairy farm. He served on dairy boards at the local, state, and national levels. James served on the King William County Board of Supervisors for 16 years, and was an active member of the King William Ruritan Club. A life-long member and trustee of McKendree United Methodist Church, he served as treasurer for many years.

James was a loving husband, father and friend, and an outstanding member of his community. He was a lover of the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing with many family members and friends. Queenfield Farm was his passion and is his legacy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Franklin and Mary Townsend, and a son, James Hunter.

James is survived by his wife of 48 years, Rebecca Green; five children, Betsy Brittingham (Todd); Langdon (Donna), Sara Wechsler (Joe), Caroline Olney (John), Amanda Vincent (Benjamin); nine grandchildren, Drew and Benjamin Brittingham, Annabelle and Tucker Townsend, Natalie and Katherine Wechsler, and Ruby Kate, Molly, and Lucy Vincent; two brothers, Frankie

(Madeline Sue) and David (Sharon) Townsend; a sister, Mary Anne Hopkins (John); and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, March 24th at McKendree United Methodist Church, 4347 Manfield Rd., Manquin VA 23106. The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 23rd, from 3 to 6 p.m. at their home, Queenfield, 1042 Dabney's Mill Rd., Manquin Va. 23106.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the McKendree UMC Building Fund, P.O. Box 254, Manquin, VA 23106.

# Cemetery Details

## McKendree UMC Cemetery

4347 Manfield Rd.  
Manquin, VA 23106

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **23**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Queenfield Farm  
1042 Dabney's Mill Rd.  
Manquin, VA 23106

## Service

MAR **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKendree United Methodist Church  
4347 Manfield Rd.  
Manquin, VA 23106

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Our family would like to express our deepest sympathies to the Townsend family. James was a great man and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.*  
*Matt Lam*

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**Matt Lam** - April 11, 2016 at 10:10 AM

SW

“ *The service was beautiful. Lots of memories and laughter. Miss my daddy but glad to have these memories. Thank you to all who can or sent flowers, called, and wrote letters. It helps to know he was so loved and respected.*



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**Sara Wechsler** - April 09, 2016 at 08:55 PM

DD

“ Rebecca,

*Jane and I would like to express our deepest sympathy on the passing of James. I talked with James several times in the last several months and he was always the happy, friendly guy that we all came to know and love. His example of dealing with a deadly disease is something that we can all learn from.*

*As the various comments/memories posted here indicate, you and James are widely respected and loved by many people. This is no surprise.*

*I met James in the fall of '63 when we were "rats" in D Squadron at VPI. Later, we roomed together during our senior year in 1966-67. So, James was my "roommate" before he became yours. If I remember correctly, I sent you a wedding present from Okinawa in May of 1968 when I was getting ready to ship out to Vietnam.*

*I will cherish our visit at the Corps Weekend at Tech in the fall of 2014. It was great to visit with both of you then.*

*All our love to you and James,*

*Don & Jane Duvall  
The Woodlands, TX*

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Don Duvall - March 24, 2016 at 01:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Pinckney Townsend.*



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March 23, 2016 at 08:27 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Pinckney Townsend.*



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March 22, 2016 at 08:28 PM



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**Langdon Townsend** - March 22, 2016 at 07:54 PM



*Caroline, Boyd and I are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. We are sorry for your loss. Susan Allison*

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**Susan Allison** - March 23, 2016 at 06:18 AM

LW

“ Our family wanted to extend our condolences to you all during this time of grief. We were able to meet you through a mutual friend and my children had several wonderful moments helping out with the calves and watching what a day is like at a dairy farm. Those are wonderful moments that we are able to hold onto and be grateful for... Thank you for allowing us to do that and get to know you even though it was years ago. It is still a moment that is looked at and talked about on occassion. Thoughts and prayers to the family at this sad time. You all at one time have made a dear impression on others that will never be forgotten. We are truly sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,  
Laura, Julia, Drew, and Morgan Wilson

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**Laura Wilson** - March 22, 2016 at 06:35 PM

LC

“ LARRY AND ROXANNA CLORE lit a candle in memory of James Pinckney Townsend



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**LARRY AND ROXANNA CLORE** - March 22, 2016 at 03:26 PM

SP

“ All of us at Andy's Automotive and Transmissions were sad to hear of Mr. Townsends passing. Our deepest condolences to the Townsend family and friends during this difficult time. Mr. Townsend was not just a customer to us, he was a friend. He always greeted us with a smile. He would ask about the children and was always a joy to talk to. He will surely be missed.

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**Sandra Pierce** - March 22, 2016 at 03:05 PM

MM

“ Sorry to hear of this great loss. Rebecca, you won't remember me at all, but 20 years ago my husband and I slid off of the side of the road in front of your home, into the ditch. It was dark, we were frightened. You welcomed me into your home, gave me a tour of the downstairs, even offered me something to drink as well as a snack while James figured out a way to pull my husbands truck out of your ditch.

*Even all of these years later, you and your husbands kindness to us has been remembered!*

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**mimi marshall** - March 22, 2016 at 02:25 PM

CC

“ *“Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go and prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may also be.” John 14:1-3*



*To the Townsend Family:*

*So sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. His earthly presence will be solely missed but his love, spirit and smile will live on in the memories of many, whose lives he influenced and touched.*

*Claudette Thorpe Canady*

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**Claudette Canady** - March 22, 2016 at 12:39 PM

VG

“ *The Gaines family would like to extend our deepest sympathy to your family.*

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**Virginia Gaines** - March 22, 2016 at 11:23 AM

PT

“ *Phil and James met in 1964 as freshmen in D Squadron at VA TECH.*

*In 1965 James introduced me to Phil and thus began a lifelong friendship with James and Rebecca. He and Rebecca drove me to Quantico to see Phil one summer when he was in basic training. James was a groomsman in our wedding in The VPI War Memorial Chapel on graduation day, June 11, 1967. We stayed in touch over the years. We may have seen each other infrequently but our fondness for the Townsends never wavered. They were always the first people we looked for at class reunions. James was a truly great guy! The story of his life exemplifies that. We are so saddened by his untimely death. He has left a tremendous void in his family and in his community. Our thoughts and prayers are filled with you, Rebecca, and your precious family. James is now reaping the rewards of a life of service. Rest in Peace, dear, sweet friend.*

*Phil and Kay Traube  
Yakima, WA*

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**Phil and Kay Traube** - March 22, 2016 at 09:55 AM

Squad  
SQUAD

“ *Rebecca, Caroline, Amanda, Sarah, Betsy, and Langdon I am so sorry for the loss of James. I have many memories at Queen field with you all and care a great deal about your family. You all were very much on my mind yesterday and I see why. Sending my love, thoughts, and prayers to you all. If need anything during this time please don't hesitate.*

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**Rhonda Elliott** - March 22, 2016 at 09:42 AM

BJ

“ Rebecca and family, our grief runs deep as we pray with heartfelt sympathy for your comfort and strength now and the days ahead. James touched a broad spectrum of lives in so many ways---always with enthusiasm, love, and respect. His Christian example with those whose lives he touched was refreshing, memorable, and contagious! With humility he would offer wise counsel when asked and certainly helped many whether they asked or not. We are thankful to have known him and have no doubt that his legacy will live on through the family and others who were privileged to know him. Our love to you all.

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**Bruce Johnson** - March 22, 2016 at 04:58 AM

SP

“ Sandy and Paul purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Pinckney Townsend.



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**Sandy and Paul** - March 21, 2016 at 10:45 PM

MN

“ Rebecca, Caroline and the entire Townsend family, I am so saddened to hear of your great loss and my heart and love goes out to each of you. As you know, I only knew him for a few months..but I will forever remember him beaming with love as he walked his dear Caroline over the sand dune on that glorious day on Hatteras Island. It was so evident that he lived for his family and what a beautiful legacy he has left in everyone if you. God Bless.

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**Martha Nicholas** - March 21, 2016 at 07:57 PM

MN

“ *Martha Nicholas lit a candle in memory of James Pinckney Townsend*



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**Martha Nicholas** - March 21, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ *So many fond memories... from classmates at Tech to fishing together in Alaska. He will be missed by so,so many !*

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**Eugene Daniel** - March 21, 2016 at 06:08 PM

PN

“ *To Rebecca and family I am so sorry for your loss. James was always smiling. He will be missed so much in the community.*  
*Patricia Norman*

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**Patricia Norman** - March 21, 2016 at 05:59 PM

JW

*My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Rebecca and the family during this time of sadness and grief. I have only known James for a few years, but know of his kindness and love for his wonderful family. Always had a smile and welcomed me many times when I had the opportunity to visit in his home or church. May you feel the presence of our Heavenly Father as you face each day, knowing that God has promised never to leave us and He will bring strength and peace . Jessie W. Walton*

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**Jessie W. Walton** - March 22, 2016 at 08:26 AM

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**Claire** - March 21, 2016 at 03:30 PM