



John P. Kellam Jr.

October 30, 1933 - August 10, 2025

John P. Kellam, Jr., of West Point, Virginia, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at the age of 91. For the past nine years, he made his home in Centreville, Virginia, with his daughter Amy and her family, where he was surrounded daily by love and laughter.

Born on October 30, 1933 in Richmond, Virginia, to John and Margaret Kellam, John grew up with a deep appreciation for hard work, craftsmanship, and family. In 1959, he married the love of his life, Marjorie, and together they raised four children, building a life rooted in devotion, generosity, and faith.

John devoted 27 years working for Chesapeake Corporation, where his diligence and dependability earned the respect of his colleagues. An expert brick mason by trade, he poured skill and pride into every wall and fireplace he built. Outside of his profession, his hands were rarely still — he made and repaired dolls, crafted rosaries (a practice he continued until the last year of his life), and could often be found whittling small treasures from wood. His work was always a reflection of his creativity, patience, and love for others.

John's generosity was as steady as his work ethic — whether offering his time, talent, or encouragement, he gave freely and without hesitation. Those who knew John remember his quick wit, kind spirit, and unwavering dedication to his family. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a proud

grandfather and great-grandfather whose greatest joy came from time spent with those he cherished.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Marjorie, his parents John and Margaret Kellam, his sister Constance Perry and nephew Kenny Perry.

John's legacy of craftsmanship, humor, and steadfast love lives on in the lives of his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all who were fortunate enough to know him. He is survived by his children Jennifer Haynes ((Billy), Jessica Cook (John), Amy Powers (Richard), Shawn (Tonia), grandchildren Ashley (Austin), John (Tina), Maggie, Stacie (Chris), Alfredo, Seth, Shelby, and great grandchildren, Claire, Nicholas, Peyton, Daivian, Jade, and Ariana and great great grandson Colsen, niece Patsy (Richard), nephew Ronnie (Vivian).

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 a.m. Saturday, August 16th at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 3570 King William Avenue, West Point, VA 23181. Interment will follow in St. Theresa Cemetery, West Point, VA. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181. The family will be receiving friends for a time of food and fellowship at the Knights of Columbus Hall following the graveside service.

Cemetery Details

St. Theresa's Cemetery

2400 King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Funeral Mass

AUG 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
3570 King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

KL

“ Jennifer, Jessica, Amy, Shawn...
Our condolences to you all...
We understand how much your dad is...and will be...missed by each of you & your families. The beautiful thoughts to take to heart are that he is with our God, he is reunited with your lovely mom, and that he left you all with the love & lessons that he poured into each of you, in your whole big beautiful family. He was also part of the greater West Point family and family of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. We are all better for his impact on our lives through his kindness, his generosity, and the sharing of his faith. Thank you for sharing your mom & dad with us for so many years.
In faith,
Phil & Karen Liberato

Karen Liberato - August 18, 2025 at 09:46 AM

PS

“ Me Kellam was a very kind and special person. He always made me feel welcome when visiting his house. Come on in with open arms when I tagged along behind his kids. Sending hugs and prayers to the family and please focus on the special memories in your hearts. Sending you all my love. Peggy



Peggy Wills Sanford - August 17, 2025 at 12:55 PM

DC

“ *David A Cook lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.*



David A Cook - August 16, 2025 at 09:08 AM

DC

I will always remember the stories John told me while whittling wood on the porch in the Outer Banks. Great times and he will be missed. Love and prayers to the family and friends of John.....

David A Cook - August 16, 2025 at 09:11 AM

AW

“ *Avril & Gerald Williams lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.*



Avril & Gerald Williams - August 15, 2025 at 07:22 PM

TS

“ *Tracie Harlow Spurrell lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.*



Tracie Harlow Spurrell - August 15, 2025 at 02:06 PM

JL

“ A very talented individual in so many ways. John had a kind soul and was quick to make friends. It was my pleasure to have know him. Rest in peace !!

Jackie Lee - August 14, 2025 at 03:55 PM

SK

“ He sure will be miss. He loved me like his own Daughter. Sending my sincere love and prayers to the Kellam's family.

Sandra Kellam



Sandra Kellam - August 14, 2025 at 02:12 PM

GD

“ My former spouse and I lived next door to the Kellam family in 1996. They were so accepting of us "come-heres" and I was fascinated by Mr. Kellam's craftsmanship. My memories of West Point always include Mr. & Mrs. Kellam.

-Gary Dillon

Gary Dillon - August 14, 2025 at 12:06 PM

BK

“ We send our sincere love and prayers to Shawn, Tonia, Seth, Shelby and all the Kellam family members.



Betty & Bobby Knight - August 14, 2025 at 06:45 AM



“ *Regina Feucht lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.*



Regina Feucht - August 13, 2025 at 09:04 PM



Paul and I send our sympathy to the Kellam Family.

Regina Feucht - August 13, 2025 at 09:04 PM

RC

“ *I had the privilege of cutting John’s hair up until he moved out of West Point. He showed me some of his carvings at his home when I went to cut his hair at his house and what a great talent he had.. Always kind and gentle. I missed John when he left town. Love to the family and god bless.*

Rebecca Carter - August 13, 2025 at 07:49 PM

BB

“ *Lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellum Jr*



Brian Boswell - August 13, 2025 at 03:24 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Susan Willis lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.*



Bill and Susan Willis - August 13, 2025 at 01:46 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - August 13, 2025 at 08:04 AM

SK

“ *Mr. Kellam was a generous and loving man.
A true friend to all.
Giving his creative talents to everyone.*

Sue and Robert Kurfees - August 13, 2025 at 07:46 AM

RC

“ *R.T. Croswell And Donna Croswell lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.*



R.T. Croswell and Donna Croswell - August 13, 2025 at 05:53 AM

DH

“ *Dennis Hockaday lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.*



Dennis Hockaday - August 12, 2025 at 07:03 PM

DS

“ *Dale Seward lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.*



Dale Seward - August 12, 2025 at 05:35 PM

SB

“ *John was one of the first people we met when we moved her 40 years ago. He was a kind friend and an inspiration. We will miss you, and condolences to the family.*
Rae and Stan Brewer



Stanley W Brewer - August 12, 2025 at 04:05 PM

MR

“ *Mike Redford lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.*



Mike Redford - August 12, 2025 at 02:31 PM

PA

“ *Paula Armstead lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.*



Paula Armstead - August 12, 2025 at 01:52 PM

JB

“ *A true Gift from God.
Met John and His Dad doing brickwork on my Cousins first home.
Fast, hard work filled with so many light moments. Rest in Peace
my truly Great Friend!!!*

Jerry Blanchard - August 12, 2025 at 12:39 PM

ME

“ *Very fond memories of John. He was a good man. You mentioned in obituary that he whittled things for people. Attached is the fisherman that he made for my husband*



Margie Elliott - August 12, 2025 at 10:30 AM

GC

“ Dear family and friends,
I am so sorry for your loss.
John was such a kind and caring
gentleman...he will surely be missed.
Cherish your precious memories.
Gloria Couch(formerly Foster)



Gloria Couch - August 12, 2025 at 08:57 AM

SH

“ Staci Hunt lit a candle in memory of John P.
Kellam Jr.



Staci Hunt - August 12, 2025 at 08:40 AM

FS

“ Faith Silva lit a candle in memory of John P.
Kellam Jr.



Faith Silva - August 12, 2025 at 03:42 AM

WV

“ Our sincere condolences to you all. We've met John several times
when visiting my uncle father John in WP. He was a very amiable
man and will be surely missed.
Luc & Wilhelmiën de Vries-Brieffies
The Netherlands.

Wilhelmiën de Vries-Brieffies - August 12, 2025 at 02:27 AM

BE

“ Jim and I send our deepest sympathy to the family of such a talented and amazing man. God Bless all of you at this sad time.
Beverly & Jim Ross



Bev&Jim - August 11, 2025 at 09:00 PM

PC

“ Pamela Carter lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.



Pamela Carter - August 11, 2025 at 08:37 PM

TW

“ Tonya Wajciechowski lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.



Tonya Wajciechowski - August 11, 2025 at 07:34 PM

TH

“ Taylor And Debbie Hodges lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.



Taylor and Debbie Hodges - August 11, 2025 at 07:03 PM

AT

“ Amy Daniel Thompson lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.



Amy Daniel Thompson - August 11, 2025 at 06:13 PM

HW

“ HENRY WARD lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.



HENRY WARD - August 11, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ Beverly Edwards lit a candle in memory of John P. Kellam Jr.



Beverly Edwards - August 11, 2025 at 05:17 PM