



## James Clifton Custis

March 14, 1929 - December 4, 2018

James (Jim aka “Buttons”) Clifton Custis was born in Exmore, Virginia, March 14, 1929, to the late Berline Baines and Stanley Custis. It was God’s desire in His Holy Wisdom, that his life ended quietly and peacefully, at Beebe Hospital, Lewes, Delaware, on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at the age of 89 years old.

As a young man, Jim moved to Dover, Delaware, to work as a truck driver and “waterman” (commercial fisherman). Eventually, he began working at Outten Brothers and as an independent contractor for Jack Parker Enterprises, for over 26 years as a carpet installer. Thereafter he continued his entrepreneurial spirit and had his own select group of clients. Jim had the reputation of being the best carpet installer throughout the Delmarva Peninsula.

While working at Outten Brothers, he met the love of his life, his wife, Ann. They would have been together 50 years on December 14, 2018. From this union, God blessed them with two loving children James Jr. and Eva.

Jim Custis was a sweet, giving and humble man. He would ALWAYS go out of his way to help anyone! His hobbies were hunting, watching and attending Baltimore Orioles baseball games, along with his love of boxing. He was a provider, loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle, who put God first in all of his endeavors. He always opened his home

to those in need with a comforting heart and an attentive ear, with zero judgment. Any children who stayed overnight at his home was required to attend church on Sunday mornings.

Jim was the overseer of the design and construction of the current St. John 2nd Baptist Church. Upon completion, he took responsibility as the church caretaker. He was instrumental in designing a financial plan that would allow the church membership to pay-off a 30-year mortgage in 9 years. He was a faithful member and a Trustee that would always greet you with an open-heart, handshake and a warm gracious smile.

He was preceded in death by his sons Lamont Harmon, Samuel Leggins, and his siblings Forest Custis and Elizabeth Giddens.

In love and faith he leaves to cherish his memory and to continue his smile and good spirit, a loving wife, Ann J. Custis; a son, James Custis (Nicole); daughters, Eva Wellman (Terrance), Debbie Harmon, Anna Harmon (Mike) of Bear, DE, Shuna Harmon of Lewes, Sonya Gholson and Lizzie Mae Richardson of Eastern Shore, VA; a special son, Spencer Brittingham (Tamela) of Rehoboth, DE; two grandchildren whom he reared, Jacquell Adams (Anthony) Roanoke, VA and Darien Custis of Lewes, DE; another special son, Andrew Knox of Lewes, DE; thirteen grandchildren, Raven, Tyler, Jack, Diveadra, Victoria, Orlando, Jared, George, Charlene, Talon, Spencer II, Shayne, and Shayla; ten great grandchildren, Jordan, Abrahm, Cianna, Jeremiah, Deveah, Laniya, Noah, Nichanna, Nikolaus, and Mason; two sisters, Mary Giddens and Corrine Fisher of Exmore, VA; two brothers, Norman Custis (Maggie) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and McKinley Collins of Exmore, VA; three brothers-in-law, Marvin Morris (MaryAnn) of Millsboro, DE, Lloyd Morris (Laura) and Keith Morris of Lewes, DE; three sisters-in-law, Cleo Phillips of Wilmington, DE, Teresa Demby and Jackie Street (Tony) of Lewes, DE.

He will be greatly missed by two friends and a nephew who were his caregivers, Mae and Elton Hopkins, and Gregory Johnson; his riding partners, Otis Smith and Anthony Bailey; Malcolm Timmons, who he assisted in many handyman jobs; many nieces, nephews, his St. John 2nd Baptist Church family, and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ To the Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Matthew 22:32, Jesus quoted God as saying: I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Then he continued: He is the God, not of the dead, but of the living. I know that those words mean that those retained in God's memory and will return in the resurrection. Ms Woodson

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December 26, 2018 at 01:39 PM



“ GOD, please bless and strengthen this family as they bury our beloved family and friend Pop Jim Custis, We will never forget such a kind and wonderful man, who had a heart of gold. Rest on pop and we will miss you. Forever and always in our hearts

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**Fonnie & Linda Miller** - December 15, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ Thanking God for my uncle button. It was a pleasure to be your caretaker for several months and I have a new Outlook for caregivers. We have shared some wonderful moments that I will treasure for the rest of my life. I truly miss that smiling face and those outburst of laughter. I still don't know why you were laughing alot of times but for whatever reason I am just glad to have seen the smiles on your face. I sure miss dressing is up for church on Sundays and you saying "man u got me looking Sharp" those are moments I won't ever forget. Continue to rest in PEACE uncle button I love you dearly..

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**Gregory Johnson** - December 11, 2018 at 12:42 PM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one with the hope that in some small way comfort you as we have been comforted with what the Bible reveals to us about all those who have died. God's only-begotten son, Jesus Christ promises that one day soon he is going to bring back to life all those who have died (Acts 24:15; John 5:28,29), just as he did when he was on earth as a man (John 11:43,44). That is a day we all are looking forward to. We are confident it is not only a reality, but also a sure hope! Why? Because we know, as the Bible tells us, it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2). So, this promise from God, we might say, is "as good as done". May Almighty God comfort and strengthen you (2 Corinthians 1:3,4). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

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**George & Christine Ragusa** - December 10, 2018 at 12:32 PM

QU

“ Pop- I will miss you very much. I will cherish our conversations, and moments of laughter. Thank you for loving me and my boys. May you Rest In Peace, until we meet again. Love, Quellie, Jordan, Anthony, and Abram.

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**Quellie** - December 10, 2018 at 11:05 AM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

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**H. Fields** - December 10, 2018 at 09:32 AM

NC

“ I am very sorry to read of the passing of your loved one, James. He will be missed. May the love and memories you have for him sustain your family as you deal with his loss. May "the God of peace," (Romans 15:33) be with your family as you deal with the loss as well.

Nancy C - December 07, 2018 at 09:02 AM

JO

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of James Custis your loved one. May the wonderful memories of your loved one continue to provide a measure of comfort to you until God's promise is fulfilled at Matthews 5: 5.

JoyceA - December 06, 2018 at 01:35 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss Jesus Christ Loves Me We Love You

Thomas Widgeon - December 05, 2018 at 06:35 PM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection (Acts 24:15) and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one. - Revelation 21:3,4; John 5:28,29; Luke 23:43. may GOD (Psalms 83:18) grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time. - Matthew 5:4

M Jones - December 05, 2018 at 10:51 AM