



James Edward Kilby Sr.

April 13, 1950 - April 6, 2021

James Edward Kilby Sr., of Dover, Delaware, was born on April 13, 1950, in Rappahannock County, Virginia. He was the son of Irene Kilby-Timbers and the late Bell Timbers. James was affectionately referred to as Jimmy, by friends and Pop Pop by his grandchildren. He had a sense of humor that anyone could grow to love. James departed this life on April 6, 2021, at home, surrounded by his loving family, at the age of 70 years old.

James received his education in the Virginia School System. He attended Scrabble, Carvel and Rappahannock High School. In 1970, he graduated from Warren County High School. After graduation, James enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served for 14 and a half years. He was later employed at Hirsh Industries for 30 years, until his retirement in 2016.

James was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Dover, Delaware. He enjoyed serving as a member of Calvary's Hospitality and Soup Kitchen organizations.

James was a proud father and grandfather and avid supporter of his children and grandchildren. He loved attending their football, track, soccer, and baseball games. Holidays were always a special time for him because he loved entertaining his family and friends. The Christmas Brunch and end of summer barbeques were notable favorites of close friends and family. On

Sundays, you could find him at the US 13 Dragway watching his son, Randall, race his motorcycle, as well as his friend, Gary, race his car. James also had a passion for the RV life. You would find him taking his RV to athletic functions, camping and to other family gatherings.

James was preceded in death by his brother Melvin Timbers.

James is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Florence Kilby of Dover, DE; two daughters, Cynthia Muhammad (Sherman) of Fredericksburg, VA and Frances Harris (Robert) of Dover, DE; two sons, Randall Scott (Shirley) of Magnolia, DE and James Kilby, Jr. (Natarsha) of Dover, DE; mother, Irene Timbers of Culpeper, VA; four sisters, I. Christine Timbers of Santa Barbara CA, Mary Ellen Timbers, of Culpeper VA, Frances Miller (Stephen) of Culpeper, VA and Gail Timbers (Tom) of Richmond, VA; an aunt, Polly Dennis; special aunt, Mary Louise Dickerson; two sisters-in-law, Bridie Timbers, of Woodbridge, VA and Doris Ruff (John) of Dover, DE; mother-in-law, Frances Lamb of Dover, DE; 22 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Our condolences to the Kilby Family. We grew up together and remained friends throughout the years. James will be missed by so many people. Rick & Lucille

Rick & Lucille Johnson - April 21, 2021 at 08:02 AM

TK

“ To the entire Kilby and Timbers families, please accept my sincere condolence.

Tim Kilby - April 18, 2021 at 03:25 PM

GA

“ Great friends for many years...I'll miss you.. You left me hanging...but I still love you!

Gary - April 16, 2021 at 06:59 PM

SC

“ Family functions will not be the same without James Edward. He always was ready for a hug and to be the family photographer. He loved taking pictures. I would joke with him and tell him well there are more pictures we will never see because you forget to share them with us. He would laugh and promise to send me copies as he gave me a big hug. He was most definitely the life of the party. May God hold our family during this painful time and let us remember all the joyous moments we had with James and let those memories comfort us during dark times. James, your memory will never us and it will live long in our hearts.

Shelly Timbers Carver - April 16, 2021 at 12:26 PM

JS

“ I was very fortunate to work with Jim for many years and I am grateful for the time we spent together. Over the years, our relationship developed into one based on deep trust and respect as I witnessed the depth of his character as well as his love for his family. I am a better person for the lessons I learned from Jim and although I will miss him dearly, I will always smile quietly when I think of our friendship. Godspeed my friend.

Joseph Smith - April 16, 2021 at 12:59 AM

LF

“ In Loving Memory of our Dad/ Pop-Pop. We will forever keep you in our hearts. We Love and Miss You.

Love the Muhammad, Hackett & Sykes Families - April 15, 2021 at 03:22 PM

AM

“ Thinking of you and praying for moments of peace as you celebrate life today. My sincere sympathy to the entire family!

Amber Myers - April 14, 2021 at 09:16 PM

SH

“ Happy Birthday Pop Pop. I love you and I will miss you so much.

Shay Hackett - April 13, 2021 at 10:22 AM

MS

“ To the Kilby family. I worked with Jim for many years at Hirsh Industries and was so saddened when I heard this news. Jim was a hard working, dedicated employee who was well respected by his peers and his shipping department crew. He adored his family and often shared pictures of the large family gatherings. Jim was a friend. So sorry for your loss!!

Meg Shivone - April 09, 2021 at 06:39 PM

JS

“ I will always remember Jim's big smile and his kindness. He always asked about my family with care and concern. If Jim was your friend, you had a friend for life. I will miss you my friend.

Joanne Smith - April 09, 2021 at 11:00 AM

LT

“ Florence Kilby and Family, Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very sad and difficult time. We too will miss our dear friend

Love, Richard and Doris Turner - April 08, 2021 at 10:11 AM

CM

“ Missing you so much Dad. Thankful we had 49 years together. Wish I had 1,000 more years to spend with you. They say God makes no mistakes. I was just not prepared for our time together here on earth to end. Rest easy Papi. Love, Cindy

Cynthia Muhammad - April 07, 2021 at 10:01 PM