



James Elwood Pauls

March 26, 1935 - October 2, 2025

JAMES ELWOOD PAULS(FOXY) beloved husband, father, and grandfather departed this life on October 2, 2025. He was born to the late Margaret Williams and Walter Pauls, Jr. on March 26, 1935. He was 90 years old. In 1953, he was united in holy matrimony to his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Dorothy Elizabeth Gaines.

He attended Kennard High School and was instrumental in assisting with the restoration efforts at the historically black high school. He and his wife gave savings bonds to students for Black History Month essays at Kennard Elementary for many years. He is a member of Bryant's United Methodist Church and attended weekly service while his health permitted it.

James had a proclivity for hard work. He worked for Queen Anne's County Board of Education as an independent school bus contractor for 25 years. In 1976 he opened Pauls' Tire Service on Dulin Clark Road in Centreville. For many years, his grandson Clarence worked with him. He managed this reputable business for over 45 years and received many awards and accolades including a citation from Governor Wes Moore, Superintendent Webb, Centreville National Bank, Maryland Farm Bureau, Kennard Heritage Center, Grasonville Elementary, Bryan's Methodist and Bethel A.M.E Churches.

He lives to mourn his beloved wife, Dorothy, daughters Sharon,(Dave) Janet, grandson Clarence, and great grandson, Kyrie. Also, brothers Walter(Willie), William(Geraldine), and Larry (Mary),and sisters Shirley, Gloria, and Terri (

Kevin). One deceased sister (Teresa) a special cousin, Randy Adkins and many other relatives and friends.

John 4:11 "Dear friend, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." Pop's swan song was, "I love everyone!" He will be missed dearly.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church
608 Church Hill Road
Centreville, MD 21617

Visitation

OCT **11.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT **11.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial donations in his honor may be sent to the Kennard Cultural Arts Center of Centreville, or Compass Hospice of Centreville.

Tribute Wall

FP

“ Frank And Tish Palmatary lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls



Frank and Tish Palmatary - November 01, 2025 at 02:41 PM

BP

“ Sincere condolences to the Paul's family.



Bruce & Lisa Plummer - October 21, 2025 at 11:58 AM

RJ

“ Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls



Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell - October 16, 2025 at 08:04 AM

BC

“ Butch And Sally Coursey lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls



Butch and Sally Coursey - October 13, 2025 at 10:46 PM

JQ

“ We are saddened by the passing of Mr. Paul's. He handled all of tire work on our trucks and equipment for 35 years. We always engaged in conversation of the happenings of the area, and sharing jokes. Rest in Peace Mr. Paul's, and may his family find peace in knowing he was a great man.
Jeff and Melissa Quinn

Jeff Quinn - October 12, 2025 at 09:57 AM

TG

“ Tracey Griffin lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls



Tracey Griffin - October 11, 2025 at 10:38 AM

LR

“ Lee And Frederick Ryans((Buck) lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls



Lee and Frederick Ryans((Buck) - October 10, 2025 at 09:48 PM

BP

“ Bill And Norma Patton lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls



Bill and Norma Patton - October 10, 2025 at 08:49 AM

MB

“ *My sincere condolences to all of Foxy’s family and friends. I never saw him without that incredible smile. It never mattered how much time had passed Foxy always inquired about all of our family. He was such a hardworking man and helped so many people no matter if it was day or night. Janet please know that I am thinking of you at this most difficult time. May all of you find comfort in knowing that he is no longer in pain.*

Mary

Mary Brown - October 09, 2025 at 08:25 PM

LK

“ *Mr. Foxy always had a smile and stories to share. Kindest man you would ever want to know. Prayers to the family.*



Lynn Knight - October 09, 2025 at 07:29 PM

TP

“ *Teron Pierce lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls*



Teron Pierce - October 09, 2025 at 06:35 PM

SC

“ Sandra Crawford lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls



Sandra Crawford - October 09, 2025 at 05:15 PM

CW

“ Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of James Elwood Pauls



Centreville Methodist Women - October 09, 2025 at 05:13 PM

MA

“ Mr. Foxes was a blessing to our community! He always had a smile, kind word for you! My father Charlie Anthony considered him a true friend always! I pray for PEACE for his family!
❤️ Martha Anthony



MarthaAnthony - October 09, 2025 at 04:46 PM

MA

Foxy

MarthaAnthony - October 09, 2025 at 04:47 PM

LJ

“ Dear Mrs. Dotty,
I Will Never Frget All The Times That Mr.
Jimmy Has Helped Fix The Tires On The Car
Wherever There was A Need. I Would Call You,
And You Both Would Make Sure That The
Problem Was Solved! You Both Have Been A
Blessing!



Mr. Pauls' Kindness Will Always Be Remembered. GOD BLESS
AND KEEP YOU, JANET, SHARON & FAMILY IN HIS CARE! He
Will Never Leave You Nor Forsake You. PSALM 46:1 GOD IS OUR
REFUGE AND STRENGTH

Prayers & Blessings,

Lorraine Jenkins ❤️ Family (Philippians 4:13)

"IF GOD BRINGS YOU TO IT, HE WILL BRING YOU THROUGH
IT!"

Lorraine Jenkins - October 09, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of James Elwood Pauls.



October 09, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ A [Memorial
Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Elwood Pauls.

October 09, 2025 at 09:05 AM

RG

“ *Reggie Gibbs lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls*



Reggie Gibbs - October 09, 2025 at 08:00 AM

RG

Mrs. Dorothy, Janet and Sharon, you have my deepest sympathy.

Reggie Gibbs - October 09, 2025 at 08:02 AM

TW

“ *Timothy Williams lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls*



Timothy Williams - October 08, 2025 at 10:45 PM

SB

“ *Sarah J. Brown lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls*



Sarah J. Brown - October 08, 2025 at 08:30 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of James Elwood Pauls



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - October 08, 2025 at 07:14 PM

GP

Janet and family: our prayers and blessings are with you during the loss of your dad. He surely will be missed in the Community and County. His smiling face will be missed along with chatting with so many people. Special blessings to you at this time. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - October 08, 2025 at 07:19 PM

DW

“ To Janet and family, may God give you strength, comfort, peace & love during this difficult time 🙏🕊️❤️



Dorvonda Warren - October 08, 2025 at 06:42 PM

RB

“ Robin Brown lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls



Robin Brown - October 08, 2025 at 06:32 PM

TA

“ Tim and Kim Austin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Elwood Pauls.



Tim and Kim Austin - October 08, 2025 at 06:27 PM

TA

“ Tim and Kim Austin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Elwood Pauls.

Tim and Kim Austin - October 08, 2025 at 06:27 PM

KA

“ Tim and Kim Austin are truly saddened by the loss of Mr Paul's. He was a wonderful friend. We were blessed to have the opportunity to meet him over 35 years ago.. we are keeping everyone in our prayers.

kim austin - October 08, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Elwood Pauls.



October 08, 2025 at 05:39 PM

BY

“ *Bill Young lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls*



Bill Young - October 08, 2025 at 05:05 PM

DC

“ *Donna Clough lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls*



Donna Clough - October 08, 2025 at 03:48 PM

JC

“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls*



June Clark - October 08, 2025 at 03:07 PM

DJ

“ *My condolences and deepest sympathy to Janet and family . Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of the loss of your father and loved ones in.*



Denise Jones - October 08, 2025 at 03:06 PM

RA

“ *Rita Alsup lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls*



Rita Alsup - October 08, 2025 at 02:00 PM

RA

Mr. Pauls was the best bus driver ever. I remember on the last day of school every year he would stop and buy us ice cream. I will miss him so much. He was so nice! So sorry to hear of his passing.

Rita Alsup - October 08, 2025 at 02:07 PM

DW

“ *David & Kathy Wenck lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls*



David & kathy Wenck - October 08, 2025 at 01:44 PM

LD

“ *Lawrence Dunn lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls*



Lawrence Dunn - October 08, 2025 at 01:41 PM

TF

“ *The Dunn Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Elwood Pauls.*



The Dunn Family - October 08, 2025 at 01:37 PM

DB

“ *Dauida Brown lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls*



Dauida Brown - October 08, 2025 at 12:41 PM

AH

“ *Alfreda Henry lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls*



Alfreda Henry - October 08, 2025 at 12:15 PM

RP

“ *Rusty and Geraldine Pauls*



Rusty & Geraldine Pauls - October 08, 2025 at 11:38 AM

JS

“ James Munson Sr. lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls



James Munson Sr. - October 08, 2025 at 11:25 AM

DW

“ Mr. 'foxy' will be missed

Dwayne Wright - October 08, 2025 at 10:12 AM

IC

“ Iris Carter lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls



Iris Carter - October 08, 2025 at 08:17 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - October 08, 2025 at 07:48 AM



“ *Sandra Crawford lit a candle in memory of James Elwood Pauls* ”



Sandra Crawford - October 08, 2025 at 07:33 AM