

# JAMES R. SAMPLE

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HAMPTON - James "Jim" R. Sample, age 83, passed away Tuesday evening in Hampton, Virginia, surrounded by his loving family. Jim was born on February 26th, 1934 in Morgansville, WV, to William J. and Ruby Lotus Sample. He graduated from Doddridge County High School in West Union, WV in 1952 and continued his education at the Newport News Shipbuilding Apprentice School, graduating in 1957 as a Machinery Designer. Jim served in the Virginia Army National Guard from 1954-1963, attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class. On April 8th, 1955 Jim married Joyce Ann Camp, daughter of Paul D. and Irene Camp of Charleston, WV, at Broad Street United Methodist Church, Richmond, VA. He lived in Hampton, Yorktown, and Newport News, VA, and worked at Newport News Shipbuilding until his retirement in 1993 from the Engineering Division as an Engineering Manager. Jim was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church, Hampton VA; a life member in perpetuity of Smithfield Union 18, AF&AM; Newport News Valley of the Scottish Rite, a life member of Lafayette Gun Club; the Tidewater Genealogical Society, and the Newport News Shipbuilding Apprentice Alumni Association. He was a former member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, the Society of Logistic Engineers, and the North-South Skirmish Association. He was also active in helping to feed the homeless through Hampton Roads Ecumenical Lodgings and Provisions, Inc. Jim will be especially remembered for his life-long passion for woodworking, genealogy and photography, the many other hobbies he enjoyed, and numerous activities with his family and grandchildren. Survivors include his spouse, Joyce Camp Sample; sons, James Douglas and Paul Jennings and wife, Ann; daughter, Myra Ann and husband Jon Matthews; seven grandchildren, Jamie, Randy, and Nick Sample; Amber Matthews; Keely, Erich, and Erin Sample; and several nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, William J. and Lotus Sample; brothers, Harold and William Sample; sister, Patty Ann Dennison; son, William L., and daughter, Dana Lynn Sample. A Celebration of Life service will be held in the Chapel at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton VA on Monday August 14, 2017 at 11am. Visitation and Receiving of Friends and Family will be held at the same location on Sunday, August 13th between 6-8pm. Memorial contributions are welcome at Bethany United Methodist Church, 1509 Todds Lane, Hampton, VA 23666. Special thanks to the staffs of Riverside and Sentara hospitals for their outstanding care of Jim over the last year as he fought through several medical conditions. Friends are encouraged to visit [www.parklawn-woodfh.com](http://www.parklawn-woodfh.com) to share memories and words of condolence with the family.

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