



## James Anthony Antonellis Sr.

August 18, 1928 - July 10, 2018

James Anthony Antonellis, Sr., 89, of Gainesville passed away on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at his home.

Mr. Antonellis was born and raised in Newton, Massachusetts. He served in both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army and was a Korean War veteran. After leaving the military he settled in Northern Virginia, where he earned both his Bachelors and Masters degrees from the George Washington University while beginning a long career working for multiple government agencies as a Personnel Director. He was an avid golfer, loved sports and cherished time spent with family.

Among his survivors are his sons, James, Jr. and Joseph, his daughter-in-law Cherie, his grandsons Ryan and Evan, a brother, Francis Antonellis and two sisters, Marie Chadderdon and Arlene White. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cesidio and Fortunata Antonellis, his wife, Ella Jo and a brother, Joseph.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 14 at Pierce Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
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# Tribute Wall

PA

“ I just read this, 10/16/2018...I had tried to get in touch with him several times. Jim was my supervisor at work, my mentor, my friend. He and Ella Jo meant a great deal to me. The last time I spoke with him might have been in 2005. My second husband and I were living and traveling in a motor home for six years, then moved to NC for six years then to AZ. So sorry that I didn't talk with him later. He was so proud of Jim and Joey and I knew of the first grandson. Late condolences to the family.



Phyllis A Andrews - October 16, 2021 at 10:19 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of James Anthony Antonellis Sr..



July 13, 2018 at 08:19 PM

LA

“ LOVE FRANCIS AND ROSE MARIE ANTONELLIS purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Anthony Antonellis Sr..



LOVE FRANCIS AND ROSE MARIE ANTONELLIS - July 13, 2018 at 11:11 AM

FA

“ We loved Auntie Arlene’s comment about not being able to EDIT this. So true.  
Jim and Ella both were so kind and generous to family and friends alike.  
Jim was like a second father to our daughter, Dana, when she was attending school in DC. He even took her to purchase her first car.  
Jim was extremely perceptive and intelligent and made good decisions.  
He always kept in touch.  
We will miss his sense of humor, sometimes irreverent like his brother Francis but that is what really cracked us up.  
We will miss you Jim and I hope you know how much you were loved.

*Francis and Rose Antonellis*

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**Francis and Rose Antonellis** - July 13, 2018 at 09:49 AM

FM

“ From Anne, Ginny, & Mary purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Anthony Antonellis Sr..



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**From Anne, Ginny, & Mary** - July 13, 2018 at 08:46 AM

AW

“ Couldn't resist! He can't edit this. Jim could have strong opinions, overboard at times. He loved his family and would do anything he could to help. Ryan and Evan--hope you know how proud and happy he was to see how well you are doing. To me, the baby, he was extremely thoughtful and kind. Always checking in. I will miss those caring, informative, and most of all entertaining conversation. I will greatly miss you.

Love,  
Arlene

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**Arlene T White** - July 13, 2018 at 08:07 AM

DM

“ Donna And John Mihoch lit a candle in memory of James Anthony Antonellis Sr.



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**Donna and John Mihoch** - July 12, 2018 at 07:16 PM

BC

“ Bull Run Golf Club purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Anthony Antonellis Sr..



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**Bull Run Golf Club** - July 12, 2018 at 03:42 PM

SU

“ I am a co-worker of James at the Bull Run Golf Club. I really enjoyed the time we got to spend together talking about books and our families. You will be missed James, until we meet again, may you be at peace!

Suzy

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**Suzy** - July 12, 2018 at 01:32 PM

JA

I have fond memories of Jimmy and Ella visiting Murphy Court and of Jimmy's lively discussion of politics with my Dad, Uncle Jerry, Dom, and Francis! I agree, he had strong opinions and was a wonderful guy!! He will be greatly missed! May he rest in peace!

Joe Antonellis  
from Murphy Ct

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**Joe Antonellis** - July 14, 2018 at 11:27 AM

HE

It has been a year Jim and we still miss you at the fitness center.

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**Herb** - July 17, 2019 at 01:16 PM