



## James Robert Delamater

October 10, 1943 - March 30, 2018

James Robert Delamater, age 74, of Manassas Park, VA passed away Friday, March 30, 2018 at the Novant Health Prince William Medical Center.

He was born on October 10, 1943 in Peekskill, NY the son of the late George H. and Amy Marie (Miller) Delamater. He retired as a Sargent First Class of the U.S. Army. After his military career, he worked as the Director of Corporate Travel for M.C. Dean, Inc.

James truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures; traveling with his wife, spending time with family and loving not only his wife of 41 years to the fullest but he also gave everything to his children and grandchildren. He was a proud veteran and always held the Army close to his heart. After his military career he continued to serve his country by caring for and supporting his brothers in arms. He participated in several church missions in different areas of the country helping families rebuild their homes and lives. He was an amazing craftsman and could make anything out of nothing. He served as a tutor, mentor and coach to countless youth helping them build a foundation for their futures. He was an avid college football fan which left the house divided as he loved the Alabama Crimson Tide and his wife loved the Auburn Tigers – no matter what, it was always ROLL TIDE!

Survivors include his loving wife, Catherine M. (Beatty) Delamater; two

children, Adam Delamater and wife Lisa of Manassas Park, VA, Jaime Shillingburg and husband Scott of Rippon, West Virginia; four grandchildren, Cooper Shillingburg, Christopher Delamater, Colten Shillingburg, Charlotte Delamater; two brothers, Patrick Delamater and wife Adrian of Houston, TX, George Delamater, Jr and wife Marylou of Peekskill, NY; one sister, Pam Hard and husband Robert of Garrison, NY and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 2:00-3:00PM Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA where a Celebration of Life will be held at 3:00PM.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in James' memory to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund at [www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org).

Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211  
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

CA

“ We were soulmates before we ever met. I will love you forever and ever my darling. I miss you so much 💔 Catherine



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**Catherine** - May 01, 2018 at 03:57 PM

YU

“ Jim, you were always kind and always happy! You will be missed greatly. Keep smiling and stay out of trouble!

*My deepest sympathies go out to all of Jim's family and loved ones.*

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**Yulia** - April 04, 2018 at 02:20 PM

LC

“ Dear Jim,  
We had many great conversations..We saved the world on a daily basis,laughed a lot and spoke of our families. You held my granddaughter,Halee when she was all of 2 weeks and spoke of how You & Catherine wanted to be Grandparents as well . My heart is saddened. Keep snapping your fingers,My friend.

*Always, Lorelee*

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**Lorelee Chabot** - April 04, 2018 at 10:02 AM


LC

“ *Loralee Chabot purchased the Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern for the family of James Robert Delamater.*



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**Loralee Chabot** - April 04, 2018 at 09:32 AM

 Dessa Boynton

“ *Shawn and I are very saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Shawn would always tell me such wonderful stories from Herndon UMM events, and they always included Jim with all of his personality, vitality, and love. We are so blessed to have Jim and the Delamater family in our lives. Catherine, Adam, and Jamie - please know that you and your families are in our prayers.*

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**Dessa Boynton** - April 04, 2018 at 07:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Robert Delamater.*



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April 04, 2018 at 07:27 AM

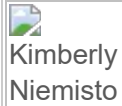


“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of James Robert Delamater.*



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April 03, 2018 at 04:33 PM



Kimberly  
Niemisto

“ We have so many memories with James and Catherine, Adam and Jamie.. From Michigan to Mississippi and Virginia... We love them very much. We are sending our love to them. Richard, Kimberly Shannon, Jaden, Shantel and Aubrey and Eli



Kimberly Niemisto - April 03, 2018 at 04:05 PM



CV

“ Jim, or as I called him "Dah" or Dad, made me feel as part of the family when I first became best friends with Jaime over 13 years ago. Always a wonderful, loving person to be around. And always held his family and dearest nearest to him close to his heart. Never a bad word to say about anyone. And would do anything for anyone. His family was the light of his eye. Heaven gained a wonderful angel. He will be missed dearly. My deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the family. Love all of you. -Cyndi Vest

Cyndi Vest - April 03, 2018 at 12:03 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Robert Delamater.



April 03, 2018 at 11:29 AM

TE

“ Tom Eddington purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James Robert Delamater.



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**Tom Eddington** - April 03, 2018 at 08:39 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Robert Delamater.



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April 03, 2018 at 06:34 AM

HW

“ The West Family from Texas was at a loss for words hearing of Mr. Delamater's passing.

*My husband John West worked with him at MC DEAN. Jim was such a good friend & very kind gentleman. He was such a comfort to John & I when our son CJ was KIA in Iraq. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Heaven truly gained another Angel. We will visit your Hero at ANC.*

*Love & Prayers for Healing Hearts*

*John & Hattie West*

*Arlington, Texas*

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**Hattie West** - April 02, 2018 at 08:31 PM

JJ

“ It felt like a gut-punch that took my breath away when I heard the news of Jim's untimely passing. I've known Jim Delamater for over 50 years. Although I am 13 years younger, we were both born and raised in the same hometown of Peekskill, New York. Our dads (both deceased now) were lifelong friends and belonged to the local Elks Lodge in Peekskill where Jim was also a member and I too later on. I first met Jim when I was a young boy through my mom & dad of whom Jim knew very well. During his tours of duty in Vietnam, we all kept in close contact as much as we could - mainly through numerous letters back & forth. When Jim would come home between tours of duty, he would always come our house for extended visits. In the early 1970's, Jim moved around the country- Texas being one stop and we unfortunately lost touch with each other and my family & I assumed the worst. But after 40+ years of no communications, fate intervened and we reconnected with each other thanks to an impromptu visit my wife and I made to a local lumber yard (Dain's in Peekskill) on a Saturday morning. There I met an employee named Bobby Hard - who unbeknownst to me at our encounter, came to find out he was Jim's nephew and the rest is history thanks to Bobby sharing the contact info. What started out as a reconnect phone call between Jim & I evolved into several visits to each other from New York to Virginia and back resulting our meeting each others' wives & families. Jim and my mom even reconnected and that was special; Having been in each others lives over these past five years has been a true blessing for me. I thank God for giving us this opportunity to catch up on each other - we became like family all over again. Although I feel as if I've lost Jim a second time, I am at peace this time because I know where he is this time - with God and the angels in heaven. I will forever cherish the times we've had together .. in person especially but also the many phone conversations we've shared. We became like brothers from other mothers - I affectionately came to call him "Big Bro" and he would call me "L'il Bro" every time we would begin and end conversations either in person or on the phone as well as on e-mails, cards or letters.. I know I speak for all my family when I say we will never forget him ... he was a true gentleman who not only

*served his God and his country well, but all of us who had the honor and privilege to be in his life. God Bless you always my Big Bro .... we'll catch up again one day - say hi to our dads for me!*

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**John A. Isabella, Jr.** - April 02, 2018 at 04:46 PM

MG

“ *Words are not enough to express how sorry I am for your loss. Such a loving and kind man with just the right amount of feisty, Jim always treated me like a daughter! I will miss his smile, quick wit and innate ability to solve problems. My sincerest condolences to his loving wife, Catherine, and his devoted children and grandchildren. May you find peace and strength during this most difficult time. He had such a big heart and I know his love will be with you always!*

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**Michelle Gordon** - April 02, 2018 at 04:32 PM

LP

“ *Jim was true gentleman, a friend and colleague and he will be missed. He was a big help in work and personal matters, sometimes by just simply listening, He had some great phrases that he would sprinkle in conversations that would make you stop and think, and he always made me smile with his finger-snapping hand routine when something went well. His favorite topic was his family and he was always happy to tell you about the times they spent together, what each of them were doing, and how they were getting along. Our deepest sympathies to Catherine, Adam, Jaime and the rest of the family. -Luigi, Valerie and the Prezioso family.*

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**Luigi Prezioso** - April 02, 2018 at 12:52 PM

SM

“ I was so sad to hear of Jim’s passing. It has been many years since I’d seen him. Jim was always in my corner and I’ve never forgotten how he helped me. RIP Jim - prayers to the family.

Shelly Mereness - April 02, 2018 at 12:43 PM

RO

“ Jim will truly be missed by all that knew him. May you rest in peace



robin - April 02, 2018 at 11:00 AM

KA

“ Jim could be a tough nut, but he was very kind and generous where it counted. He will definitely be missed. Prayers to his family, whom he loved more than he could ever say.



Kathy L Athey - April 02, 2018 at 10:33 AM

KH

“ Jim was such a good man to my Colin and myself. He and Catherine helped me so much with my strong willed son. I've been missing them since I moved from my house across the street. My prayers go up for his family.

Kaye Hale

Kaye Hale - April 01, 2018 at 07:37 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Robert Delamater.*



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April 01, 2018 at 09:54 AM



“ *JD & Catherine were the guardians of the neighborhood on Nathan Place in Leesburg, Va. We were all made to feel a part of the family in every sense of the word. JD exuded love for his family making anyone lucky enough to be in his presence desire what he had...everything he could ever want, Catherine, Adam, Lisa, Jaime, Scott and his beloved grandchildren. We will always hold dear the best Halloween house in Leesburg and the Easter bunny who visited all the homes on Nathan place in the wee hours before the children were awake, bringing the magic of Easter to our neighborhood year after year. Weekend cul-de-sac gatherings and birthday parties, JD and Catherine overseeing the kids (and adults) from their porch chairs making sure all was well. We moved away 10 years ago. There has not been a fb post about our kids, our family, or Mike and I that JD has not taken the opportunity to say something loving, kind and thoughtful. Our hearts are heavy with sorrow and filled with love and peace for Catherine, Adam & Lisa, Jaime & Scott and their beautiful grandchildren.*



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Wendy Sommers - March 31, 2018 at 08:41 PM

CA

*My love, my soulmate, my best friend...I will love you forever and ever. Rest peacefully my husband until we are again together. ❤️ Your loving wife Cats*

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Catherine - April 23, 2018 at 02:34 PM