



James Howard Ford

April 18, 1949 - May 22, 2020

Delmar- James Howard Ford, born April 18, 1949 in Blanchester, Ohio to Howard Charles Ford and Betty June (Fox) Ford, passed away peacefully at home on May 22 in Delmar, Delaware where he had lived with his wife Jacqueline (Jankowski) for the past three years.

He married Jackie in 1986 and spent thirty happy years with her near the shores of the Oswego River and Lake Ontario in Oswego, NY. He received his bachelor's degree in Fine Art from the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio and later, his Master's Degree in Fine Art from State University of New York at Oswego, where he had a long career as a Media Technician. He retired in April of 2014. As a creative artist and hands-on practitioner, Jim channeled his energies into a wide variety of hobbies, including classic car restoration, gemstone and mineral search, polishing and art creation but most importantly, his creative art endeavor in photography. He was a long-standing member of some on-line digital photography groups including Flickr, where he posted many of his works and received numerous accolades from fellow photographers. He also self-published a number of books featuring his digital creations.

After retiring Jim could finally return to his childhood love of fishing. You could find him most mornings fishing along the Riverwalk in Oswego. There were many evenings spent with friends Frank and Irene Krul at Vona's Restaurant, where they always lingered way too long, enjoying their laugh-fests. All the servers knew Frank and would always allow for their lengthy get-togethers. It

was fishing on the Riverwalk where he met his dear friend, Todd Watson and they fished together both in Oswego and on Oneida Lake. When Todd suggested moving to Delaware's Eastern Shore in 2017, Jim and Jackie jumped at the chance to get away from the snowy winters of Central New York. Jim learned to love surf fishing and pulling skates and sharks from the ocean! The beauty of the Delmarva Peninsula and especially Assateague Island and the ocean was always a photographic inspiration for Jim. This was reflected in his digital photos, some of which grace the walls of their new home.

Jim was predeceased by his father Howard. He is survived by his mother Betty June as well as his wife Jacqueline, his sister Jennifer and her three children Jamie, Julie and Michael and their children.

Services are private. Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *James Howard Ford*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *Jim - - I have to say it was quite an honor to have been there with Jackie as you stepped into your next destination in your journey.... We witnessed your transition from this life into the next... You did not die - we were there when you wandered away for a moment and were born into an eternal life of endless happiness, complete and utter joy, and love beyond our wildest imagination! We'll always love you, Jim, and this is not goodbye - it's just "until we meet again." FISH ON!*



Annie Palen - June 19, 2020 at 03:53 PM

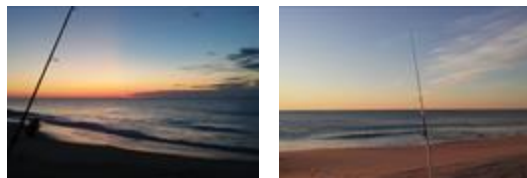


“ *Loss of a classmate, class of 1967 Remembering Jim's artistic abilities. RIP Jim. Thoughts and Prayers for the Family. Peggy Small Watters*

Peggy Small Watters - May 27, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ *Jim will always have a special place in our heart and our memories forever.*



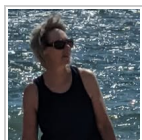
Melanie Watson - May 24, 2020 at 12:08 PM

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“ *Melanie Watson lit a candle in memory of James Howard Ford*



Melanie Watson - May 23, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ *It has been many, many years since the extended Ford family has gotten together. I think the last time might have been on Grandma Ford's 90th birthday at Uncle Howard & Aunt Betty's home. Although we have lost contact over the years, I cherish the memories of Grandma and Grandpa Ford's farm and the summer get-togethers. Being one of the youngest cousins, I remember bits and pieces of those days. One picture that comes to mind is the boy cousins all playing baseball in the field across the driveway. Such simple times.*

Until we meet again, Jim - Your cousin Betsy Ford Halaska

Betsy Halaska - May 23, 2020 at 09:04 PM

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“ *Patrick S. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Howard Ford.*



Patrick S. - May 23, 2020 at 07:21 PM

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“ *Jim was a very good friend to Todd Watson. Together they were able to experience surf fishing! Always have a special place in our hearts.*



Melanie Watson - May 23, 2020 at 07:14 PM