



James T. Fox Sr.

April 13, 1937 - October 25, 2024

James T. Fox, Sr. (Jim), surrounded by his loving family, entered the presence of Jesus on Friday, October 25, 2024. In his passing, God proved His faithfulness once again. Jim is now at peace with the Lord he loved and served so faithfully.

Born in Wilmington, Delaware, he was the son of the late Reverend Clarence John and Sarah Elizabeth Fox. He was preceded in death by his brother Clarence Fox, his sister-in-law Patricia Fox, his sister Louise Parenti, and his brother-in-law Anthony Parenti. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Fox, married for 63 years. He was 87 years old.

Jim was a graduate of the 1955 class of Hebron High School and a college graduate of Maryland State Teachers College (now Salisbury University) receiving his Bachelor of Science degree. He was Senior Class President, voted "Mr. Salisbury State University," and past president of the Salisbury State Alumni Association. He received his Master of Education degree at the University of Maryland. In the community, he was a past member and officer of the Hebron Lions Club. He was a member of the National and Maryland Elementary Administrators Associations and was a past president of the Wicomico County Elementary Administrators Association.

Jim devoted 32 distinguished years to the Wicomico County Public School (WCPS) system, serving as both a teacher and administrator. His career began at Pittsville High School, where he taught for two years, followed by five years at Delmarva TV School, one year at East Salisbury School, and two

years at Salisbury Elementary School. Jim was a beloved principal at Glen Avenue Elementary for 18 years and at Beaver Run Elementary for four years. After retiring from WCPS, he continued his commitment to education as a second-grade teacher at Salisbury Christian School, later becoming its Lower School principal and serving on the Board of Governors. Jim's dedication to his students and colleagues left a lasting impact throughout his career.

Jim loved his church and was an active member of Nelson's Church in Hebron for many years. He taught Adult Sunday School, was church treasurer, and was a respected Lay Leader. During his lifetime, he was active in the choir, youth leadership, Promise Keepers, the Emmaus Community, and Small Group Fellowship. He loved the Lord and served him faithfully throughout his entire life.

Jim was a kind, wise, faithful, and happy man who truly embodied all the fruits of the Spirit. He greatly loved his family and is survived by his high school sweetheart, best friend, and wife, Brenda P. Fox, and their three children: Susan Colliton and her husband Kevin of Hebron, Lori Bennett and her husband Reverend David Bennett of Sharptown, and Reverend Dr. James Fox, Jr. and his wife Dawn of Salisbury.

He is survived by eight grandchildren: Sarah Colliton Ruf and her husband Adam; Corie Colliton; Patrick Colliton and his wife Isabel; John Bennett and his wife Tori; Rachel Bennett Chambers and her husband A.J.; James Fox, III and his wife Amy; Jordan Fox and her husband Justin Pusey; and Jessica Fox. He is also survived by eight great grandchildren: Ruby, Raegan, and Paxton Ruf; Jack and Camden James Chambers; Lennon Fox; and Goldie and Bobbie Colliton. He is also survived by a niece, Linda Fox Hearn, and nephews, Tony and Jim Parenti.

A period of visitation with family and friends will be held at Nelsons Church in Hebron, Maryland, on Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00, followed by a celebration of life at the same location at 4:00. A private family graveside service will be held at Springhill Memory Gardens in Hebron, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Salisbury Christian School, 807 Parker Road, Salisbury, MD 21804 or Nelsons Church, 200 N Main St, Hebron, MD, 21830 are encouraged.

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

Cemetery Details

Springhill Memory Gardens

27260 Ocean Gateway
Hebron, MD 21830

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Nelson Church
200 W. Main Street
Hebron, MD 21830

Celebration of Life

NOV 2. 4:00 PM (ET)

Nelson Church
200 W. Main Street
Hebron, MD 21830

Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James T. Fox Sr.*



Short Funeral Home - November 04, 2024 at 02:30 PM

JC

“ Joy C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James T. Fox Sr..

Joy C. - November 11, 2024 at 03:18 PM

PR

“ *My thoughts of Jim Fox can be said in a few words. I don't believe there has EVER been a better man that lived in Hebron, he will never be forgotten by our community.*

Pat M. Robinson - November 02, 2024 at 04:29 PM

GS

“ *I hope you are finding peace in this moment of sorrow. I know how hard it has been these last few years for you. I always knew you as a strong person of deep faith and I hope it sustains you now. Know that I am thinking of you and your family as you grieve Jim's passing. My heartfelt prayers are extended to you all. Don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything. Geoff Smoot*

geoffrey b. smoot - November 01, 2024 at 10:36 AM



“ 179 files added to the album LifeTributes



Short Funeral Home - October 31, 2024 at 11:14 AM

EM

“ James had told me one time that even though he was losing his memory he would never forget his wife. His love for her is remarkable.

I am thinking of the fox family ❤️

Emily - October 28, 2024 at 03:16 PM

BK

“ Frank & I want to offer our sincere condolences, & express what a treasure Jim must have been, along with his lovely wife Brenda, to raise such a beautiful family. Love & prayers, Barb & Frank King

Barbara A king - October 27, 2024 at 02:53 PM

HS

“ Mr. Jim was the sweetest man and I always loved seeing his smiling face at Emmaus and church events.

Helen Stamm - October 27, 2024 at 02:31 PM

JD

“Mr. Fox took me under his wing as I was a very young VP at Beaver Run Elementary School. He was patient, kind and always gave me good advice. I will remember his wonderful laugh as long as I live.

Joyce Elizabeth Dunn - October 27, 2024 at 01:12 PM

WT

“With Love, Bobby, Cathy, Brittany Timms planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James T. Fox Sr..

With Love, Bobby, Cathy, Brittany Timms - October 27, 2024 at 08:24 AM

WT

“With Love, Bobby, Cathy, Brittany Timms purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of James T. Fox Sr..



With Love, Bobby, Cathy, Brittany Timms - October 27, 2024 at 08:24 AM

WG

“Brenda, Lori, Susan, Jimmy: I am so sorry for your loss. It was always an honor to be a neighbor of yours and to know your family for all these years. I truly hope Jim is now resting in peace. William M. Glime

William M. Glime - October 26, 2024 at 06:52 PM

BJ

So very sorry for the lost of your Dad, I am glad I had the chance to meet him, I wish I had knew him better

Bobby Jester - October 28, 2024 at 03:14 PM

MA

Jim's father was the minister at my home church in Mardela Springs many years ago so I've known and admired him a very long time. He and Brenda are wonderful Christian people and it's been an honor to know and love them both! I know for sure that Jim is Resting In Peace with our Heavenly Father. 🙏🙏

Maria - October 30, 2024 at 12:00 PM

RJ

I hold fond memories of Jim Fox's tenure at Glen Avenue Elementary School. He was very kind and accommodating to me, especially during the (3) years I was physically challenged after being struck down by a farm vehicle. My prayers are with each member of his beloved family. Thank you for sharing such a wonderful educator and leader with us!

Rev. Howard Travers, Jr. - October 30, 2024 at 01:17 PM