



James H. Orrell, Jr.

December 4, 1919 - May 26, 2007

James H. Orrell Jr., age 87, of Delmar, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Saturday, May 26, 2007.

He was born on December 4, 1919 in Winston-Salem, NC, a son of the late James and Lula Orrell.

Mr. Orrell proudly served his country in the US Navy. He retired after 25 years of service from the Pennsylvania Railroad and was Past President of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen. Along with his family, he was a restaurateur who owned and operated several restaurants and farms and President of Surrey Corporation. He was very active in his community, and his memberships include; St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Delmar, Masonic Lodge 201, Delmar, Nur Shrine Temple in Wilmington, where he earned his 32nd degree and was a member and Past Worthy Patron of Adah Chapter 5, Order of the Eastern Star, Delmar. He was also Past President of the Delmar Chamber of Commerce. He had a love for golf and flying, and was a member of the Airplane Owners and Pilots Association.

He is survived by his beloved wife of over 62 years, Ann C. Orrell; 2 sons, Robert Gilmore and his wife Ann of Delmar and James H. Orrell, III and his wife Diane of Scottsville, VA; a daughter, Carolyn O. Kratzer of Sanford, FL; 3 grandchildren, Katherine Whitelock of Delmar, Andrea L. Helton and her

husband Anthony of Sanford, FL and Melissa Hall and her husband Tyrone of Delmar; 3 great grandchildren, Trey Michael, Alyssa Marie and Aaliyah Hope; a sister, Nell O. Kimbro of Scottsville, VA; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Virginia O. Brown and Edith Leslie.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home, 13 E. Grove Street, Delmar, where family and friends may call one hour prior to the service. The Reverend Marsha Carpenter will officiate. Interment will follow the services at St. Stephen's Cemetery in Delmar.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to: Delaware Hospice, 20137 Office Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947 or to St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 101 E. State Street, Delmar, DE 19940.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com .

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove St
Delmar, DE

Service

MAY **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 E. Grove Street
Delmar, De

Tribute Wall



“ I enjoyed working for your family at the restaurant in the 70's. I knew all of you and it was great. Sorry! for your loss and I know that he is in better place.##imported-begin##Eddie Ferro##imported-end##

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“ Bob and Ann our prayers are with you and your family at this time.Sorry that I had an appointment and could not be at the service.##imported-begin##Bob & Mary Lee Pase##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Jim was a great guy.##imported-begin##Paul Reynolds and family##imported-end##

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