



## James H. Ritchie

January 27, 1938 - January 31, 2022

James H. Ritchie passed away peacefully on Monday, January 31, 2022. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa. on January 27, 1938, the only child of the late Elmer and Catherine Ritchie.

A highly recruited, three sport athlete, Jim ultimately chose to play basketball at West Virginia University where he helped lead the legendary 1959 team to the NCAA National Championship game. He graduated in 1960 with a BA in psychology. While at WVU, Jim was a member of Mountain and Sigma Nu Fraternity. Following graduation, Jim continued his basketball career in the Army, and served as 1st lieutenant ordinance division in Fort Knox, KY.

In 1980, Jim returned to Morgantown, WV where he became part of the Mon Health family for over 30 years. In 1984, he met and married his wife, Beverly, and they moved to her hometown of Point Marion, PA. Always civically minded, Jim served a term as Mayor of Point Marion and a member of the Point Marion Rotary. Jim's love of basketball continued throughout his life serving as a youth coach for his children, supervising the Morgantown Parks and Recreation summer youth basketball league, and continuing to support his beloved Mountaineers. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Surviving is his wife of 38 years, Beverly; his son Jim Ritchie, Jr. (Evelyn) and daughter Pamela Ritchie both of Spartanburg, SC; stepchildren Lynda Junir of

Lake Forest, CA, Bob Hlodan of Las Vegas, NV, and Beth Corcoran of Morgantown, WV; and five grandchildren, Caroline Ritchie Stahl (Michael), Jimmy Ritchie III, Anna Grace Ritchie, Stefan Junir, and Kayla Corcoran.

Friends will be received in the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, 501 Morgantown St., Point Marion, PA, on Saturday, February 5th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. A private family burial will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the WVU Foundation at One Waterfront Place – 7th Floor, PO Box 1650 Morgantown, WV 26507-1650 or online at <https://secure.give.wvu.edu/other> with the designation for the WVU Basketball Men's Legacy Fund (2W179)

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Memorial Park

7500 Morgantown Road  
Point Marion, PA 15474

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Herod-Rishel Funeral Home  
501 Morgantown Street  
Point Marion, PA 15474  
(724) 725-5245  
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<https://www.herod-rishel.com>

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Jim Ritchie played a major role in the success in my career. While still a graduating member of UNC Jim recruited me into the early beginnings of a new firm in a new industry called Universal Communication Systems in which I became its Regional Manager in Atlanta, GA. Twelve years later, I started my own successful firm called MIS Associates and I attribute Jim Ritchie to giving me the opportunity to learn and grow in that Telecom world. I knew Jim personally as he was a friend of my sister Judith George in Roanoke and we spent many hours enjoying the pleasure of good times. I join with all of those who knew Jim Ritchie in honoring his life.

*Richard Sides*  
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**Richard Sides** - May 17, 2024 at 04:10 PM

LC

“ Linda, Bob, Beth & Family - We are so very sorry for your loss - I never met him, but Scotty said he was a very good man. Praying God is with you in the days to come. God Bless you all.

*Lesa & Scott Carlier*

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**Lesa Carlier** - February 06, 2022 at 04:45 PM

KJ

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Beverly and family.  
We share your sadness in Jim's passing.  
May your memories bring comfort and healing at this difficult time.  
God's grace and care be with you.  
In sympathy,  
Kay Beardsley Johnson and Mike  
Betsy Beardsley  
Susan Beardsley Maxwell

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**Kay Beardsley Johnson** - February 03, 2022 at 07:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
James H. Ritchie.



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February 03, 2022 at 10:28 AM

DA

“ We have lost a good fellow here. Helen so much enjoyed working  
with Jim at Mon General. You're in my thoughts.

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**Dr. Rudy Almasy** - February 02, 2022 at 10:56 AM

RF

“ Will greatly miss Jim, all our love and prayers, Russ and Karen  
Fullmer

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**Russell Fullmer** - February 02, 2022 at 07:33 AM