

STEELMAN, JAMES FREDERICK "JIM"

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STEELMAN, JAMES FREDERICK "JIM", of Ocean City, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, September 17, 2017, at the age of 90. Jim was born June 14, 1927, in Atlantic City, to the late Hiram and Dorothy Holmes Steelman. He attended Ventnor Schools, Atlantic City High School, and graduated from The Hill School in 1945. Jim entered the Navy, contracted rheumatic fever and received an honorable medical discharge. He graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, CT, after studying at the Colorado School of Mines. Jim was a longtime Ventnor lifeguard, when he met the love of his life Gladys (Tiny) Bryan. Jim and Tiny — married 58 years — were residents of OC. He was a professional engineer, one of the first employees of the NJ Highway Authority where he served until his retirement. Then he joined Walker, Previti, and Holmes where he worked for eight more years. He served as a director for OC Home Savings and Loan. A descendant of OC founders, the Lakes, he was an avid genealogist, member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the OC Historical Society, and the OC Yacht Club. In his earlier years, Jim was president of the OC Youth Athletic Association. Jim enjoyed sailing, swimming, tennis, and golf. Jim taught his family the value of hard work, treating others with dignity, respect, and generosity. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, he was predeceased by his wife Gladys, his parents, his sister, Ruth Eide, and his daughters Christine and Susan. Survived by his children James F. "Jimbo" Steelman, Jr. (Patricia) of Huntington Beach, CA, Sally Hamilton (James) of Ocean City, Karen Allegretto (Rick) of Lindale, TX, Mary Adams (Kevin) of Ocean City and Dee Dee Essington (Michael) of Miami, FL; grandchildren Jake Steelman (Amanda), Shane Steelman, Jesse Steelman, Sarah Dolan (Michael), Mary Hamilton, James Hamilton (Chelsea), Kara Shiflett (Matthew), Richard Allegretto, Jr. (Sarah), AJ Allegretto (Bayli), Maura Adams, Helena Adams, Lars Essington, Jonas Essington, Torsten Essington and 13 great-grandchildren. A service will be held at 11 AM on Thursday, September 21st at the George H. Wimberg Funeral Home, 1707 New Rd., Linwood, NJ where friends may call from 10-11 AM. A private burial will be at Union Cemetery, Mays Landing. Memorial donations can be made to Mercy Works, disaster relief, PO 3000, Tyler, TX 75771, or Children's Relief International's Hesed Kids' Club Haiti Project, PO Box 2470, Rockwall, TX, 75087. Condolences may be extended to the family at ghwimberg.com