



## James C. Askew

October 4, 1931 - May 24, 2023

In Loving Memory of JAMES (JIM) C. ASKEW, a beloved husband, father, family member, and friend. He departed this life on May 24, 2023. He was preceded in death by both parents, a son Scott and sisters, Julester Grant and Dorothy June Phillips. He touched the lives of many with his charm, wit, and “BIG” personality. He had an adventurous spirit and was loyal to his friends and family with unwavering support.

Born on October 4, 1931, Jim was a native of Sheridan, Wyoming. He was raised by his parents, Minnie and Charles Askew, and grew up in a closeknit family in a small Western community where he developed a strong sense of compassion and a zest for life.

Throughout his years, Jim carried those values, becoming a pillar of strength and support for those around him. He graduated in 1950 from Sheridan High School in Wyoming. It was here that Jim became involved in high school football. He was a member of The Boys Quartet, Boys State, and the Varsity “S” Club.

After graduating from Sheridan High School, Jim received a football scholarship to attend The University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado. Following his graduation, Jim attended Howard University Law School in Washington, D.C., earning his Doctor of Jurisprudence. Jim was a devoted

husband, married to his beloved wife Cynthia for 62 years. Their love inspired all who knew them, a testament to the enduring power of commitment and devotion.

Together, they built a life filled with love, joy, and cherished memories. As a father, Jim was a constant source of love and guidance to his daughter Lorre and his late son Scott. He took great pride in watching them grow, supporting them as they pursued their dreams. Jim was a loving and devoted father, always ready with a listening ear and wise advice. He leaves behind a legacy of love and compassion in their hearts.

Professionally, Jim worked as a Worker's Compensation Hearings & Appeals Legal Analyst for the Social Security Administration. This job required difficult decisions regarding families and their well-being. But, despite the strict guidelines and rigid rules, Jim found a way to combine compassion, fairness, and integrity in making these decisions.

He made a significant impact in his field, earning the admiration and respect of colleagues and claimants. Obituary Jim's hard work and discerning intellect were an inspiration to many. He leaves behind a remarkable professional legacy. Jim had a wide circle of friends. He was remarkably able to bring people together, creating a sense of belonging and fostering deep and lasting friendships. When you went somewhere with Jim, there was a chance.

HE would leave having met a new friend. Jim was known for mentoring young people and helping them set a direction in life. He was involved in recruiting basketball players in the Baltimore area for Sheridan College in Northern Wyoming.

Jim was active in the Fairmount Neighborhood Association; he served as President for many years. Jim's love and compassion touched the lives of all

who crossed his path, and he will be dearly missed.

Jim leaves behind a rich tapestry of memories and a legacy of love. While we mourn his loss, let us celebrate his life; and the profound impact he made on all of us. May his soul find eternal peace, and may his memory continue to inspire us to enjoy, engage, cherish, and support one another!

Jim is survived by: his devoted wife, Cynthia Askew; devoted daughter, Lorre Askew-Willis (Keith who was like a son to him) of Lansdale, PA; grandchildren, Naria Willis of Washington DC. and Jason Willis of Fayetteville, NC; a host of nephews and nieces, David Johnson (Shawna), Jeffrey Johnson (Charlotte), Terry Shoats (Keith-deceased), Tanya Middleton (who was like a daughter to him), Micah Middleton, Dawn Seestedt (who was like a daughter to him); and a host of other relatives, extended family and friends. Outside of his professional life, Jim had many interests and hobbies. He loved salt-water fishing with frequent trips to the Outer Banks in North Carolina and the Shores of Maine. Jim loved to garden and was known for making fig jams from the fig trees in his backyard. He spent many hours listening to his classical music and sharing his love of the classics with all who visited. He was a collector of art and enjoyed frame making and woodworking. He was an avid reader, a lifelong learner, constantly seeking knowledge and engaging in thought-provoking conversations with his family and friends. Forever in our hearts, James (“Jim”) Clarence Askew will be remembered as a shining light.

# Cemetery Details

## Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road  
Baltimore, MD 21227

# Previous Events

## Wake

JUN 2. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

March Life Tribute Centers - June 02, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *March Life Tribute Centers - Laurel created a Webcast of funeral for James in memory of James C. Askew*



March Life Tribute Centers - June 01, 2023 at 04:17 PM

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“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown) - June 06, 2023 at 12:20 PM

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“ *We will always remember Mr. Askew as a kind and gentle man. Our deepest condolences to the Askew Family.*

*Ed and Tracy Tilghman*

Ed and Tracy Tilghman - June 02, 2023 at 12:11 PM

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“ From Delinda Dorsey and Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James C. Askew.



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From Delinda Dorsey and Family. - June 01, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ We worked with Jim for many years during our mutual time together at SSA. We have very fond memories of him. Great sense of humor, personality and a really nice guy.



Our deepest condolences to the Askew family, James and Marian Jones

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James Jones - May 31, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James C. Askew.



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May 31, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James C. Askew.

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May 31, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James C. Askew.*



May 31, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ *So many memories and so many years; our hearts are full as our eyes with tears...May our collective love and care guide and embrace your family Jim; with an abundance of peace and joyful memories...Your neighbor and friends, Michael Taylor and Marilyn Lewis-Taylor...*

**Marilyn Lewis-Taylor** - May 29, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of James C. Askew.*



May 26, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James C. Askew.*

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“ *The Russell Family sends our deepest condolences to the Askew family on the passing of Uncle Jim. Great man, friend, husband, father and grandfather. He will be missed.*

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**George Russell** - May 26, 2023 at 07:23 AM