



James Paul Kent Jr.

April 19, 1939 - July 24, 2024

James Paul Kent, Jr., 85 of Lynchburg passed away peacefully in his home on July 24, 2024. He was the husband of Anne Elcan Kent.

He was born April 19, 1939 in Altavista VA, a son of the late Dr. J. Paul Kent, Sr. and Eleanor Martin Kent. He was a graduate of William & Mary College and Law School. James was a partner of Kent & Kent Law Firm. He practiced law for 60 years in the Altavista community. His dedication and passion for the legal profession was evident to his colleagues and the clients he served. James believed in serving his community through civic service. His service included serving as legal counsel for the towns of Hurt and Altavista, serving on the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors, being a founding member of Altavista on Track, serving as a past president of the Altavista Lions Club and Altavista Chamber of Commerce, 33 years on the First National Bank Board of Directors, and serving on the boards of Danville Community College, Ferrum College, Virginia Technical Institute and the Altavista Life Saving Crew. He was also a member of the Campbell Masonic Lodge #316 for over 50 years. His favorite past time when not involved in community service was working on the family farm.

In addition to his wife, James is survived by his three daughters, Eleanor Kent and her husband, Will Holliday of Farmville, Susan Mattson and her husband, Brad of Charlotte, NC, and Sarah Troiano and her husband, Jason of Cary,

NC; four grandchildren, Ella Troiano, Naomi Troiano, Molly Mattson, and Andrew Mattson; his wife's daughters Elizabeth Calder and her husband, Robert of Virginia Beach and Hannah Smith and her husband, Christopher of Forest.

He was preceded in death by wife Nancy Lowry, wife Gyneth Arthur Grizzard and his business partner and brother Gordon Kent.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m., Friday, July 26, 2024 at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

A private graveside service will be conducted at Green Hill Cemetery, Altavista.

The family suggest those wishing to make memorials consider The Claire Parker Foundation, P.O. Box 523, Altavista, VA 24517 (<<https://www.claireparkerfoundation.org/>>).

Cemetery Details

Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **26**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of James Paul Kent Jr.*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 26, 2024 at 01:13 PM

AM

“ *Our last day at the office.
Until we meet again..., RIP James ❤️*



Amber - July 30, 2024 at 09:16 AM

TC

“ *I was sadden to just hear of Mr Kent's passing while out of town. Mr Kent was my attorney all my like and until he stopped his practice. He was more so great friend and mentor and you always know he had your best interest as the priority. - thank you James!!!*

My sympathies to the family for your loss and you are my prayers

Tim

Tim Cooke - July 28, 2024 at 12:09 PM

KW

“ *Kathy and Ray Walker lit a candle in memory of James Kent*



Kathy and Ray Walker - July 26, 2024 at 08:49 PM

KE

“ *I have known James for a lot of years. I worked with him closely on a lot of different tax matters and he was always there to help me in legal matters if I needed his advice. He will be missed and so has Gordon.*

Kenneth G Simpson, EA - July 26, 2024 at 03:52 PM

RP

“ *I'm so sorry to learn this. It wasn't even a year ago that he won a case against me in Pittsylvania Circuit Court. I remember him as a perfect gentlemen, even if we were adversaries in a case. May God comfort his family during this difficult time.*

Rob Pauley - July 26, 2024 at 01:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Paul Kent Jr..*



July 26, 2024 at 11:34 AM

DT

“ We are so sad to hear this. We were blessed to know him and I was privileged to work for him several years ago. A great, smart, and kind man who will be sorely missed. Prayers for his family and friends.

Deborah Tweedy - July 26, 2024 at 11:27 AM

CH

“ Sending my deepest sympathy and warm hugs to all the Kent family for the loss of James . Keeping each of you in my thoughts and prayers. James will be missed not only by you, his family, but the community he served. My husband and I met James in the summer of 1995 when Eleanor married Will. We enjoyed the welcome he provided and we shared lots of good times and food over the years. His smile and dry sense for humor were infectious. Celebrate his life!

Sent with love and remembrance of James.

Colleen Holliday

Colleen Holliday - July 26, 2024 at 10:41 AM

RM

“ Anne and family, Sending prayers and hugs. You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts. R.L, Jr, Ricki, and R.L, III. The Mattox Family.



Ricki Mattox - July 26, 2024 at 10:11 AM

PW

“ *In our thoughts and Prayers.*



Paula Walden - July 26, 2024 at 09:20 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Paul Kent Jr..*



July 25, 2024 at 08:47 PM

GS

“ *Gayle Shinder lit a candle in memory of James Kent*



Gayle Shinder - July 25, 2024 at 08:40 PM

GR

“ *Grizzard's purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Paul Kent Jr..*



Grizzard's - July 25, 2024 at 08:38 PM

AW

“ James you will truly be missed our prayers are with your. , family I help take care of your mother &, father Anna Waller



Anna Waller - July 25, 2024 at 08:01 PM

BD

“ Brian Davis lit a candle in memory of James Paul Kent Jr.



Brian Davis - July 25, 2024 at 05:45 PM

BD

“ I knew Mr. Kent since I was young, and he has was always kind to me and my family. He supported my son every year in Boy Scout fundraising and was always great to talk with. Rest in peace sir.

Brian Davis - July 25, 2024 at 05:44 PM

GC

“ To The Family and Friends,
May God Bless and Comfort each of you now and in the days ahead.
Altavista and Hurt has lost a wonderful person and friend to many. James will surely be missed. My Thoughts and Prayers are with you.
Glenna W. Carr



Glenna W Carr - July 25, 2024 at 05:24 PM

ME

“ So sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts & prayers at this time.



Mary Edmonds - July 25, 2024 at 04:50 PM

SO

“ RIP Mr. Kent.

Shirley Orrell - July 25, 2024 at 04:49 PM

GG

“ So very sorry to hear this sad news...James was such a special person and did so for so many people...he will be missed..you have my deepest sympathy...



Gwen Dawson Goggin - July 25, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Paul Kent Jr..



July 25, 2024 at 02:47 PM

SF

“ *Sigler & Moser families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Paul Kent Jr..*

Sigler & Moser families - July 25, 2024 at 02:47 PM

HW

“ *Mr. Kent will surely be missed. He was a great friend and mentor for me. Never once did he give me discouraging advice. Always positive and we always had jokes to share. RIP my friend and we shall see each other again. Prayers are with you family.*

Houston Walthall - July 25, 2024 at 01:53 PM