



James Green Glasgow II

August 23, 1934 - December 8, 2022

Frankfort – James Green Glasgow, II, CAPT USCG (Ret) passed away on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at the age of 88 years old.

Jim was born in Mayfield, Kentucky in 1934, to the late Maybelle and James P. Glasgow. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ellen Glasgow; sons, James G. Glasgow III (Martina) and Boyd B. Glasgow (Grace); grandsons, Dylan Glasgow and Virgil (Ty) Barnard IV, and great-grandchildren, Emily Rock (Kelcey) and Athan Barnard; and great-great grandchild, Ridge Rock.

He graduated from Murray State with a degree in math and chemistry. Jim married Laura Ellen Brown and instead of settling in Western Kentucky, the intrepid couple took off for New York City in a 1939 Singer convertible on the promise of a job at Rhodes Yachts, a marine architecture firm. Upon arriving, they discovered the job offer was “only an interview” but fate often smiles on the improvidence of youth and Jim was hired as a draftsman. With the draft breathing down his neck, Jim took his boss’s advice and applied to the US Coast Guard Officer Candidate School and was accepted on a lark. Jim never dreamed he would actually pass the physical, and he applied to flight school. He was surprised to discover that he was the only one in his group of candidates to pass and entered the Navy flight training shortly after in Pensacola, Florida.

After Pensacola, he began flying the Grumann Albatross Sea plane, Sikorsky, H-52 helicopter, and the C130 as a search and rescue pilot. Tours in Annette Island, AL; St. Petersburg, FL; Elizabeth City, NC; and Barbers Point were all

highlights of his flying career. There were too many memorable events to list, but one noteworthy flight was the recovery of Gemini 3. LCDR Fred Schubert and LT James Glasgow were the first on scene at Splashdown, only to be told not to pick up the astronauts unless the capsule began to sink, as the recovery had been filmed the day before (for live TV) using a Navy Helicopter. After 17 years of search and rescue, CAPT. Glasgow finished his career in a variety of staff jobs culminating in the National Directorship of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

After retirement, Jim and Ellen moved to Frankfort, Kentucky where he supported his wife's career as an artist as ardently and proudly as she supported his military career. He was enormously proud of her success. The couple lived on an old wooden cruiser on the Kentucky River. At the same time, they started the Capital Gallery of Contemporary Art on Lewis Street. Jim got tremendous joy out of his younger grandson, Dylan and the two were thick as thieves in his later years. Dylan snuck M&Ms candy to his grandfather up to the end. Every time his favorite chair is moved, another M&M falls out. Like his contemporaries in the Coast Guard, Jim was a quiet hero. Day in and day out, in the foulest weather, they went out and rescued the unfortunate without regard to personal safety and considered that to be a routine expectation. He was a courageous man, a husband and father of great heart and will be dearly missed.

Private graveside services will be held at the Glasgow Family Farm. Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ James Green Glasgow II

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ I've always had a special spot in my heart for Jim and Ellen. I was friends with their grandson when I was a kid and they were always super nice and I would go to their house every day Dylan was there. Jim would always teach me stuff about horse racing and was an amazing person.

Greye Capley - January 24, 2023 at 03:44 AM



Hey, its Sam, idk if this is the greye I'm looking for but if it is, reply with your email address

Sam Capley-Lynn - February 10, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ We have been blessed by James Glasgow's family for years, especially Martina and Dylan. Best Wishes, Dick & Kay Silver

Dick Silver - December 17, 2022 at 04:11 PM



Thank you

Jimmy Swain - December 18, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ A great and funny man. He and his smile will be missed.

William D. Kirkland - December 14, 2022 at 08:30 AM

JA

“ Jim and I met on the tennis court a few years back. He quickly became a favorite member of our tennis community, even competing in our summer leagues. Gentlemanly, patient, funny and complete with a put-away volley , everyone wanted him as a partner. It was a privilege to have known him. - John Arnett

John Arnett - December 14, 2022 at 06:42 AM

JS

“ I loved his great and rascally sense of humor.

Jimmy Swain - December 13, 2022 at 04:57 PM

JS

Rascally in a good way... like Bugs Bunny rascally...

Jimmy Swain - December 13, 2022 at 04:59 PM

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Smart AND funny--a good friend over many years. The world was a better place with him in it.

Kathleen Kelly (Middleton) - December 13, 2022 at 08:36 PM

SD

my friend, my hero..

Sandi B Mac Diarmid - December 14, 2022 at 04:55 AM



“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of James Green Glasgow II.



December 13, 2022 at 04:57 PM

HF

“ 2 files added to the album *Memories of our Uncle*



Holly Forester - December 13, 2022 at 11:38 AM

DM

“ *Deena Moore lit a candle in memory of James Green Glasgow II*



Deena Moore - December 13, 2022 at 09:36 AM

TW

“ *Tammy And Walter Weitzel lit a candle in memory of James Green Glasgow II*



Tammy and Walter Weitzel - December 13, 2022 at 08:00 AM