



## James Laessle

December 18, 2014

James Roberts Laessle, a proud lifelong resident of Moorestown, passed away peacefully at his home at the age of 94, on Thursday, December 18th, 2014.

Jim was born on November 1, 1920, and graduated from Moorestown Friends School in 1938, and Lafayette College in 1943. He was a Navy Veteran, who served during WWII as a SeaBee at Iwo Jima.

Jim was President of Laessle Builders Inc. and an active member of the community. He was a member of the Moorestown Rotary Club for over fifty years and served on the Township Council, the Board of Cooper Hospital, MEND, an Acolyte of Trinity Episcopal Church and Troop Leader for the Boy Scouts of America.

His life passion was trains and he was involved in numerous railroading organizations, including as Vice President of the High Iron Company, which ran steam excursions, most notably from Manhattan to Salt Lake City, Utah for the Centennial of the Driving of the Golden Spike in 1969. Jim enjoyed waking every morning to the sight of his PA Reading Shorelines Caboose, which he purchased and restored in 1975.

Jim loved to travel and was an avid sailor. He will be remembered for his curiosity, wit and off-key sense of humor. He is survived by his wife Nancy, sister Jane, and children Linda, Joan, Bob, Tom, Sarah and John. He will be missed by his dog Abby. Services will be held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, December 23rd at Trinity Episcopal Church, 207 West Main St., Moorestown, NJ. Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to Moorestown Community House or Moorestown Friends School.

# Cemetery Details

PRIVATE INTERMENT

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

DEC 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church  
207 West Main Street  
Moorestown, NJ 08057  
(856) 235-0811

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Laessle*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *James Laessle*

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November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I have so many fond memories of Jim.. He was a good friend of my mother's. . Adding our prayers to all those who care about him and you. May he rest in peace. Warmest regards, Holly Thacher (Hand)*

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**Holly Thacher (Hand)** - July 29, 2015 at 08:43 AM



“ *The Trustees, staff and residents of MEND's Moorestown apartments wish to recognize and thank James Laessle for his many contributions to the growth of our apartment holdings and the pursuit of our now 45 year old affordable housing mission. Matthew Reilly, President/CEO, Moorestown Ecumenical Neighborhood Development, Inc.*

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**Matthew Reilly** - December 23, 2014 at 09:59 AM



“ *I am saddened to hear of the passing of Jim. i feel fortunate to have known Jim for a 20 years through my involvement with the West Jersey Chapter. Jim was always there to share and I appreciated his many calls and inquires during the illness of my wife. Jim was always willing to share and was truly concerned about other people Jim's generosity, sense of humor and care for others around him will be missed by many. Bill Sweeney*

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**Bill Sweeney** - December 21, 2014 at 06:42 AM

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“ Nancy,  
My memories of you and Jim are many, but best of all were the parties that my folks threw in Lumberton. I am so glad that you had Jim for so many good years and draw comfort knowing that he is now in Heaven and may run into my father there.  
God bless you and keep you,  
Mac Thacher

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**Mac Thacher** - December 21, 2014 at 05:34 AM

PB

“ I will miss Jim's frequent visits to the hardware store. Our conversations were something I always looked forward to. He was an encyclopedia of Moorestown History and most appreciative of the trials of small business. He was more a friend than anything else. He was a gift in our lives. I will miss him....Fare Well friend....

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**Pete & Julie Bender** - December 20, 2014 at 10:01 AM

DH

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**David Homer** - December 19, 2014 at 08:48 PM

DH

“ Nancy and Family, I cherish crossing paths with Jim at West Jersey Chapter NRHS. Funny that we both live in Moorestown but met in Haddonfield. Have a lot of good memories. I suppose one of my favorites is trying to say Ticket Dater Die without slipping up. With Sympathy, Dave Homer

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**David Homer** - December 19, 2014 at 08:46 PM

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“ Nancy and Family: I will cherish many encounters over the years with Jim (and, really, both of you), virtually all through our National Railway Historical Society endeavors, from the wonderful joint Philadelphia-West Jersey NRHS Convention in 1976, to the many times I would see him at West Jersey Chapter meetings. His infectious smile will be forever inscribed in the minds of all of us who shared the passion for railroading. He lived a long, fruitful life and has earned his rest. Marie joins me in expressing our condolences to all of you on the loss of an individual we all loved. Sincerely, Larry and Marie Eastwood, Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia Chapter, NRHS).

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**Larry Eastwood** - December 19, 2014 at 01:24 PM

RJ

“ Our prayers go out to Nancy, Linda, Joan, Bob, and their families. Uncle Jim was a great person and friend. I'll always remember his passion for trains. Sincerely, Joe, Rusty, David, and Dottie Johnson.

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**Rusty Johnson** - December 18, 2014 at 08:50 PM