



James "Jim" Armstrong
An Extraordinary Life
and
Ardent Naturalist



Dear Friend,

It is with heavy heart that I report we have lost one of our own. James Armstrong, who has been an ardent supporter of environmental education, has passed away after a long battle with cancer. "Jim" is none other than the father of our Executive Director Lillian Armstrong. Lillian has spent every available hour dedicated to her father's recovery. Alas, it bought him some more time with his family but could not change the course of his illness.

His influence on our leadership has been profound in that he and his wife Valentine raised their children with a huge appreciation of nature. Jim and Val joined CU at about the same time that Lillian became our fearless leader. Lillian has often referred to her father as "my best friend." They have spent countless hours birding together and participating in the church choir. Jim was a naturalist with New Jersey Audubon Society's Cape May Bird Observatory and spent many days helping out at the Hawk Watch near the Cape May Lighthouse. He will be missed by a large number of NJ Audubon volunteers. At Jim's memorial service his namesake son related the enthusiasm for nature that he too embraced as a result of his father's

mentoring. If you wish to express condolences to Lillian and her mom you may do so by emailing her or sending a card to CU, PO Box 474, Millville, NJ 08332. We know she will appreciate hearing from our members.

Below you will find Jim's obituary that will give you a greater window into his diverse accomplishments. We mourn his loss.

Sincerely,

Jane Morton Galetto, Board President
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

ARMSTRONG, JAMES C., 81, of Clermont, NJ died on June 16, after a long illness. James was born in Parkersburg, WV, on 6/22/31. He was an Eagle Scout and accepted an ROTC scholarship to Duke University. He graduated in 1953 with a bachelors degree in Physics, and served for three years in the US Navy, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. During his active duty in the Korean War, he was the navigator of the USS Soley, a destroyer, which conducted an around-the-world cruise. After completing his service, in 1960 he earned a Doctor of Philosophy studying Nuclear Physics at the University of Pittsburgh. He taught physics at the University of Maryland before entering government service, where he worked at the Defense Intelligence Agency and the US Postal Service. In 1972, he moved to AT&T, where he was involved in various roles in corporate policy and strategic planning. While at AT&T he became an associate professor of business at Pace University, and after leaving AT&T in 1988 he was the inaugural Bell Atlantic Chair for Telecommunications at Temple University's School of Communication and Theater. James enjoyed gardening, especially growing tomatoes, his beloved cats, bird watching, astronomy, and all things nature. He was adept at problem solving and puzzles of all kinds. After retiring, he was an associate naturalist at the Cape May Bird Observatory, and was honored as a master naturalist. He was active in St. Marys Episcopal Church in Stone Harbor, NJ. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Valentine McMillan of Clermont, and two children, James, and Lillian, of Cape May Court House, and his brother William of Parkersburg. James requested memorial contributions be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church Stone Harbor, or New Jersey Audubon.



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