



James F. Wescoe Sr

January 9, 2025

James Franklin Wescoe Sr, 87 of Allentown passed away peacefully on January 9, 2025 at Cedarbrook Nursing Home. He was the loving husband of Mary Alice (Thomson) Wescoe, whom he shared 64 wonderful years of marriage.

James was born and raised in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He was the son of the late Howard and Grace (DeRemer) Wescoe. Jim graduated from William Allen High School and enlisted in the United States Navy. After discharge from the Navy, Jim worked a short time for Freihofer's and Office Utilities, but then moved onto the job he proudly served in for years, as a Firefighter with the Allentown Fire Department.

Throughout his life, Jim was a faithful member of the Allentown, Macungie and most recently, Brookside Church of the Nazarene. He spent his life walking with and serving the Lord. There wasn't a person or need he saw, that he didn't try to help and meet. He spent his life truly serving others. His most important wish was that his family and friends loved the Lord just the same.

Jim enjoyed watching football, baseball, and basketball. His love for the Dallas Cowboys, Baltimore Orioles, and Boston Celtics was unmatched. He loved playing baseball for many teams throughout his life. He most recently ended his softball career with the Allentown Patriots Old-timers, where he made some of the best friends and whom he shared many good memories with of ballgames and breakfast get-togethers.

When he wasn't playing ball, he was most definitely spending time with his family. There was never a time when he wasn't being followed by a grandchild or great grandchild, and he took every opportunity to share Jesus with them, tell funny jokes, or teach them how to do something new. His family loved him beyond measure.

In addition to his loving wife, Jim is survived by his Son James F. Wescoe Jr and wife Esther, daughter Pam Warmkessel and husband William, Grandchildren Allyson Miles and husband Ryan, Amber Warmkessel, Evan Wescoe and Wife Rebecca, Great-Grandchildren Ava, Grace, Gia, Liam, and Cole, Brother Rev. William Wescoe and Wife Janet. Many nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by great-grandson Micah, and sisters Mildred Gutekunst, Betty Lapp and Alice Fritz.

Services will be held on Saturday January 18, 2025 at Brookside Community Church of the Nazarene 3800 Brookside Rd Macungie, PA 18062. Viewing will be from 10:00am to 11:00am with service to follow. There will be a private burial at a later date for the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jim's name to the Brookside Community Church of the Nazarene.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Memorial Park

1700 Airport Rd.
Allentown, PA 18109

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Brookside Community Church
3800 Brookside Rd.
Macungie, PA 18062

Memorial Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

FE

“ I was so completely utterly lucky to have spent the past 16 years of my life, my entire life, with you as yet another grandfather of mine added to the list. Not blood, nor family. But love grew through and through and I would not have it any other way. Saying goodbye to the sticks we through in the creek was never hard, saying goodbye to you was a hardship, heartache, very difficult in itself. I miss your silly little jokes and the bird calls we all loved. I would do anything to hear a whistle like yours nowadays. “ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16. You are not gone, for you are watching me write this right now. Weeks after your funeral... I didn't know what to say when I stood up that day. All I know is my heart itself was drowning in tears and my words were all twisted and tied, not coming out of my mouth correctly. You were probably crying with me if that. This section to type isn't entirely about memories, or so what I had written isn't. I just miss you poppop, a little extra today I might add. -faithmarie

Faithmarie Eisenhars - February 01, 2025 at 08:45 AM

JW

“ My condolences go out to the Wesco family, your father was an outstanding man who I looked up to everytime we met. I always wished I could be like him one day.

John Warmkessel - January 18, 2025 at 07:44 AM

GL

“ I was grateful to have worked with Jim and been on the AFD with him and all the knowledge that there was to learn from him and that generation of FireFighters. He will be surely missed by all and if you never met Jim you missed out. See ya at the Big One!!!!

Greg Long - January 17, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James F. Wescoe Sr.



January 17, 2025 at 12:33 PM



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

January 17, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James F. Wescoe Sr.



January 14, 2025 at 03:53 PM

LA

“ To my Wescoe church family, you've my sincere condolences & upmost sympathy in the loss of your most beloved one. As you all know, Jim was more than a friend to me & I've never forgotten his advice & life lessons to me as a young man, for which I'm eternally grateful. A husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. He was a dedicated firefighter, friend and most of all a Christian gentleman. He will be missed by all.



Laine A.Hardcastle - January 12, 2025 at 02:51 PM

TR

“ Mary and family, sorry for your loss. He was an amazing person. I'll always remember him for his bird whistles when I was young.

Tammy (Sayre) Rutt and family

Tammy Rutt - January 12, 2025 at 12:04 PM

LF

“ Love Bill & Laurie Nyce & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James F. Wescoe Sr.



Love Bill & Laurie Nyce & Family - January 12, 2025 at 08:29 AM

TF

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy - The Parenti Family

The Parenti Family - January 11, 2025 at 06:43 PM

CB

“ Wescoe family,
I'll always remember the years we worked together at Mack South Fire Station.
R.I.P. Jim, we'll miss you.
Charles Brunner

Charles Brunner - January 11, 2025 at 02:28 PM

BK

“ Jim and family,
Your Dad was always a pleasure to be around. On night shifts in the summer we would occasionally go out back of Mack South and throw softball. He was truly one of the good guys and will be missed. Please accept my condolences.
Bob

Bob Kudlak - January 11, 2025 at 09:41 AM

SL

“ Jim and family,
So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Scott

Scott J Lindenmuth - January 10, 2025 at 08:04 AM

CS

“ Wesco Family:
Sending you all our sincere condolences at the passing of your Husband, Dad .
Father-in-Law, Grandfather and Uncle as he was all of these. He was a great man and a hard worker. We remember him fondly and send prayers for all of you.

Cathy Joy Stanley - January 09, 2025 at 07:17 PM