

## Mr. James Ralph "Jim" Reid Jr.

Mr. James Ralph "Jim" Reid Jr., 87, of Frederick, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the loving husband of Louise Pinney Reid. They were married Sept. 9, 1954.

Born in Albermarle, N.C., on Nov. 15, 1922, he was a son of the late James Ralph Sr. and Madge Shankle Reid.

Jim was raised in Statesville, N.C., and graduated from Central High School in Charlotte, N.C., in 1942, where he played football and ran the 800-yard dash and the mile relay, of which he held the state record for many years.

Jim was a proud World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy in China. He was awarded the Navy Cross for "extraordinary heroism." He was a member of the SACO Outfit in China.



He was an honorary life member of the Francis Scott Key American Legion Post 11, where he was a past commander and a member for 57 years. He was a member of the Last Men's Club and the Voiture Local 155 40 & 8.

Jim was retired from the U.S. Postal Service, having last worked as a window clerk at the Seventh Street post office in Frederick.

He enjoyed many years at "The Catfish House" cabin at White's Ferry in Poolesville, where he enjoyed fishing, bird-watching and reading Louis L'amour Western books on the front porch. He always welcomed family and friends to share the tranquility there with him.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Marina Ashton Croot and husband, Rick, of Battery Park, Va.; two sons, Steven Reid and wife, Donna, of Mount Pleasant, S.C., and Jimmy Reid and wife, Teresa, of Brunswick; eight grandchildren, Sharon Clariden, Liz Cooper Reid, Nathan Reid, Amanda Reid, Brian Reid, Jake Reid, Nicholas Reid and Olivia Reid; and four great-grandchildren, Elliott Kate, Anya Lynn, Donovan James and John Reid Cooper.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Joanne Reid; and two sons, James Anderson Reid and Bryant "Ralph" Reid.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 10, at Keeney and Basford Funeral Home, 106 E. Church St., Frederick. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, in the Etchison Memorial Chapel of the funeral home. The Rev. Ralph E. Jamison will officiate. The American Legion will conduct a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Interment with military honors will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, in Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Myer, Va.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans Programs at the Francis Scott Key American Legion Post 11, 1450 Taney Ave., Frederick, MD 21702.

Online condolences may be shared at [KeeneyBasford.com](http://KeeneyBasford.com).