



James "Jim" H. Pethtel

March 24, 1936 - August 19, 2024

James "Jim" H. Pethtel, age 88 of Cambridge, passed away on Monday, August 19, 2024 at Astoria Place. He was born in Antrim, Ohio on March 24, 1936, a son of the late Howard Pethtel and Helen Christine (Decker) Pethtel. Jim was a 1956 graduate of Madison High School. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1957 to 1960. Starting at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and ending at Falmouth Air Force Base in Massachusetts.

Jim was a truck driver for Allied Van Lines before becoming the custodian at Oakland School for over 30 years. He was previously a member of the Free Methodist Church for 40 years, and had been a trustee, treasurer and on several committees. More recently, Jim had attended Christ Global Methodist Church since 2000. After retiring from Oakland School, he became the custodian at the church and he and his wife Betty worked with Grace Pantry for over 10 years.

Jim leaves: his wife of nearly 64 years, Betty (Phillips) Pethtel, they were married on October 18, 1960; a daughter Christine (Stephen) Saum of Cambridge; two grandchildren, Amanda Elizabeth (Mark) Masters of Cambridge and Jessica Louise (Robert) Johnston of Kimbolton; three great grandchildren, Aaliyah Elizabeth Steed, Blake Austin Steed and Reagan Louise Johnston; three brothers, William (Judy) Pethtel of Cambridge Jerry (Pati) Pethtel of Zanesville and Tim (Louann) Pethtel of Cambridge; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by: his parents; a sister Mary Jane Matthews; and a

grandson Joshua C. Shade.

Visitation will be at Bundy-Law Funeral Home on Friday August 23, 2024 from 4 to 6 pm and on Saturday August 24th from 1 to 2 pm with the service to begin at 2 pm. Pastor Frederick Osaе-Manu will officiate. Private burial will take place in Northwood Cemetery on Monday. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Guernsey at P.O. Box 1165 Cambridge, Ohio 43725 or to Astoria Place at 8420 Georgetown Road Cambridge, Ohio 43725. Jim's online guest book may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Northwood Cemetery

10th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
(740) 432-5705
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Visitation

AUG 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Services

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Bundy-Law Funeral Home - August 24, 2024 at 03:07 PM



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“ Thomas Shade family and grand children purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" H. Pethtel.



Thomas Shade family and grand children - August 22, 2024 at 04:09 PM

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“ Thomas Shade family and grand children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" H. Pethtel.

Thomas Shade family and grand children - August 22, 2024 at 04:09 PM

DG

“ I was a student at Oakland back in the late 70's/early 80's & fondly remember Mr Pethtel as r custodian & he was always so nice to all of the students! Prayers to his family at this time, Deanna Gander CHS class of '88

Deanna Gander - August 22, 2024 at 11:53 AM

TO

I remember him from Oakland school also He was a great man.

Tom - November 06, 2025 at 11:46 AM

MJ

“ Our sincere condolences to Betty ,Christine and family so sad to hear of Jim passing he was a great man. Mike & Beth Jordan ,Massillon,Oh

MICHAEL E JORDAN - August 21, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of James H. Pethtel, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Air Force Veteran, James H. Pethtel, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - August 21, 2024 at 08:34 AM

PB

“ *So sorry for your loss
Paula Bakos*

Paula Bakos - August 20, 2024 at 05:36 PM



Sorry to hear that Jim has passed. He served Cambridge City Schools as Oakland School's custodian for many years.

Gary Gebhart - August 21, 2024 at 12:54 AM