

James W. Carpenter

James W. Carpenter (Jim) age 92 of Montague, NJ passed away early Sunday, December 19, 2021.

Jim was born in Nutley, New Jersey on June 17, 1929. Jim proudly served our country with the US Army. Jim was a passionate outdoorsman, living life to the fullest, whether walking a field, driving a hunt, sitting in a stand, or at the helm of a boat with a fishing rod in his hand. Jim lived for the outdoors. Jim was also a wonderful storyteller and loved to share his adventures with his family and friends. Jim's dream of going to Alaska came

true, and for 33 consecutive years, never missed a trip to his beloved Rocky Point Resort. As a young man, Jim started his career in the dairy industry, became a barber, and eventfully followed his calling as an antiques dealer. Along with his wife Mim, they owned and operated Carpenter's Antiques in Montague. Jim married the love of his life, Miriam Hough of Branchville New Jersey, celebrating 59 years of marriage. His faithful companions were 9 springer spaniels over his lifetime and current canine best friend Ben.

Jim was a member of the Minisink Reformed Church, and an active member in the following associations: The Minisink Reformed Church, The Dingmans Ferry/ Delaware Township Historical Society, The Marsch-Kellogg VFW Post of Milford Pennsylvania, Montague 206 Hunting Club, New York Hunting Club, the NRA, the last surviving member of the original 12 that founded the Montague Township Volunteer Fire Department, Montague Association for Restoration of Community History (M.A.R.C.H.), Antiques Automobile Club of America, National Shaving Mug Collectors Association, Kittatinny Masonic Lodge, and the Montague Reformed Church Cemetery Association.

As a member of our Society, along with his wife Mim, our former genealogist, Jim was very supportive of the Society. While being an antique dealer, he would often come across artifacts from the area which he sometimes donated to the Society Museum. Many Indian artifacts he recovered in the area were donated by Jim and are now on display in our Museum. He will certainly be missed and will always be considered an intricate part of the Historical Society.