



## James M Russell Jr.

February 10, 1932 - January 24, 2021

James M. Russell, Jr., 88, of Newark, DE passed away January 24, 2021. Mr. Russell was a 1950 graduate of H. Fletcher Brown Vocational School in Wilmington and worked 43 years at the News Journal as a Composing Room Supervisor. He was also a union member of the CWA/ITU. Jim had a passion for restoring old furniture, including antique trunks. Also, he enjoyed working on antique cars. He built his family home and was very involved in both civic and community activities.

Jim is survived by his wife of 70 years, Ann L. Graham Russell; children, James (Nina) Russell, III, Linda (Joseph) Magnus, John (Vicki) Russell and Keith Russell; daughter in law, JoAnne Russell; grandchildren, Matt, Mark (Maria), Monica, Carla (Evan), Austin (Blair), Preston (Jessie), T.J., Joseph (Bonnie), Michael (Cindy), and Sara (Michael); 20 great grandchildren, as well as many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Mr. Russell was preceded in death by his parents, James and Adella Russell and children Thomas Russell and Wayne Russell.

Services will be held privately at Gracelawn Memorial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Memorial Park

2220 N. DuPont Highway  
New Castle, DE

# Tribute Wall



“ *I worked with Jim for many years. He was such a pleasant man, courteous and cooperative even under deadline pressure. He was a colleague and a neighbor, and will be sorely missed. I send deepest condolences to Ann.*

*Jane Reid*

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**Jane Reid** - February 01, 2021 at 12:48 PM

PM

“ *I worked with Jim at the News Journal  
Jim and I car pooled for years. He was lots of fun.*

*Paul Marley*

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**Paul Marley** - January 29, 2021 at 06:19 PM

JW

“ *Barbara and I were so sorry to see of Jim's passing. He was very concerned about his community and all the elements that affected their lives in representing them at the many workshops, Board of Adjustment, and County Council meetings. Ann, You and your children are in our prayers. He will be missed!*

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**J. Robert Woods** - January 28, 2021 at 04:58 PM

VP

“ *I am so sorry for your families loss. My father worked with Mr. Russell at the News Journal and always spoke very highly of him. I had the pleasure of meeting he and Ann many years later & always looked forward to seeing them! My thoughts are with you now.*

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**Vicki Orth Pritt** - January 28, 2021 at 12:11 PM

BR

“ *RIP my Brother Jimmy. Sincere sympathies to my sister-in-law Ann, my niece Linda, and my nephews Jimmy, Johnny and Keith, as well as their extended family members. I will always cherish the ‘good times’.*

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**Bill Russell** - January 28, 2021 at 09:38 AM

MT

*Dear Aunt Ann I was sorry to hear of the pasting of Uncle Jimmy I know u will truly miss him but know he is not in pain any more sending prays to you and the family thinking of you Love Ann,Dale and Cody*

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**Marian Truitt** - January 29, 2021 at 06:50 PM

MB

“ Dear Russell family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Russell's passing. I have many good memories of Mr Russell growing up and into my adult life. I remember him teaching me the importance of getting registered to vote when I was 18 and the importance of voting in all elections. I had many good conversations with him about politics at his home and on the phone. He also guided me to be interested in the local community issues in our neighborhood and surrounding communities in our area. He was a proud union member as well as a proud Democrat. In 2008 I worked for the Obama Presidential campaign in Wilmington full time for several weeks before the election and i made many trips to the house to bring him Obama/Biden yard signs. The final 2 weeks of the Obama/Biden campaign we set up at phone bank at our Union Hall behind the old Sunnyside Swim Club and he came a few times to see me there to see what we were doing. He shaped me into the proud union member I am today and set me on a path to political involvement. There are so many memories of your dad that I can go on and on about. Again, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are will all of you at this difficult time.

*Michael Biddle*

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**Michael Biddle** - January 28, 2021 at 01:09 AM