



James Harold Dawson

September 8, 1938 - January 23, 2026

James Harold Dawson, age 87, of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, died peacefully on January 23, 2026 surrounded by his family. All that knew him, knew him as Harold.

He was born September 8, 1938, in White Plains, New York, to Bill and Amy (Hasson) Dawson, and was raised in Suffern, New York.

Harold was a standout three-sport athlete at Suffern High School, participating in football, wrestling, and baseball.

He worked for Orange and Rockland Utilities for 40 years, spending most of his career as a lineman.

Harold was deeply involved in his community and public service throughout his life. He was a lifelong member of the Suffern Hook and Ladder Company and was past chief of the Suffern Fire Department. He was also a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Church in Suffern.

Harold married his high school sweetheart, Pauline (Ruiz) Dawson, and they shared nearly 68 years of marriage.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; three sons, John (Maryann) of Surfside

Beach, South Carolina; James (Joan) of Zelienople, Pennsylvania; and Jeffrey (Lyn) of Bristol, Virginia; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his sister, JoAnne Norton of Reston, Virginia.

He was predeceased by his son, Joseph, and by his brother, Peter.

Harold enjoyed his Tuesday afternoons at the Murrells Inlet Elks Lodge. He was an avid ham radio operator and a member of the Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club. He was also a member of the Venice, Fl. Moose Lodge.

Harold's wish was that any donations in his memory be made to the Suffern Hook and Ladder Company #1 at 143 Lafayette Ave, Suffern Ny 10901.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at St. Michael Catholic Church.

Previous Events

A Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church
542 Cypress Avenue
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Tribute Wall

TW

“ Harold was my next door neighbor for a few years. Our relationship started when he saw me practicing kicking a football into a tote. After that I came over and visited him a lot, we'd always talk about the Rangers or he would offer me a cigar. He always believed in me and that I would do great things. He was one of the kindest men I have ever met. He was like the grandfather I never had. I will miss him dearly.

Tyler Woodruff - February 01 at 07:25 PM

GS

“ Dawson Family, Our Deepest Sympathy for Your Loss. Mischelle and Gerry Napoleone Pawleys Island



Gerald J Napoleone Sr - January 31 at 12:03 AM

MC

“ John Jimmy Jeff as you know you're farther was a great man I am sorry to hear of his passing he will be greatly missed my condolences to you all . Mike Clifford

Michael Clifford - January 30 at 07:37 PM

BC

Harold was a very good friend of mine. Worked together for 40 years as a lineman. And played golf as partners for 20 years. I will miss him dearly. Deepest condolences to his family. Bart Calliano

Bart Calliano - February 02 at 07:51 PM

HM

“ Heartfelt thoughts Doug & Jayne Malone purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Harold Dawson.



Heartfelt thoughts Doug & Jayne Malone - January 29 at 05:37 PM

DW

“ H D as we affectionately called him was a close friend. we played a lot of golf together. I spoke to him last month regarding his upcoming surgeries. i am truly heartbroken hearing of his passing. i will miss his voice and his humor. my condolences to all of his family. may he rest in peace



dave winnick - January 29 at 02:28 PM

BH

“ Jeff, your dad was a special man and so are you. I am so sorry for your loss. I know how hard it's been for you this past year. Call if you need to talk. Love and prayers.

Beth Herron - January 29 at 10:48 AM

MC

“ Jeff I am so sorry to learn of the passing of your father. I am praying for peace for your family. I hope your sweet memories help you through these difficult days.

Mallory Cross - January 29 at 08:53 AM

LM

“ Larry and Rich Mellon purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Harold Dawson.



Larry and Rich Mellon - January 28 at 07:14 PM

JA

“ Jeff, Breaks my heart to hear about your Father. If he was anything like you- he was an amazing man!! Just know your in my prayers and thoughts. He lived a long life and is with our Savior and Lord. Can't think of a better place to be! Love you buddy!!!

John Arrants - January 28 at 05:26 PM

JJ

“ Jeff, this breaks our hearts to read this! Your dad sure raised a good man, as we love you and your dedication and friendship at The Club! May God wrap his arms around you and comfort your family!



Jacki and Sam Johnson - January 28 at 02:46 PM

DE

“ Harold's son, Jeff's, positivity and infectious laughter has been felt and appreciated since he started at The Club of Bristol by our members and staff. We are very thankful and lucky to have him, and this shows what a wonderful job Harold did as a father, and as a man. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Harold's family, and we are ready and willing to help in any way we can.

From Wendy, Donnie, Alex, and Daniel

Daniel Everhart - January 28 at 01:27 PM

SR

“ I’m very sorry to hear about Harold’s passing, he was a really good man. My condolences and prayers to his family. R.I.P. Harold 🙏🚒🇺🇸

Steve Rothaupt - January 27 at 07:10 PM

SS

“ Rip Jim. So sorry to hear of his passing!



stephen seaman - January 27 at 06:44 PM

EW

“ Helped me immensely during my time in the H&L and as a Fireman and a Chief, I will always remember him fondly.
ExChief Frank Wilson

ExChief Frank R Wilson - January 27 at 01:17 PM

JL

“ Very saddened to hear of Harold's passing. I worked with him at O&R. My department, Consumer Relations, was new to the company, and we worked with all the operating departments. Harold was a great mentor and helped me learn a lot about electric operations. Being a female in the male-dominated industry at the time was always a fun challenge. Harold always treated me with respect and was a gentleman in the truest sense. He was just a great guy! May his memory be a blessing to his family.

Judy Lankau - January 27 at 12:20 PM

FA

“ *Floyd&Dianne Abrams lit a candle in memory of James Harold Dawson*



Floyd&Dianne Abrams - January 27 at 12:04 PM