James Ardell Slagle, affectionately known as Jim, went to be with the Lord, surrounded by his family, on October 11, 2026, in Waldorf, Maryland, at the age of 86. He was born on November 1, 1939, in Garretts Run, Pennsylvania, to Arnold A. and Violet Slagle.

A loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend, Jim was devoted, caring, and loyal to those who knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold A. and Violet Slagle; his brother, Ed Slagle; his sisters, Nancy Lee and Jo Adele; his parents-in-law, Anthony and Mary Yankowsky; his brother-in-law, Tony Yankowsky; and his nephews, Scott Slagle and Mark Yankowsky.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Janie Slagle; their children, Kathy Slagle and Jim Slagle (Stacy); and his grandsons, Trey and Tyler. He is also survived by his brother, Tim Slagle (Vivian); nephews Jason Slagle, Eddie Slagle (Candy), and Michael Yankowsky (Denise); nieces Kathy Fachler (Bruce) and Marcia Slagle; and a host of cousins and friends.

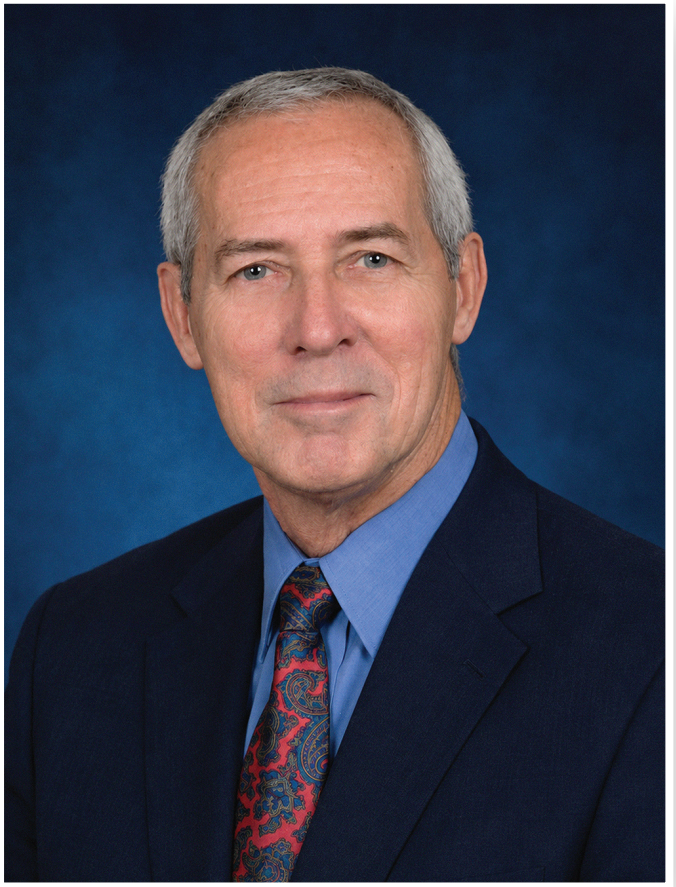
A 1957 graduate of Ford City High School, Jim proudly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 to 1966 as a Voice Intercept Processing Specialist. Following his military service, he dedicated 31 years to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he worked as a Program Analyst. Even in retirement, Jim remained active, spending 10 years working at Sports Authority simply for the enjoyment of it.

Jim cherished spending time with his family, both at home and while traveling together. His interests were varied, and he enjoyed cycling, hiking, volleyball, and many genres of music. A true outdoorsman, Jim was happiest surrounded by the beauty of nature, whether enjoying it on his own or sharing it with family. During the 1980s, he served as an assistant Scoutmaster, helping guide young Scouts and shape not only his son's character but also the lives of many others. Jim was known for his sense of humor and artistic talents. A lifelong Pittsburgh Steelers fan, he faithfully cheered on his beloved team.

A devoted follower of Christ, Jim was a longtime member of Good Shepherd UMC for 45 years. He served his church faithfully, volunteering as an usher, setting up tables each week for Wednesday Night Suppers, and always lending a helping hand wherever he was needed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Hospice of the Chesapeake, or to Scouting America, BSA Troop 1780, in Jim's memory. Jim will be laid to rest in Windber, PA at a later date.

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THE LIFE OF



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A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and A Celebration of the Life of

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PRELUDE

GREETING

THE WORD OF GRACE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23

*HYMN *Rock of Ages* UMH #361

PRAYER (responsively)
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Let us pray together.

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Give to us now your grace, that as we shrink before the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are accomplished, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in you, and that nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us from your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**

SECOND LESSON John 11: 25-26 Tyler Slagle

*SONG *He Knows My Name*

GOSPEL LESSON John 14: 1-4 Jimmie Slagle
Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks Be To God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *On Eagle's Wings* Brian Turnmire

SERMON Rev. Laurie Gates-Ward

WITNESS OF FAMILY

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Laurie Gates-Ward and Pastor Keith White

PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION

*SONG *The Goodness of God*

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

PRESENTATION OF MILITARY HONORS
Kenneth Paulsen: CTICM (Ret) USNA
Gonzalo Manriquez: Staff Sgt (Ret) US Army

*all who are able, please stand

The family invites everyone to a luncheon in Fellowship Hall following the service.

Pastor: Rev. Laurie Gates-Ward
Organist: Sue Norris
Director of Music : Brian Turnmire