



## Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

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### **FLETCHER, JAMES LEE '63**

James Lee Fletcher passed away at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV, on 13 August 2006. He was born 22 May 1943 in Elkins, a son of the late D. Edwin and Virginia Puffenberger Fletcher.

Fletcher attended the schools of Elkins and graduated from Augusta Military Academy. He attended the University of Virginia and Davis and Elkins College. He enlisted in the US Army and completed service in the Army Reserves of Clarksburg, WV. He began his insurance career with his late father's agency by selling hospitalization and health policies.

Jim went on to work with Central West Virginia Underwriters. He specialized in liability and casualty insurance for auto, homeowners and businesses. He sold his agency in 1994 to Allegheny Insurance and retired in 1997. He was residing in Florida and Canaan Valley at the time of his death.

He married Sarah Thompson of Canaan Valley in 1968. Their son, Ben, and his wife, Karen (Cameron) and their two daughters, Caroline and Maggie, reside in Charlotte, NC. Also surviving are two brothers, David Fletcher, of Elkins, and Tom Fletcher, of Fairmont, one sister, Betty Ruddle, of Edgewater, MD, and several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death was a brother, Charles Fletcher.

Jim was very active in the community while a resident of Elkins. He served two terms as the President of the Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce. He led the first Christmas Tree Auction to raise money for holiday lights for the City of Elkins. He was enthusiastic in getting the things accomplished, such as getting the first computers for both the Chamber and the RCCVB. He got the

Chamber state recognition and helped the Visitors Bureau by assuring that it was current in methods of getting information out to the public and to visitors. He was diligent in his efforts to get a decent pay scale and bonuses. He always was involved in improving the RCCVB's image for the visitors and the public.

At Augusta for five years: Captain, Headquarters Company, Roller Rifles, Cotillion Club, football, basketball, track, swimming, lacrosse, Honor Roll, Privilege List.

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