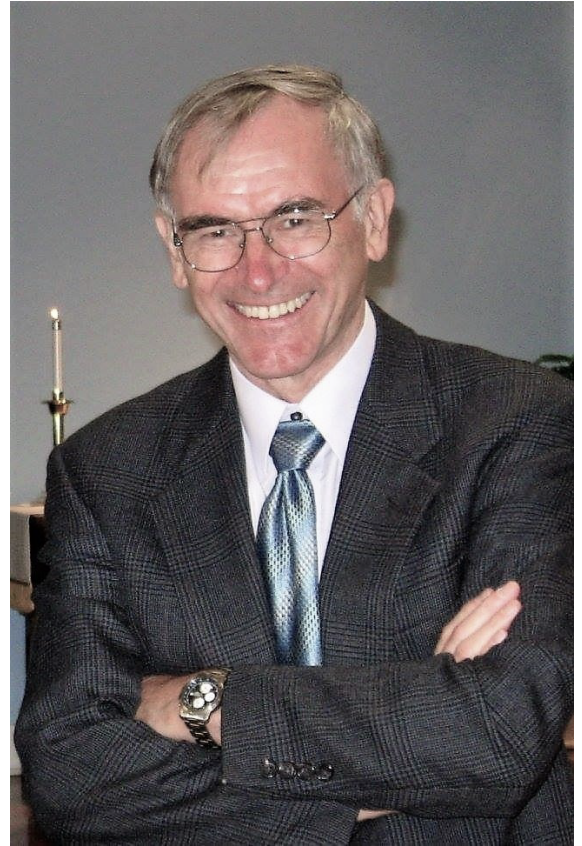


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DR. JAMES KURFESS

Dr. James D. Kurfess was a member of the Troy-Luckey Class of 1958. He was raised by his parents, John and Margaret Kurfess, on the family's Dowling Road farm along with siblings Nancy, Charles and John. As an internationally recognized authority in high-energy astrophysics research, Dr. Kurfess' stellar scientific career of 40 years was with the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), NASA's Space Science Division.



- Troy-Luckey Graduate 1958. Member of the IQ Team, National Honor Society, Basketball, Football, Student Council (Sr.-V.P.), Band, Trojan Yearbook Staff. Voted “Most Studious” of the Senior class.
- Case Institute of Technology (CIT) BS in Physics 1962; MS in Nuclear Physics 1963; Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics 1967. Research Asst. Rice University 1967.
- Principal Investigator of the Oriented Scintillation Spectrometer Experiment (OSSE)/ Gamma Ray Observatory launched on the space shuttle Atlantis on April 7, 1991.
- Holder of three patents and a publication record of over 180 articles.
- Memberships included: American Astronomical Society; American Physical Society (Fellow); International Astronomical Union; Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineers; Dept. of Defense, NASA and the National Academy of Sciences.
- Lifelong athlete: Troy Luckey football and basketball; Basketball Case Institute of Technology; Naval Research Laboratory basketball team. Marine Corps Marathon.
- He married Mary Deffley having children Victoria, Christopher and stepson John Skaggs