

Jimmy Morgan has become a legend in our organization. Many of us did not have the pleasure of knowing him, but those around us who did know him, speak of him with high regard. We think you will enjoy these stories! Contributors include Harvey Morgan, Jimmy's younger brother; Joe Morgan, one of Jimmy's three sons; David Muffelman, Brent Heath, and Davis Rhodes. Here a link to an article Jimmy wrote titled "[The Dragon Canoe Cruising Trail](#)" which was published in the June 1959 issue of Virginia Wildlife, VA Department of Wildlife Resources.

Jimmy left this earth on October 16th of 1997 at the all too young age of 70. He was a loving son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather. Jimmy served in the Navy and went on to college and then Virginia School of Pharmacy. He co-owned and operated the Morgan Drug Stores in Gloucester and West Point. His service to the community and the list of awards he received for those services is impressive. One of his greatest loves was the Dragon and he was a tireless champion for its preservation. As a leader of Boy Scouts and the Explorer Unit in Gloucester, he inspired many of the local young men to experience the Dragon. He led them to create a canoe trail so others could experience the Cypress swamps. Davis Rhodes was one of those explorer scouts, and he considers Jimmy a mentor. Davis went on to become treasurer, and president of Friends of Dragon Run and is still on the FODR Board of Directors. Through him and other Champions of the Dragon, Jimmy's legacy lives on.

In 1985, when an owner of land along the Dragon wanted to sell, it was Jimmy who organized an effort to buy the property. He was so well connected in the community that he did not find it difficult to get \$1000 donations (the equivalent of \$3100 today) from 15 people. That property, Big Island, is home to a carved stone that was laid on the property to honor Jimmy's contribution.



A common thread in all the remembrances of Jimmy was his tireless work ethic. His son Joe said he was a workaholic who lived for lists. He and his brothers would long for darkness so that their father would end a project and they could head home. But darkness often was not a solution because Jimmy would move his old car so that the headlights would allow them to keep working!