



Farrell Jim Stewart

May 29, 1935 - May 14, 2016

written by FARRELL J. "JIM" STEWART

Jim's time on earth was absolutely superb. He considered himself extremely fortunate to have had excellent health and to have lived so long. God was very good to him and to his loving family. He died of old age on May 14, 2016.

Jim was the only child of Anna Cassidy Stewart Littlepage, a hard-working Irish Catholic mother whose love, ideals, kindness, compassion and character-building discipline provided the foundation and path for life's beautiful journey. He valued the lessons his mom taught him along with her love of the blessed mother and the miraculous power of prayer through the Holy Rosary.

It was an enormous stroke of luck and outstanding good fortune for Jim to meet, know, marry and spend 55 magnificent years with his devoted and beautiful bride, Anne—a truly precious and exceptional human being whom he loved more than words could ever express.

Three children— Mary Aslin, Virginia Ringseth and Luke Stewart—brought immense joy, enormous pride, and honor to the family through the years. He was gratified by the love, fidelity, and affection they showed to each other, to him and to their loving mother, Anne.

Jim enjoyed those times he spent with Edward James Stewart Meyer, his son from a previous marriage; his sons-in-law, Matt Aslin and Paul Ringseth; his three grandchildren, Lindsay (Aslin) Hertel, Theresa Aslin and Aaron Aslin; and his great-grandchildren, Benjamin Aslin Machado, Audrey Hertel and Jason Hertel.

He liked the prayers and scripture contained in the 1962 Tridentine Traditional Latin/English Catholic Mass Missal. He regretted those times during his life that he failed to follow God's commandments and the virtues of humility, kindness, patience, purity, charity, and love of neighbor. He prayed that his soul would be allowed to enter into God's glorious, heavenly kingdom through the purifying process of penance and purgatory.

Dates: Born May 29, 1935, in Salt Lake City, Utah; 1953-graduated from Judge Memorial Catholic High School, 1953-1956; USMC 1955-56, Korea; 1956-61 USMC Reserve. Military awards – Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Korean Defense Medal. In 1960 married Anne V. Huish, Salt Lake City, Utah. 1962 B.S. degree from the University of Utah; 1968; M.S. degree from Southern Oregon University, Ashland, Oregon.

Work history: (1) Apprentice Mechanic, Page Brake Co., Salt Lake City, UT; (2) Laborer, Carbon County Coal, Mine & Railroad, Columbia, UT; (3) Sgt. U.S. Marine Corps; (4) Steel Worker, Kennecott Copper Corp; Garfield, UT; (5) Patrolman, Salt Lake City Police Dept.; (6) Graduate Assistant, University of Utah; (7) Speech Pathologist, Grants Pass, OR, School District #7; Coos and Jackson Counties; Oregon Education Service Districts; (8) Sonotone Hearing Aid Rep., southern OR and northern CA; (9) Patrolman, Oregon State Police; (10) University of Wyoming, Laramie – Coordinator, Wyoming Project for Communicatively Handicapped School children; (11) Director of Special Education, Multnomah County Education Service District, Portland, OR; (12)

Washington State licensed real estate salesman for Lutz Snyder and Shook-Brown Realtors, Vancouver, WA; (13)Secretary/Treasurer, for A.J. Stewart Co., inc., dba "Gift Gallery," a Washington State retail sales corporation owned and operated with his beautiful bride, Anne.

As an educator, Jim held that even the most severely handicapped student could eventually learn to read and do math if encouragement was provided, measurable instructional objectives were defined, and the tasks to be learned were broken down and taught at a level wherein the learner could have some measure of success. He published articles in professional journals on this subject and co-authored a book, *Community Competencies for the Handicapped*, Charles C. Thomas, Publisher, Springfield, IL, 1978. He also published a paper which appeared in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*: "A Nucleus Vocabulary in the Therapy of Dysphasia: Word Finding, Naming and Recall—Case Report," 1966. He and Anne also wrote, edited, published, sold and distributed a monthly newsletter, "Trends in Special Education," 1980-82.

Jim's hobbies were buying/selling real property, building/remodeling houses, sailboat racing, and, in his later years, motorcycle riding, senior golf at Raspberry Ridge and casual golf at Homestead with his furry friend, "Rambo."

Jim was a constitutional, legislative, judicial, fiscal and social conservative. He held that marriage was only for, and between, a woman and a man. He believed in the sanctity of life in the womb. He was Pro 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 10th, Amendments; a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9301, Lynden, WA; a life member of Bellingham, WA, American Legion Post #7; a charter member of Post #7 Legion Riders group; and a life charter member of Marine Corps League, Capt. Daniel B. Bartle Detachment, 1335, Bellingham, WA.

Jim's ashes are to be inurned at Arlington National Cemetery in our nation's capital.

On Friday, May 20, a Rosary will be recited at 1:00 pm, followed by a Funeral Mass at 1:30 pm. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 205 – 12th St, Lynden, WA. Reception will follow services at Homestead Golf & Country Club, 115 E Homestead Blvd, Lynden, from 3-5 pm.

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Jim in Jackson County, Ore. in about 1969-1972. He was a speech therapist for Jackson county IED (Now ESD) and I was hired to run a new program for handicapped children. Jim and I became friends, and in about 1975 he hired me as a special ed teacher in Multnomah County. I was invited to crew with him and John Roderick, another teacher, on his 29-foot Cascade sailboat for the Spring Cup races on the Columbia River. Jim always had a great sense of humor and I remember a story he told me about being a motorcycle policeman in Utah. He said he was out in the middle of nowhere and had no contact with his dispatcher, but had to call in from pay phones. He said one time he was riding along a road and saw that a car had gone over an embankment and a tow truck had a cable stretched across the road. Jim said he laid the bike down, and the cable cut off half the windshield, but missed his head. He was a good friend and I've thought about him often. He was a staunch advocate of helping handicapped children, and we did some very good work in that regard. My condolences to his family and friends. Wayne Edward Hanson
wayneedwardhanson.com

Wayne Hanson - May 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Mary, Matt and family,
I never had the privilege of meeting your father. From everything that has been shared he sounds like a very kind, wise, and well respected individual with a deep love for his family, friends, church and country. I am so sorry for your loss and know he is in your hearts forever.

Toni Scott - May 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Anne

I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Jim's encouraging words to me during the year the two of you came to RCIA. My son was serving in a combat unit in Iraq. Jim's support and understanding as well as his patriotism made me remember to be proud of my son and not so worried. I believe God sends us people when we have a need and for me Jim was the person God sent to my life to help me get through my sons deployment. I am grateful to have met him. You will all be in my prayers.
Jeanette Perry

Jeanette Perry - May 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I've had the great honor and pleasure of knowing Jim for many decades. He has made a huge unforgettable impression on my life and I will always and forever remember him. I find myself thinking of his words and conversations many times. The times I would get to spend with him were of such consistent quality, he would always invest in others, passionately seeking to engage others, including myself. His passion for all things in this life I found thrilling, and I would always leave the conversations with a wonderful feeling that Jim had just given me something I didn't have before our visit. It was his spirit, his worldly wisdom and insight that would challenge me, and in a loving way I would feel it watering my dry roots making me grow in wisdom. He was such a strong kind man, always greeting me with that huge smile and was always truly happy to see me. I loved being in his presence. I am deeply mournful, and also deeply grateful to have had him in my life. I miss you Jim. I always will.

Doug Aslin - May 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM