



James "Jim" Harvey Curley

September 25, 1946 - March 20, 2018

James "Jim" Harvey Curley 71, passed away Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at his Tallahassee residence after a long battle with cancer. He was born on September 25, 1946, in Ontario Canada, though he spent most of his childhood in California. Jim loved the water and most likely could be found with his surfboard under his arm headed to the beach. At the age of 19, in 1967, Jim joined the army where he served an honorable tour of duty in Vietnam. Sergeant Curley earned many awards during his service including Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, Air Medal Marksman (Rifle), Marksman (Pistol), Expert (81 mm Mortar), and the Army Commendation Medal. He was honorably discharged from the service in 1968.

Jim received his education from West Coast College in Costa Mesa, California. He earned his degrees in chemical and mechanical engineering. Jim worked for a number of companies and had a very successful career and earned many patent awards for design and invention of procedure parts for cell phones. He had the opportunity to travel to other countries where he would test and evaluate these parts. After his retirement from engineering, Jim became a realtor. He was smart, charming, and loved helping people with their real estate needs. In 2013, Jim was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. This was a monumental turning point in his life. He Loved the Lord and always tried to do the right thing. He also met and married

his loving wife at church. They married December 14, 2013, and even though their time together was short, it was magical and wonderful and filled with love and adventure. They ziplined in North Carolina, had the opportunity and thrill of riding in a glider plane in South Carolina, snowmobiled in Yellowstone, and kayaked several times on the Wakulla and Wacissa Rivers. Jim had a bucket list which included buying a Harley motorcycle and fly fishing. He was a man filled with joy when he rode his bike. As his health started failing, he enjoyed spending time with his wife, on the couch, holding hands and watching movies. Jim was a loving and caring man that loved his family.

Jim is survived by his wife, Jo Neal Crenshaw Curley, his brother, Barry Curley (Dina) of Atlanta, Georgia, his three children, Ron Anzelone (Tammy) of Kansas City, Missouri, James A. Curley (Niki), of Cedar Grove, California, and Rachel Curley, of Tucson, Arizona. Three stepchildren, Brandi Keels (Tom), Tallahassee, Denny Blanton (Meghan), Cairo, Georgia, and Casey Blanton of West Palm Beach, Florida. He is also survived by eight grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents James B. Curley and Muriel (Barfoot) Curley. Also the mother of his children Kerryl May Curley. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice who have been so wonderful and supportive through this journey of transition. Many Thanks to Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home, who has assisted the Curley family with Jim's arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

MAR **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints(Thomasville Rd.)
3717 Thomasville Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Tribute Wall

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“ I served as Boy Scout Troop 120 committee secretary with Jim a couple years ago, and I was sad to see his notice in the Sunday paper. His love and concern for the Scouts were evident, and he gave his best even on days when he probably didn't feel too well. It always made me smile to see his sporty little convertible in front of the church before a committee meeting. I'm fortunate to have known such a special man.

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