



James W. Graham

December 3, 1925 - December 25, 2016

Jim, the only child of Wilmer and Flora Graham was born on December 3, 1925 and went to his heavenly home on Christmas morning.

Jim grew up in Davenport, Iowa, Wichita, Kansas and graduated from Murray High in St. Paul, Minnesota. He joined the Navy Flight program upon graduation in 1944. After his discharge he received his BS degree in Electrical Engineering from UC Berkley and went to work for PG&E in their San Francisco office. Tiring of commuting and “suits” he moved to Fresno, his wife Connie Baird’s home town and went to work for Robinson Electric which he eventually owned with Jim Robinson.

After Jim passed his EE license test, he opened Interstate Engineering with Carl Benson in 1963 and sold Robinson Electric to Frank Caglia. Interstate Engineering designed lighting, power and electronics installations for owners and Architects mainly in the Central Valley, although they did work at Edwards AFB, SF State College and Pac Bell locations throughout the state. Most notably; the unique lighting tower configuration at Bulldog Stadium.

Jim was active in several professional societies and civic groups including Fresno Lodge FA & M, Scottish Rite, IES, Tehran Shrine and East Fresno Rotary. He taught Electrical apprentices at Fresno City College and was responsible for the initial electrical installation at Storyland with Pat Hopper

and Carl Benson.

His wife Connie preceded him in 2004.

He is survived by his children, Jeff Graham and wife Diane, Karen Andersen and husband Robert ; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, Jim asks that remembrances be made to the Fresno SPCA where he adopted his two best friends, Queenie and Molly .

Memorial Service to be held Friday January 6th 2017 at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home at 2:00 pm.

Cemetery Details

Chapel of the Light Cemetery

1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (PT)

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