



James L. Souder

February 6, 1929 - April 14, 2022

James Lewis (Jim) Souder, of Vancouver, Washington, went home to be with the LORD on Thursday, April 14, 2022. Jim was 93 yrs old. and died of complications due to Parkinson's Disease. When he trusted Jesus Christ to be his personal Lord and Savior in 1975, his eternal home in heaven was secured.

Jim is survived by his wife of 67 years, Lois Jean Souder; daughter Theresa Ann Gordon, son-in-law Walter Gordon of Ridgefield, Washington; son James Anthony Souder, daughter-in-law Pamela Souder of River Falls, Wisconsin; son Steven Michael Souder, daughter-in-law Lynnette Wilhardt-Souder of Costa Mesa, California. Jim is also survived by his sister Betty Lou Grable of Columbia City, Indiana.

Jim was born on February 6, 1929, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Mary and Gerald Souder. He graduated from Columbia City High School in 1947. After serving in the United States Air Force for 21 years, he retired as a Senior Master Sergeant in 1968. Jim then moved his family to Phoenix, Arizona where he became a letter carrier for the US Postal Service. In 1984 he moved to Vancouver, WA with the exception of returning to Arizona for a short number of years before making Vancouver his home. He worked locally for Dorsey Bus Company, Vancouver Ford, and taught drivers training for both Ridgefield and Prairie High Schools. He also enjoyed serving a number of years as a Chaplain for Nursing Home Ministries of Vancouver.

Our dad loved baseball and coached Little League and Junior High baseball

teams in Arizona. He was an avid Los Angeles Dodger fan until he found himself adopting his home state team, the Seattle Mariners.

Jim's grandchildren include Brandy Lynn (Schubert) and Tony Orozco of Battle Ground, WA; Daniel Scott and Bessie Schubert of Vancouver, WA; and Michael Anthony and Natalie Schubert of Ridgefield, WA. Also surviving Jim is granddaughter Stephanie (Souder) and Cedric Bernier of Scottsdale, Arizona, and grandson James Caleb and Rebecka Souder of Boise Idaho. Travis Michael and Sarah Souder of Mission Viejo, CA, Amanda Souder of Newport Beach, CA, Ashley and Caitlin Wilhardt of Costa Mesa, CA are the last surviving grandchildren.

Jim's great grandchildren are Katy and Kyle Orozco; Jack and Leona Schubert; Wyatt Schubert; Eli, Kaivo, and Haliewa Bernier; Miriam Souder, and Hadley and Harper Souder.

Services with military honors will be held on Friday April 22, 2022 at 12:15 p.m. at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens Chapel located at 1101 NE 112th Ave , Vancouver, Washington. Burial will be on Monday, April 25, 2022 at the Willamette National Cemetery .

Tribute Wall

SF

“ *With heartfelt condolences,*



Sara Dennis and family - April 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Sent with love and remembrance, our prayers and thoughts are with you. We love you all. Your Fort Wayne Family*



Tribute Store - April 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ *I am honored to have met and known James Souder. I will always remember his dry sense of humor. How I would always try to get him to crack a smile and laugh when he was pretending to be serious. I look forward to the day I can see him again, in a world where there is no pain, and try my hand at getting a laugh out of him again. - Nathan Jordan*

Nathan Jordan - April 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Calvary Chapel Solid Rock sends prayers to the Souder Family. We look forward to meeting James when we worship the Lord together. John 11:25,26*



Tribute Store - April 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sincere sympathy. I love you so much grandpa. Youre my role model and my hero. I am so happy to have you in my life. We will miss you & love you.*



Travis, Sarah & Hadley Souder - April 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Lois, Jim, Teresa, Steve and your families, words are hard at a time like this, but your love each other will speak louder than your pain. My words are too simple to fill any void. But, none the less I am praying for you all that God's peace will provide exactly what you need. Love you much, Chiko*

Chiko - April 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Dear Steve and Family, our deepest condolences on James passing. Our love and prayers are with you.*



Jerry, Sophie, Jack, and Fiena Ferrara. - April 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory*

A Memorial Tree was planted for James L. Souder - April 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM