



Jim Potter

October 11, 1927 - April 23, 2013

Jim C. Potter (1927 – 2013)

CEDAR FALLS – Jim C. Potter, 85, of Cedar Falls, died at home on Tuesday, April 23.

He was born October 11, 1927, in Hutchinson, Kansas, son of Hada Genevieve Finuf Potter and George M. Potter. He married JoAnne Neumeyer at Trinity Methodist Church in Hutchinson on June 4, 1950.

Jim enlisted in the Navy in 1945 and remained in the Naval Reserve after World War II. In 1950, just six weeks after the wedding, he was called back to serve in the Korean War. Upon returning to civilian life he enrolled in the engineering program at Kansas State University. After graduating from K-State in 1953, Jim accepted a position with John Deere Tractor Works in Waterloo. He retired from Deere in 1985 and finished out his engineering career as a consultant with Diedrichs & Associates of Cedar Falls.

Jim was an active member of Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church and chaired the church's long range planning task force in the late 1990s. He and his wife Jo spent much of their later years traveling the world together. Over the years they set foot on every one of the continents, including Antarctica. Shortly after retiring from Deere, Jim was invited to serve as a volunteer in the International Executive Service Corps. The experience

allowed Jim and Jo to travel together to India and Russia, where they lived for months at a time while Jim shared his expertise with tractor manufacturers in those countries. His international volunteer service included similar assignments in Moldova and Slovakia.

Jim is survived by his wife; two daughters, Beth (Mike) Nash of Dayton, Minnesota, and Kay (Andrew) Crask of Three Rivers, California; a son, Richard (Tracy) of Kansas City, Missouri; three grandchildren, Julie Wanamaker of Simsbury, Connecticut, Alexandra Potter of Kirksville, Missouri, and Philip Potter of Kansas City, Missouri; a sister, Nell Scheid of Naperville, Illinois; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation is scheduled for 4:30-6pm on Thursday, April 25 at Richardson Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 11am on Friday, April 26 at Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers the family asks that gifts be made to the Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Memorial Fund or to Cedar Valley Hospice.

Tribute Wall

KH

“ I extend my sympathy to Jim's entire family. I worked with Jim the the John Deere PEC during the early 90's when he was on contract with Drivetrain Engineering. His energy and enthusiam was felt by many others including me. I will never forget the story he told me about the special flower that grows only in a volcano in Hawaii!

Kirk Hackbarth - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

MA

“ Dear Potter family, I am sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Mark Andersen - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

DV

“ Beth, Mike and family:
I am so sad to hear about your father. It doesn't seem that long ago that I remember listening to your stories of your parent's travels. My thoughts are with you.

Deb Vosler - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

KP

“ Jo,
We were so sorry to hear the news and would have been to the memorial had we not been moving Denny's folks in southern Iowa. We revisited lovely memories of meeting you two in Innsbruck where we skied, but mostly laughed together for a week in the Alps. You two have always been a model of marriage for us. So glad we had that evening not so long ago sharing a bottle of wine and memories in downtown Cedar Falls. Blessings to you and other family members as you work through the days, months and years ahead. I hope you relish the fun times as we had with you! What a fine man Jim was! Thank you for sharing your lives with us. It has made such a difference in our attitudes.

Kristi and Denny Paxton - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

JM

“ So sad to hear this news. Thinking of you all - Jo, Richard, Beth, and Kay. Bask in the memories. Love Jan
Martin Moeller

Jan Martin Moeller - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

NW

“ Jo and family,

I am visiting my sister in KY, was in KC last week. I am so sorry to hear about Jim but as with Nixon, it was God's timing.

I look forward to visiting with you and maybe a memory walk in Hartman when I get home.

With love,

Nell

Nell wilson - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

LL

“ Kay, Beth, Jo and Richard, I was sorry to learn about Jim's passing. I remember him from my teenage years and was glad to run into him along with Beth and Jo at the Minneapolis Art Institute as number of years ago.

Kay, I enjoyed seeing your pictures on facebook and really had to smile over the pictures of your family when you were very young. I am sure that you all have many great memories.

My mom passed away on June 13 last month. Our parents' were the same age as my mom would have turned 86 on July 21. It was very comforting to be back in Cedar Falls last month and see many people who knew mom.

Jo, I was glad to read that you and Jim were able to travel and do such important volunteer work after Jim's retirement.

My thoughts and prayers go to all of you. Lynne

Lynne Butschy Lent - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM



“ Richard,
I remember your father as a very kind, funny, and generous man.

The sorrow of the faithful is not that of permanent loss, but the tender sense of sadness that comes in saying good-bye for now to someone we love.

May today's sorrow give way to the peace and comfort of God's love.

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

April 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM