



James Robert Stewart

October 19, 1939 - February 1, 2012

James Robert Stewart, 72 of Rockford passed away on February 1, 2012. Born and raised in New Jersey, he received a BSIE from Newark College of Engineering, and MPA from University of Missouri at Kansas City, a MIE from Oklahoma State University, and a PH.D from Texas A&M. He worked in the public, private and educational areas, authoring numerous items, including the book *Managing with Less*. From 1989 until his retirement and moving to Rockford, he taught at NIU's Dept. of Technology. He was particularly proud of receiving the Arthur L. Williston Award and Medal for fostering civic service from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 1961. Jim loved traveling and lived at times in Iceland, Malaysia and Mexico. He had an extensive train hobby, loved his four cats and had been a Mason, like his father, Thomas. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Barbara; his daughter Doreen Mace of DeKalb; his adult grandchildren, Jamie Carroll of Aurora, Brian Sweet of DeKalb; and sister Barbara Greene of Bruce Crossing, UP, Michigan. Private Services. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jim, I'll always remember your laugh and your one word emails. I couldn't ask for a better brother-in-law. I know you will be missed by all whose lives you touched. Remembering you with love in my heart. Your sister-in-law, Pat.

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A few things to add to the obituary - Jimmy was born at Margaret Hague Hospital, Jersey City, NJ. He was the first child of Mildred Friel Stewart and Thomas Dunlop Stewart and also the first grandchild and nephew born to the Stewart and the Friel families. His grandparents Sophie and Jim Friel and his Grandmother Barbara Hewitson Stewart, along with 9 aunts and uncles, absolutely doted on him! He grew up in North Arlington, NJ and graduated from North Arlington High School in 1957. He loved anything that could be taken apart and put back together. His model train set and erector set were his favorite toys and he added a motor to his English Racer bike to speed it up. Jim was the best brother a girl could have had. Even though you teased me in a typical big brother-little sister way, I know it was all in fun and I learned to give it right back to you! Thanks for all the things you taught me, like chess and cards, long division, roller skating and bike riding. Thanks for babysitting me even though you would rather have been out with your friends and thanks for taking me with you on the handle bars of your bike when you got tired of hanging around the house with me. I'll never forget when you took me in Dad's car to the ice cream place where you got to hang out with your friends and I got to make my own sundae. You swore me to secrecy and I never told! Even though we only saw each other every few months recently, it was great knowing you were only a few hours drive down the road or a minute or two by phone or e-mail. I will miss your unusual sense of humor. I love you Jim and pray you were welcomed by our mom and dad when you arrived in heaven. Hope to see you there someday!

by Barbara Stewart Greene, Jim's sister.

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