



Francis J. "Jim" Steyer

June 7, 2011

Francis J. Steyer "Jim", retired Commander U. S. Navy, 76, of Lewis Center, OH, passed away on Tuesday June 7, 2011 at Kobacker House after a 15 year battle against prostate cancer. Born on January 26, 1935, in Fostoria, OH, Jim was the oldest of 12 children born to Francis and Helen Steyer. He attended Arcadia High School and graduated from The Ohio State University in 1957. He then served in the U. S. Navy on active duty in the Middle East, in Lebanon, and the Caribbean Sea during the Cuban missile crisis. He served a total of 42 years of active duty and reserve time in his Navy career, during which time he was also assigned as a Blue & Gold Information Officer for the U. S. Naval Academy. During his civilian career he was employed by Kroger Co. in Toledo, Pittsburgh and Detroit, and was the Executive VP of Cardinal Foods Inc. in Columbus. He later formed a group of Cardinal Food Gallery supermarkets for which he was partner and Chief Operating Officer. Prior to his retirement he was the Business Manager of St. James the Less Church and school for eight years. He was a member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church and served on the Parish Council, Building Committee and Finance Committee. He is preceded in death by his parents and infant brother, Raymond. He is survived by wife of 54 years, Marilyn (Thiel) Steyer; children Laura(Matthew)Favret of Lewis Center, Denise(Greg) Gorlich of St. Charles, IL, Lisa(Alan)McMillan of Ann Arbor, MI, and Brian(Beth) Steyer of Lewis Center; grandchildren Zach and Ciara Gibbs, Max and Luke Gorlich, Adam, David and Jennifer McMillan, and Robin and Kelly Steyer; six brothers

Joe(Ann) of Defiance, Bob(Donna) of Fostoria, Duane(Sue) of Defiance, Dick(Terri) of Johnstown, Glen(Colleen) of Rochester Hills, MI, and Greg(Mary) of Defiance; four sisters Mary Ann(John) DeMuth of Findlay, Marlene Henry of Troy, Judy Steyer of Columbus, and Jeannette(Tom) Mandell of Land of Lakes, FL; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends. Visitation will be held 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 10, 2011 at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St. (Powell Road/St. Rt. 750, ¼ mile east of Sawmill Pkwy.), Powell, OH 43065. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. SATURDAY, June 11, 2011 at ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell, Ohio 43065. The Reverend Raymond Larussa, Celebrant. Burial will follow at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center, OH. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's memory to Kobacker House, 3595 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, OH 43214. Condolences to www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall



“ Francis J. "Jim" Steyer

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Marilyn and family Jean and I extend our deepest symtathies at Jim's loss. We will remember you in our prayers.

Tom Thiel - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences to the families.

Herb - June 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the entire Steyer family, While I did not know Jim personally, I can tell by his accomplishments that he was an impressive man. You have my deepest sympathy for the loss your family has just experienced.

Scott Jacob - June 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Steyer Family: Words cannot express the deep sympathy this brings to you and your family at this sad time. May your hearts be filled with loving memories of Uncle Jim. May he rest in peace.

Roger,Jackie, Brandon and Kelli Heyman - June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *My deepest condolences to the Steyer family. I work with Beth and have known her family for many years. I pray and trust that our Lord will comfort you during this time. With prayful thoughts, Susan Munday*

Susan Munday - June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Jim and I had the kind of friendship than many can only hope for in their lives. Knowing someone always “has your back” is comforting and rare. Jim and I were just two farm kids who tried to live a life that would make our parents proud. Just last week, Jim and I were talking about our parents and we both felt we had never disappointed them. We both agreed we had never lied to our parents (although we didn’t tell them everything we might have). We talked and talked...and our conversations were like...Is there really an afterlife? Will we once again see friends and family who have preceded us in this life? Will the Browns ever win a championship? Why secrets of the universe aren’t explained in the Bible? Why Marilyn won’t agree to buy a dog. Why Ruth doesn’t like Conan O’Brien. Jim and I have resolved many of life’s biggest issues (I still can’t figure out the dog thing) and still have a few to work on in the coming months and years. We get them all solved...we didn’t even address a few of them. The important thing was the process...two friends trying to figure out what life is all about. We always seemed to come to the same conclusion. It is all about love...love of our families and friends, love of our fellow man, love of nature...just love! When it is all said and done...it won’t be about how much we have accumulated but how much love we have given away...for love is about the only thing that grows when you give it away. I can imagine that when both Jim and I are no longer on this earth, I will be able to see Jim, from my place in purgatory (or worse), standing in Heaven, right behind St. Peter, making sure Marilyn and his family are alright, encouraging Job and Paul and John to be more positive, making entries into his Daily Financial Log and wearing another of those damn Trout badges on his halo. I have never known a better friend...or man.

Glenn Saltzman - June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I am very sorry for your loss.

Bill Frakes - June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ To the Jim Steyer family: Our deepest sympathy. Please find comfort and peace in the many great memories that you hold in your heart. Tom, Nancy, Michelle and David Miller

Tom, Nancy, Michelle and David Miller - June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Uncle Jim, You will be missed. You were truly loved by many family and friends. Tom, Nancy, Michelle and David Miller

Tom, Nancy, Michelle & David Miller - June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ To All the Family: Please accept my deep condolences. Jim, Dad, Grandpa, will be missed very much. God rest you Dad, and grant us peace. Love, Matt

Matt - June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM