



Clarence "Jim" Garrison

May 23, 1934 - September 29, 2016

Clarence "Jim" Garrison, 82, of Corvallis, Oregon, passed away on Sept. 29, 2016, peacefully in his sleep, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Scientist, teacher, innovator, and beloved husband, father and grandfather: Jim loved building and remodeling; landscaping; playing the stock market; European cars and being captain on his sailboats. He was always a wealth of mid-west sayings, easy-going, light-hearted and constantly working on some project. He believed in hard work, education, and was our beloved beacon of reason and kindness.

Jim was born in Weeping Water, Nebraska, the youngest of ten children of Fred and Amanda Garrison. He served in the US Army during the Korean conflict. Following discharge from the army, he earned a bachelor's and master's degree in engineering from the University of Nebraska, and a doctorate from University of Washington.

His academic career included professorial positions at Texas A & M University, the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California, and Oregon State University, Department of Ocean Engineering (Civil Engineering). He was principal of C.J. Garrison & Associates, an international consultant to the offshore industry since 1970. In 2009, the American Society of Civil Engineers inducted Dr. Garrison into the ASCE Hall of Fame for his, "Pioneering Innovation and Lasting Impact".

He is survived by his wife, Catherine, of Philomath; daughter Carolyn, son Brad and grandson Hunter Garrison of Carmel, California; sisters Eunice

Cade and Norma Jones of Lincoln, Nebraska; and stepchildren Bruce Claremont, Rita Claremont and Ruth Baker. He was predeceased by his first wife, Joanne Garrison.

At the family's request, burial will be private.

Tribute Wall



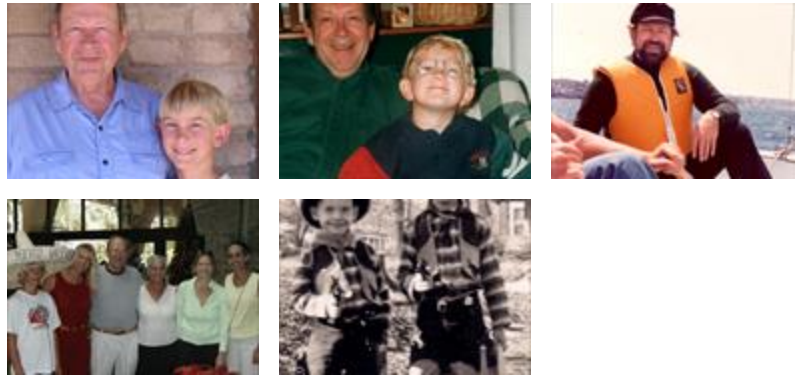
“ Carolyn: I'm very sorry to hear of CJ's passing. Although in my interaction with him, he was a man of few words, they were always well thought out and kind. I never saw him in a bad mood or angry. He always treated me well and with respect. He will be missed. I will say a prayer for him and your family.

Mark Sherry

Mark Sherry - October 06, 2016 at 02:11 PM



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McHenry Funeral Home - October 06, 2016 at 10:04 AM

FJ

“ Carolyn,

I will always remember your dad in so many positive ways-- with a big smile and a great sense of humor. He loved sharing stories about driving his sports cars, captaining his sailboats, trading his stocks and enjoying his family.

One of my favorite times with Jim was spending the day together salmon fishing with you, Hunter and Catherine. Although the fish weren't biting that day, Hunter hooked, fought and landed a whopper – a 4 foot long stick! Jim was so proud of his grandson's tenacity to win the fight and land the “fish”. His positive reaction showed me the love he has for his family. That's the way Jim was. He loved life and it was infectious. May his love of life continue though you and Hunter. Peace to you and your family.

With love,

Faber

Faber Johnston - October 05, 2016 at 11:54 AM

HH

“ Carolyn, our thoughts are with you, Hunter, and the family. Your dad was an all-around great guy, talented in so many ways, funny, insightful, and a great role model. Tom and I admired and respected him and we'll always remember with fondness how beautifully he remodeled your house, his sailboats, and our sailing escapades.

Tom, Helen, and Matthew Heydeman

Helen Heydeman - October 05, 2016 at 09:26 AM

DH

“ Carolyn and Hunter, I am so sorry for your loss. One memory I have of your father was spending time with him at the River Inn in Big Sur where he told stories about his past. They were quite intriguing. I learned he had a lot of skills. He was a true renaissance man. May time soften your pain until all that remains is the comfort of memories...and the love, always the love.

Deb and family

Deborah Hoffman - October 04, 2016 at 09:19 PM

KR

“ To Catherine and Family,

You've been in my thoughts for a long time as Dan and I learned of Jim's heartbreaking disease and now ever more that he's passed.

We send our deepest sympathies. While we don't personally know Alzheimer's disease, we have imagined all the loving care and support you've given Jim over such a long time.

Take good care of one another and let the light of Jim's life help you heal over time.

After some time has passed, and you feel up to it, I'd like to take you out for lunch, Catherine. If you feel up to it before I call you, just let me know and we'll plan something.

*With Loving Thoughts,
Kay and Dan Reynolds*

Kay and Dan Reynolds - October 03, 2016 at 01:00 PM