



## James Girouard

November 21, 2013

### Obituary of James Girouard

James W. Girouard, 86, was born in Superior, WI in 1927 and died at his home in

Yalaha, FL on November 21, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in WWII and

the USMC in Korea. Over the course of his life, he was a cowboy, deep sea diver,

aviator, volunteer fireman, sky diver, and successful businessman. At the time

of his retirement he was an Executive Vice President at Marsh & McLennan.

His retirement years were spent flying his plane from their home at Leeward Air

Ranch and later traveling the U.S. and Canada in their big motor coach. He loved

life and enjoyed his family and many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo (Jodi) Girouard of Yalaha, FL; three daughters, Pam Ivey of Inverness, FL, Michele Balluff of Plymouth, MI, and Dr. Susan Dellert of Jersey City, NJ; five sons, Ray Atchley of Yalaha, FL, Patrick Girouard of Munster, IN, Marc Girouard of Fairfield, CT, Greg Atchley of Santa Rosa Beach, FL, and Paul Girouard of Ponte Vedra FL. Fifteen grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife Beth May Girouard of Norwalk, CT, one daughter,

Deborah Stalvig of Superior, WI, his brother, Joseph Girouard of Superior, WI, and his sister, Mary Giesen of Solon Springs, WI.

Memorial Services will be held at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Leesburg, FL on

Sunday, November 24th at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Cornerstone Hospice

or UF Health Shands Cancer Hospital. Gifts may be mailed to UF Health Office of

Development, P.O. Box 100386, Gainesville, FL 32610. Please indicate on your

gift that it is directed to UF Health Shands Hospital and that it is in Mr.

Girouard's memory.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Girouard*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our hearts go out to you, as well as, our love and prayers. What a wonderful life your dad lived. Reading about his many accomplishments was very inspiring! May many wonderful memories of happier times give you comfort. Best Wishes and Love, Jane and Bob*

**Bob and Jane Spence** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jodi, Sorry to here about Jim. He will be missed. He had a very positive outlook that rubbed off on those around him. We particularly enjoyed our conversations with him. We would always leave with a good feeling because of his humor and positive approach to life. We have lost a good man. Jim & Sandy*

**Jim &Sandy Munsil** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Happy trails, dear friend Jim, may all your new adventures match your life. Awesome. We will remember you as a fine and honorable family man, husband and true friend. You embodied the spirit and code of the frontier and the Marines. Farewell to our favorite cowboy, ever. . .*

**Sheila and Mal Whitt** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dear Jodi and all the family, we are extremely sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He has now flown west into the sunset. The final journey all aviators must make. Godspeed Jim Gerourd

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**Steve & Kay Rodnon** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Certainly a life well lived! We hope that you are able to remember the good things during what we know is a very difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**The Currans** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Sincere condolences to you Jodi & all the families--Jim was a most colorful & active character, and we shall miss him a lot---be consoled by the memories of the great times & great feelings you shared together---I still feel the warmth & affection we experienced with that fun, funny, adventurous, active guy with his mischievous sense of humor, and always, a big, generous heart---we did a lot of flying together, including back to Oshkosh; now he has taken the final journey of all aviators, gone west !!! John & Martha

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**John & Martha Byrne** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GZ

“ A wonderful man. He was an outstanding father and husband. We were honored to become friends and fellow travelers with you both and enjoyed many a wonderful time with you. Jim will be missed. Please know that you are in our prayers.

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**Gene & Laurie Zeiner** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ So saddened to get Charlie's call that Jim had passed away. We're so thankful we had the chance to visit with you both before we left for KY. We will be back at EP the end of Dec. let us know if we can help you with anything. Love you and will miss the twinkle in Jim's eyes.

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**Jim & Sharon McBee** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Jodi, We are very sorry and sadden to hear of Jim's passing. He was a wonderful, friendly, fun guy - larger than life. We have many warm wonderful memories of him. You were very blessed to have been married to such a great guy! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families now and in the future. God be with you.

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**Dennis & Fonda** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We're thinking of you at this time and praying for the family. We love you. You are very special to us. Love, Jerry & Lanelle

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**Jerry & Lanelle Baisley** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Last month we had the honor and pleasure to have the company of Jim and Jody for two wonderful weeks. Jim was attending a jewelry making course and the rest of the time was spent dining and wine tasting and talking. During this time Jim and I did a lot of talking. Jim knew that his time left was short, and his main concern was the well being of his beloved Jody. We both knew when he left that it was to possible be the last time we were together. So all of you that are close to Jody, take care of her, for this was Jim's final request. You will always remain in our hearts and memory... Good bye Jim  
Louis & Francine

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**Louis & Francine** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ To the Girouard family who are like Brothers and Sister to my family (the Roaches). I'm sorry to hear the sad news of your Dads passing. What a gift to have as a Dad. Memories of him will always put a smile on my face. I know where y'all got your sense humor. He will be missed but not forgotten! He lives in each of you so keep smiling!  
Your Brother, Jack

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**Jack Roache** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM