



James Edward Kroeper

June 18, 2015

Obituary of James Kroeper

James Edward Kroeper, 88, of The Villages passed away on June 18th, 2015. James was born in Jersey City, N.J. on Friday, May 13, 1927, son of Nicholas and Margery Kroeper (Halliday), and brother of Nicholas and Richard. Jim grew up in Jersey City and attended Our Lady of Victories School and Snyder High School, where he played football. Jim joined the U.S. Navy during World War II and proudly served as Seaman First Class on the U.S.S. Lake Champlain and participated in Operation Magic Carpet where he helped in bringing home troops from Europe at the conclusion of the war.

After the war, Jim received his U.S. Merchant Marine certification and worked for Standard Oil on tankers. In 1959, Jim married Eileen Hanlon, the love of his life. Jim joined the Jersey City Fire Department in 1958 and was a Firefighter for 28 years, serving his hometown bravely with distinction until he retired in 1986. Jim also worked as a soil compaction engineer for Jersey Testing and Testwell Craig Testing Laboratories, both during and after his years as a Firefighter.

Jim had a love for traveling, was an avid reader, western movie aficionado and a tortured N.Y. Jets fan, but most of all enjoyed time with his family and friends. Jim is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-six years Eileen, his four

loving children, James Kroeper Jr. of Jersey City, N.J., Jean Murphy (Terry) of Jersey City, N.J., Jon Kroeper (Karen Kenmotsu) of Vienna, VA, Chris Kroeper (Michele) of Apex, N.C. and his six grandchildren Julia, Colin, Liam, Jake, Griffin, and Finnegan.

Jim had an amazing mind, a quick and playful wit, and a kind and generous heart. We will miss him terribly, but he will always be foremost in our minds and in our hearts, and we are comforted by knowing we can eventually join him in Heaven. A memorial service will be held in New Jersey at a date later this year. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Jim's name to St. Anne's Villa (Sisters of Charity Retirement Home) by mail at P.O. Box 476, Convent Station, NJ 07961 or the U.S. Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at www.NMCRS.org.

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL

Tribute Wall

MK

“ Our deepest sympathy...Michael, Helena, Kathryn and Allison###GESTURE###

Michael Kroeper - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Dear Aunt Eileen, Jimmy, Jeanie, Jon and Chris, I'm very sorry about your loss. What I seem to remember most of Uncle Jim was that he always seemed to be very quiet and reserved. Also have vivid memories of going to visit with my dad and sometimes Ricky on Saturdays in Jersey City. My Dad and Uncle Jim would exchange books with each other. It always seemed like there were about 6 books being exchanged between the two of them. This ritual seemed to be at least once a month anyway. I also remember being with him at a few Jet games in the old Giants stadium in the Meadowlands. Some very tough years if you are a Jet fan. I can relate being a diehard Met's fan. He will be missed and I know he's in a better place at this time. All our love, Mike, Lena, Katie, & Allie

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JR

“ Jon, My condolences on the loss of your father. I will share with you a poem my Mom left us when she knew her time here on earth would soon be ending. It has brought me comfort these past few years since her passing: "Remember Me" Remember me when flowers bloom Early in the spring Remember me on sunny days In the fun that summer brings Remember me in the fall As you walk through the leaves of gold And in the wintertime - remember me In the stories that are told But most of all remember Each day - right from the start I will be forever near For I live within your heart

jerrold runquist - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I first met Jim , Christmas 1981, it wasn't long before this witty kind and generous man became a friend up until his passing , when my own father visited Jim and Eileen he came back with such fond memories and said how he just seemed to "click" with Jim .., he will be very sadly missed , and our love and prayers go out to all the family . Paul Debbie & Rory. " hands across the ocean "

Paul Debbie & Rory mckeown - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ AUNT EILEEN JIM AKA MAX JEAN JON AND CHRIS VERY SAD TO HEAR ABOUT UNCLE JIM HE WAS ALWAYS GREAT TO ME EVAN AFTER I TRIED TO BURN DOWN THE HOUSE KIND OF IRONIC TALK MORE ABOUT IT @ THE MEMORIAL WHY DO I HAVE STORIES LIKE THIS WITH MOST I HAVE CONTACT ALWAYS REMEMBER MY DAD TAKING ME AND MIKE TO C U ON SATURDAY MORNINGS IN JC ON CAMBRIDGE AVE LOVR RICK PAT KAILA AND COLLEEN KROEPER

RICK KROEPER - June 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Edward Kroeper*

June 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM