



James Strobel

January 8, 2014

Obituary of Dr. James Strobel

Dr. James (Jim) W. Strobel, a resident of The Villages since May of 2013 died January 8 in a car accident in Nassau county Fl. He was 80. James Strobel was born and grew up in Wintersville OH. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Botany from Ohio University, and while at Ohio University he earned the Phi Beta Kappa key. He earned his PhD in Plant Pathology from Washington State University. Dr. Strobel spent his career in research and academia. He held posts at the University of Florida from 1959 to 1974, including holding the chair of the Department of Ornamental Horticulture. From 1974 until 1977 he served at North Carolina State University as chair of the Horticulture Department. Dr Strobel served as the 11th president of Mississippi University for Women, in Columbus MS from 1977 - 1988. While at Mississippi University for Women Dr. Strobel instituted the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science, a residential program for high-achieving high school students. He also established the university's Centennial Scholars Program for superior students, and supported the establishment of the Plymouth Bluff Environmental Center. Dr. Strobel directed the Universities Center in Jackson MS from 1988 - 1990. From 1990 - 1998 Dr. Strobel served as president of Erskine College in Due West Sc. While at Erskine Dr. Strobel oversaw the construction of the Center for the Arts, a Science complex and sports complex. Upon retirement Jim and his wife Donna enjoyed time living on Lake

Greenwood SC, and Lake Gaston VA, before relocating to The Villages. Jim enjoyed fishing, golf, and boating. He was an avid and accomplished gardener and designed beautiful plant and floral arrangements. For his entire life Jim loved and served the lord. Jim is survived by Donna Strobel, his wife of 58 years, daughter Cynthia, son Jay, his two brothers Robert Strobel of Cadiz, Ohio, Darryl Strobel of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and his sister Cheryl Connery of St Paul, Minnesota and grandchildren Trey, Courtney, Jarrett, Annalee, Dana and Jacob.

A Celebration of Life for Dr James W Strobel will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, The Villages, Florida on Sunday January 26, 2014 at 2:30PM with Pastor Jon Marc McLean and Pastor Mindy Douglas officiating. In lieu of flowers please donate to the scholarship in his name at Erskine College, Due West South Carolina or at Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, MS.

Services

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Strobel*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donna We were so sorry to learn about Jim's death. We considered both of you special friends that we met while living on Lake Gaston. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Bob and Sharon Foster - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr. Strobel was a wonderful Christian gentleman with an enthusiasm for life that was so appreciated. His kindness and generosity to Cynthia and me will always be remembered. Our prayers with Mrs. Strobel and the entire family. Chip Sherer Flat Rock, NC*

Chip Sherer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ms. Strobel, I've thought about you guys several times this past year and even tried to determine where you were living. It has been years since we talked and even longer since I spent that week with ya'll in NC and SC. We are so saddened by this news. Your family is in our prayers. I hope we can reconnect before long. Blessings*

Andi Simmons - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donna, I was deeply saddened to learn of Jim's death. I have wonderful memories of those days when you two were at The W. you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Fred Hayslett - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dear Donna and Family, we are saddened to learn of Jim's accidental death. We remember fondly you and Jim as he was Chair here at NC State when we joined the faculty and you helped us to find a home. Although I have served in 4 different positions here on campus and 6 different positions in other countries, we are still in that same house. I am finally a teaching professor as I complete my phased retirement program over the next year. Our 3 children and 5 grandchildren live within an hour of us. We know how much you miss Jim and we want you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Claudia and George Wilson

Claudia and George Wilson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ We offer our deepest sympathy. Our hearts go out to the whole family. Dr. and Mrs. Randy Ruble Due West, SC

Randall Ruble - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ Donna and Family, We are so sorry to hear about Jim's tragic death. We will be thinking of you. Lois Underwood, Donna, and David

Lois Underwood - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ I had the honor of being a student at Erskine during the Strobel years. I remember him as a wise, distinguished, and still very friendly and personable man, especially on encounters when I was mowing the lawn of the neighbors the Gibsons. Our whole family is saddened to hear of his passing, but the memories of his time in Due West remain ingrained in our memories.

Friedrich Engler - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ *Dr. Strobel was one of the main reasons I chose to go to Erskine. I have such fond memories of a warm, compassionate, spiritual man who always had time for his students! May God's loving arms surround the family and help to bring you peace. In Christian Love, Hailey Whitfield Walker c/o 2000*

Hailey Whitfield Walker - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *So sorry to hear about Jim's death, it was so nice to meet you both at your open house. Sorry we didn't have more time to have a chance to socialize with you both to get to know you better. My prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely Peggy Thompson, 2852 Leicester Ter.*

Peggy Thompson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Jim was a joy to work with during our time at Erskine--he as President, I as a member of the Board of Trustees. My thoughts and prayers are you as you celebrate the life of an outstanding educator and servant of our God.*

Kate Stewart - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Mrs. Strobel, so very sorry to hear about Dr. Strobel. I will never forget the kindness he (and you) showed me as a long haired hot headed soccer player at Erskine. My wife and I pray for you and yours. Michael Lake, Class of 1996. Dama (Black) Lake, Class of 1997*

Michael Lake - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ To Dr. Strobel's family, I shall always remember the kindness he showed me during a very difficult time in my life. I was the grounds superintendent at Erskine - not that high up in the academic "food chain", but he treated me as though I was one of the most important people on campus - he was that way with everyone! I am so sorry for your loss and yet so grateful to have had him in my life - a truly good man!

Karen Scott Berni - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I greatly admired Jim when we worked together at the Experiment Station in Homestead on problems related to tomato harvesting, and he and Donna were wonderful hosts. Pat and I are so sorry this tragedy occurred. We are praying for healing for the family.

Richard C. Fluck - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Donna, We were shocked and saddened to hear of Jim's accident. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Jim and Linda Cook - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Mrs. Strobel, We are so sorry for your lose and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Martha Waltman & Family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Dr. Strobel was a truly an excellent example of a good, kind, Christian gentleman. He and Mrs. Strobel were a blessing to all during their time at Erskine. So sorry to hear of this news. Our prayers are with all. Jeff Craft*

Jeff Craft - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Strobel's passing. I worked as his secretary at NC State University and knew him to be a thoughtful and caring person. My prayers are with his family. Lib Shue*

Elizabeth (Lib) Shue - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Dear Donna, Thinking of you and remembering many happy times with you and Jim. My life has surely been blessed because of you. Sending love and condolences to you.*

Paula Wood - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Dr. Strobel is an incredible Christian man. He is missed by many. May He bring peace and comfort to his family as we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.*

Bo Finley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ To Donna Strobel and family... From...the Allens at MUW, Columbus, Ms. Our love and sympathy is with you at this special time ... You all were so important to us when you were with us in Columbus..I am still teaching in the music dept at the W and for years have been organist at First Methodist Church. We are so saddend at the loss of Jim .. Please know that you are remembered with special love from us.. Elizabeth is married to a wonderful pilot, Mark Swartz and they have to boys, 11 and 15.. Our love to you , Donna, and your family. James Allen

James and Ann Allen - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Our hearts are broken over the loss of Dr. Strobel and our abundant sympathy is extended to Donna and the family. He was a wise and honorable man who offered kindness and concern to everyone around him. He had a positive influence on everything he touched and he will be greatly missed. We regret having lost touch over recent years but even so, our hearts are filled with wonderful memories and our cherished friendship. Cheryl and Robert

Robert & Cheryl Moultrie - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Im so sorry about the accident. Will miss talking to him about tomatoes and gardening, and golf. A wonderful god fearing man who we will all miss. Be strong Donna. Hopefully we will see each other again. Edward

Edward Sobolewski - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I am deeply shocked to hear the untimely demise of Dr. Strobel. May his soul rest in peace!

Dilip Panthee - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Donna, Please accept our condolences on Jim's passing. Jim hired me while he was dept. head at NCSU. We have fond memories of the time you and Jim were at N. C. State. Best regards, Jim and Faye

Jim and Faye Ballington - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I LOVE you Grandpa and i'm sad to see you gone and DEE-DEE, hang in there I LOVE you too. I wish i had spent more time with you on this earth, but when i think about you i think about us juggin', riding in the boat early in the morning, and coming home to DEE-DEE's awesome breakfasts and smile! I'll see ya' on the other side buddy!

Jarrett - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I am saddened to learn of Jim's death. I sent newspaper articles to "The Six Spinsters". We all attended Wintersville School with Jim for the 12 years of schooling. The Spinsters are Betty Sanders Clark, Beverly Stead Ross, Dialene Hinton Peschke, Martha Helsley Duitch. Delores Lindamood Sees is deceased. I thought you may remember some of us from years past. I can speak for all of us and send condolences to your family.

Jane Myers Ritter - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *What a glorious time we as a family had together the summer of 2013 at our Florida reunion! The one on one time I personally enjoyed visiting with Jim at our reunion will always be treasured and dear to my heart. He was an inspiring man who made a huge difference for good in the lives of limitless number of people in his lifetime. Looking forward to hugging Jim again on the other side. Blessings of love, peace and comfort to you, dear Donna. We are blessed as an extended family to love one another so very much. Looking forward to our next time together.*

Bonnie Rogers Thomas - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM