



James Samuel Storer

December 17, 1933 - February 20, 2015

James (Jim) Samuel Storer was born in Hastings, Nebraska, on December 17, 1933, and passed away peacefully on February 20, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Lucille Storer, and his sister, Joan. He is survived by his loving family, wife Patricia (Pat) Mainini-Storer; Steve Mainini (Leslie); Scott Mainini (Natalie); granddaughters Alyssa and Ava Mainini; and a greatly anticipated, as yet unborn Baby Mainini to parents Scott and Natalie. He is also survived by his brother, Van; two children from a previous marriage, Steve and Nancy; in addition to niece and nephew, Leslie and Dr. Mark Storer.

Jim graduated from Sacred Heart High School in San Francisco, served in the U.S. Army, and went on to graduate from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1958. In years following, Jim earned his secondary teaching, counseling, and administrative credentials. Jim began his career in education as a teacher in 1959 for the then Richmond Unified School District. He advanced from teacher to dean, counselor, vice principal, and ultimately served six assignments as principal. Although he retired in 1993 from the West Contra Costa Unified School District, he continued as a home school teacher, and a substitute administrator until 2009. As a highly respected teacher and administrator, he touched the lives of so many. He chose a career in teaching knowing the rewards came from the lives one shaped.

He was deeply touched each and every time a former student expressed appreciation because he changed their lives.

He was always a gentleman! Grandpa Jim loved his family, friends, Benicia, his dog Molly, horseracing, swimming, travel, a good joke, a good book, the New Yorker, pepperoni pizza, chocolate, the SF Giants, games, singing songs with the grandkids, annual s'mores contests in Tahoe and life!

Jim joined the El Sobrante Rotary club in 1986. He was a past president and a Paul Harris Fellow.

The family requests donations to the Rotary Club of El Sobrante, Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 20134, El Sobrante, CA 94820. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Samuel Storer*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *<3 love u grandpa*

Ava mainini - March 05, 2015 at 08:36 PM



“ *I first met Jim about 35 years ago. Jim's son Steve and i , spent countless hours playing basketball. I have fond memories of the three of us talking about sports, life , and how the " horses were running". I lost contact with Jim for many years, except for an occasional " hello" relayed by Ron or Kristen at the middle school. When i ran into Jim a few years ago he had not changed, tall. thin, grey hair and that mischievous smile. While talking with Jim, two things were very apparent, he was very happy and extremely proud of his granddaughters. He was very excited that i have his granddaughter Alyssa in class this year. I now know why he was so proud.*

We will miss you and rest in peace.

Tom Horne

Tom Horne - March 05, 2015 at 03:37 PM

AM

“ my grandpa wasn't just a grandpa he was a friend, he was funny, and a good card player. when ever I would try to cheat at cards he would always catch me, after a while I stopped cheating (even though everyone still thought I was when I randomly pulled out an ace). this is really hard writing this and capturing that he is gone. my grandpa Jim is/was my true best friend, he was ALWAYS on my side when I was sad he would always bring me up. last school year I started middle school, 6th grade, and we always used to have grandma days on Monday and Wednesday but then I started color guard on Tuesdays and Thursdays and my sister, Ava, started band on Mondays and Wednesdays. So we had to cancel grandma days (that is what we called them).

over the past few weeks it has not been well the same. my grandma has been coming over for dinner few nights a week. every time I see my grandma it reminds me that he is gone.

I wanted to share this quote with every one that I think fits my grandpa," people who love to eat are always the best people." I got this quote from a bulletin board at Zachery's pizza we went there for birthdays and it was written. hopefully the next time you go there look for this quote maybe it will remind you of him.

- Alyssa Mainini

alyssa mainini - March 04, 2015 at 10:28 PM

LA

“ We will miss you,

AMANDA&BERNADETTE Maginniss

larry - March 04, 2015 at 03:06 PM

LA

“ I met Jim in Benicia while walking in front of my home. Turns out him and i both graduated from Sacred Heart. He got to meet my family and every time we met he always asked about my girls and my wife. It was important for him to know what my girls were doing. He always gave me advice and assured me that they would do well. Jim has made me a better father. I Will miss the shout out while he drove by my home. "HOW YOU DOING IRISH" We will miss you.

LARRY MAGINNISS

LARRY - March 04, 2015 at 12:49 PM

LM

“ These are just a few of my thoughts welling up at this moment. Jim was more than my Father in Law, A wonderful grandpa to my girls and a friend and mentor to my husband. He was a special guy to hang out with. Most of our free time was spent with Jim and Pat, farmers markets, Reno, Tahoe. He was kind and fun and generous. He always called me baby and greeted with a hug I don't think he ever used my name. He liked to tell jokes and could take a joke. He had special grandpa ways that I personally cherished, like saving socks with holes in them and wearing them when the grand kids were around so they could tattletale to grandma or threatening to sing in public because he knew they would beg him to stop. He let them do his hair while he napped, instruct him in swimming. He taught them about horse racing and playing cards. He helped them with homework and picked them up from school. He showed them how to treat a lady by the way he treated Pat. He supported Steve in all of his endeavors both teaching and coaching. They had a true friendship built on mutual respect and common passions teaching and the giants He is leaving a giant hole in our family. We will miss him always.

Leslie Mainini

Leslie Mainini - March 03, 2015 at 02:50 PM

MJ

“ I have known Jim from Jr high school thru High School what a wonderful man very kind and he will be missed. Mike and Jim went to the racetrack and had wonderful times. He will truly be missed. Our heart's and prayer are with all of his family. From, Mike and Fran Jadryev

Mike and Fran Jadryev - March 02, 2015 at 04:45 PM

KJ

“ Jim made a huge impact on my life, his kindness showed me how to be a better person to all. Jim was my swim buddy he would swim for 30 minutes and in that 30 minutes he would give us a history lesson, a look back into the past of the Golden Bears, and a short look into the art of horse racing.

He would come to the pool wearing his Ted Tedford t-shirt with a huge smile on his face and kind words for all.

Jim and Pat had a special romance you could just tell by the way he would talk about their life and family.

The lap swimmers are a family, we have lost one of our members a true gentleman.

Jim will always hold a very special place in my heart.

Kristen Jovino

Kristen Jovino - February 27, 2015 at 08:29 PM

DM

“ Knowing Jim has been one of the highlights of my life. He was such a kind and wise leader. He loved people so very much and could be moved to tears handing out a scholarship or just talking about someone that he cared about. He could laugh just as easily and did. He managed to keep a youthful spirit his whole life.

Dick McCloskey

Dick McCloskey - February 27, 2015 at 06:00 PM

MM

“ Besides knowing Jim from the pool he was also a regular walking First Street with Molly his beagle. Molly was a little spoiled and got treats from many of the merchants along First Street. Besides his pool visits I am going to miss our morning walks along First Street where Jim would keep me updated with what the granddaughters and family were doing, or what vacation Pat had planned for them all. It was obvious he loved his wife, granddaughters and family. If there was no new information on the family he would tell me stories from the old days growing up in the bay area, or of the many athletes he knew from the old days, or we would talk about how good or bad the Giants were doing. It has only been a week and going to work is just not the same without seeing Jim to start my day.

Mike Maggart - February 27, 2015 at 03:26 PM

RE

“ Jim was one of the "Regulars" at the Lemos Pool. His warm greeting and smile was always a great start to lap swimming! Often as Jim came around the corner from the parking lot the Regulars would let out a singular greeting to Jim welcoming him, which he would respond in kind as he approached. We will miss him as we chat waiting for the doors to open and inside when swimming. The Giants lost a great fan as well as we losing a great friend. I will miss Jim but also know that every day at the pool will be a remembrance and celebration of Jim.

Rodger Engebretson - February 27, 2015 at 10:21 AM

LD

I enjoyed working with Jim over the years in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. He was a wonderful leader and a pleasure to work with. He was a person from whom I sought advice on several occasions and he very generously gave it.

Laurel Dearborn - March 01, 2015 at 09:30 PM

AM

My grandpa was not just a grandpa he was a friend we loved to do so many things together I didn't no him long but every thing we did every time I was with him I loved it was never bad everybody was happy when he was a round I will never forget the day when my grandma said to move him to comfort care then the call came it was divesting i will never have a grandpa better than him. I love you grandpa Jim and you will always be not only my heart but everybody's. love your granddaughter, AVA MAININI

AVA MAININI - March 04, 2015 at 09:54 PM

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rest in peace and we all love you no matter what love AVA , ALYSSA , STEVE, LESLIE, and GRANDMA "PAT"

love u - March 05, 2015 at 08:41 PM

DP

Whenever a person needed a friend, Jim Storer was there. A giant spirit resided in him: generosity without bounds; caring and support unsurpassed; lover of life in all facets. We feel privileged to have known, worked, and played with him.

Dave Razzano and Mike Prenter

Dave Razzano & Mike Prenter - March 10, 2015 at 08:50 AM

AN

I Just found out today that Mr. Storer has transitioned to glory. I was never Mr. Storer's student, but he impacted my life in many ways. I met Mr. Storer through Ms. Karen Mason when I was a part of the Rotary Interact club at De Anza High School in Richmond, Ca. Mr. Storer took a special interest in my life, was a great encourager to me, and helped me to land a scholarship that assisted my ability to attend UC Berkeley. About 8 years ago, I was able to have a phone conversation with Mr. Storer and share with him just how much he had impacted my life. We cried on the phone together. Today, I am a Doctoral candidate, public school principal and professor at a prominent university. I am so grateful for incredible lights such as Mr. Storer. I can only pray to have the type of impact in someone else's life as he had in mine! My love, prayers, and blessings to the entire family!

Angel - October 09, 2015 at 07:56 PM