



James F. Fallon

February 12, 1924 - July 17, 2014

James Francis Fallon passed into the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, July 17, 2014. Waiting to greet him were his parents, Thomas A. Fallon who died in 1965 and Kathryn Fallon who died in 1934, all of his siblings; Richard, Dorothy, Kathleen, and Donny, and his lifelong best friend John Paterson, with whom he shared a friendship from 1934 until John's death in 2012.

Jim was born in Point Place, Toledo, Ohio on February 12, 1924. He graduated from Waite High School in 1942 and entered the US Navy. In World War II, he was stationed in the Sea of Japan, where he served as a quartermaster on several ships, including the USS Randolph. He survived the Kamikaze attack on the Randolph on March 11, 1945 because he walked across the deck to answer a phone call. The pilot came in on the spot where he had stood. 25 crewmen were killed in that attack.

After the war, he met Betty V. Norts in 1946 and they were married on June 5, 1948. Together they had 3 children: Michael James (Rita) in 1951, Christine Marie (Doug Morningstar) in 1954, and Jennifer Kay (John DeLucia) in 1966. They have 4 grandchildren: Leslie (Kevin) Jessing, Lisa (Brian) Armstrong, and Gianni and Dominic DeLucia, step-grandchildren Lisa and Michelle, and 7 great grandchildren: Mason, Ethan, Ragan, Ian, Grace, Eli, and Olivia, all of whom survive him. He is also survived by dear friend Bill Sallee, who will

always be one of the family.

He sailed his first boat on Maumee Bay in 1934, and began a lifelong love of sailing. He and his future brother-in-law, Walt Swindeman sailed on Walt's Lightning Class sailboat, The Yankee Doodle. They raced her competitively, winning the International Lightning Championship in September 1946, along with a slew of other races. Jim won Interlake sailing championships in 1958, 59, and 60 in his sailboat "Jubilee", and dominated the local sports news winning regattas in those years. He was Commodore of the Associated Yacht Clubs in 1961 and Commodore of Jolly Roger Sailing Club in 1962.

Professionally, Jim graduated from The University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1950 and was a registered Professional Engineer. He worked for Shaw-Kendall (1950 – 1959), Libby Owens Ford (1959 – 1966) and Owens Illinois (1966 until his retirement in 1985) where he held varying positions in construction management, including "Manager for Engineering and Construction, Resident Construction Manager" of the \$100 million O-I World Headquarters building, known as Seagate. Jim was also Manager Facilities Engineering for all Toledo area properties, with responsibility for all renovations and new construction, OSHA and EPA compliance and risk management for all facilities for O-I in the continental US. He was instrumental in development and implementation of plant wide computerized preventative maintenance programs. He was a past president of ASHRAE (1969).

After his retirement, Jim became the owner's representative and construction manager on construction and renovation projects at The Toledo Zoo, including the African Savanna exhibit and the Panda exhibit. He also taught construction management classes at Bowling Green State University.

With all that he accomplished professionally, Jim's favorite accomplishment

was his relationship with Jesus Christ, and his relationship with us; being Dad to us kids, and Poppy to the grandchildren. He was an example of faith, hard-work, ethics, and standing up for what you believe in. He embodied 2 Corinthians 5:17: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone and the new has come!" Thank you Dad, and we love you and miss you.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Kingston Perrysburg Care Center for their exemplary love and care for Jim these past 2 years.

A celebration of Jim's life will be Tuesday, July 22, at 3 p.m. at Oak Bend Church, 11275 Eckel Junction Road, Perrysburg, Ohio with a reception following at the church. Donations in honor of Jim can be made to The Toledo Zoo or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Please view Jim's tribute video and share a memory at coylefuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **22.** 3:00 PM (ET)

Oak Bend Church
11275 Eckel Junction Rd.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

Tribute Wall

BD

“ It was my great pleasure to have worked with Jim for many years, ever since the panda exhibit in the mid 80's at the Toledo Zoo. After Jim "retired" from Zoo work, I looked forward to many lunches and get-togethers with Jim and Bill Sallee. I remember well Jim's stories of trips to Ireland and his many sailing adventures. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My heartfelt prayers and sympathies go out to Betty and his family that he was so proud of.

Bill Dennler

Bill Dennler - July 22, 2014 at 10:28 AM

TF

“ Betty i WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JIM, MY EARLY GRADE SCHOOL ST.JOHN'S ,POINT PLACE JR. HIGH, UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO, and You. I will forever remember you both.

Thomas (TOM) Edward Fairbairn www.fripro.com From his photo we still even look alike.i AM ONLY ONE WEEK OLDER. LIFE IS SHORT

THOMAS EDWQARD(TOM) FAIRBAIRN - July 21, 2014 at 02:05 PM

JD

Thank you so much Mr. Fairbairn for your kind words! My Mom is not on the internet, so I called her now and read this to her. My parents have always told us about how you fixed them up, about the mix up in days and how you were the go between. Thank you so much for the huge role that you had in our family's life. If it wasn't for you, none of us kids and our families would even be here! Much love, and God's blessings! Jennifer Fallon DeLucia

Jennifer DeLucia - July 21, 2014 at 02:36 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James F. Fallon.*



July 21, 2014 at 09:10 AM



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July 20, 2014 at 04:33 PM



“ *Because of Jim's diligent reading of the newspaper he pointed out an article about our families intention to cruise the Caribbean and our need for a certified teacher. Michael filled the role of teacher, sailor, and friend to our family on our tour of the Caribbean. This led to a wonderful friendship between my husband Bill and his new sailing friend, Jim. Michael, Jim and Bill had many adventures sailing, repairing, and just enjoying the wonderful friendship that sailing can foster. His help traversing the Erie Barge Canal with our family was one of my favorite times. He enjoyed cultural opportunities too. While docked in Toronto we were able to attend Les Miserables which he enjoyed so much. So many memories and Bill and I were just two of his friends. Such an interesting and smart man. Betty you are a gem and have taken such good care of Jim over the years. You are an amazing lady. Our love to you and your family. You are so fortunate to have so many wonderful memories.*

Susan Spath - July 20, 2014 at 07:06 AM

KJ

“ Uncle Jimmy was a very special person. he was very intelligent, a great sailor, and a very devote Christian. The Lord had a very special place waiting for him. He was my mothers' younger brother and she was so proud of him. She used to tell me about when he was in the service and all the projects he was involved in at Libby Owens. She was so proud that he was involved with the Toledo zoo project after her retired. He and Aunt Betty raised a wonderful and loving family. May the Lord comfort them during this time of great sorrow. Our Prayers are with you. Kathy and Walter

Kathleen Johnson - July 19, 2014 at 04:45 PM

KJ

“ Kathy and Walter Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James F. Fallon.



Kathy and Walter Johnson - July 19, 2014 at 02:19 PM

JH

“ John (Ted) & Elizabeth Swindeman, Cathy & Jim Hilty purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of James F. Fallon.



John (Ted) & Elizabeth Swindeman, Cathy & Jim Hilty - July 19, 2014 at 01:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James F. Fallon.



July 19, 2014 at 12:21 PM



“ In addition to my father’s professional life accomplishments, he also relished the cultural, social adventures that life offered him. He enjoyed his work and travel in California, where he gained an appreciation for San Francisco, its cuisine, and the beauty of the Bay Area. Jim twice traveled back in time to the Fallon clan’s origin in grand ol’ Ireland with his son, then with wife, son and daughter. A highlight of his sailing experiences was his sail through the Caribbean with his son and the Bill Spath family. In his later years, Jim came on board with neighbor Mitch Mitchell as they sailed Lake Erie, most often to Put-In-Bay. Jim lived a well-rounded life. . .
Michael

Michael - July 19, 2014 at 12:13 PM



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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - July 19, 2014 at 11:27 AM

BH

“ *Your dad had a gentle, pleasant manner. I enjoyed working with him. Sorry for your loss; happy for his gain.*

Barb Harrington - July 18, 2014 at 04:58 PM

CO

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Coyle - July 18, 2014 at 01:58 PM

MI

I had the pleasure of knowing Jim and his wonderful family through his life's journey with Kingston. He was truly a gentleman with a very kind spirit. The presence of Jim's family proved him to be a very blessed man and he knew that. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Michelle - July 19, 2014 at 05:32 AM

BG

I am sorry for your loss. I never knew any of you, but by reading This gentleman's obituary, I discovered he was on the same ship, The Randolph with my father..My dad told me about the kamikaze attack about 10 years ago. His name was Willard. H. Rogers....he has passed on too... I was surprised to read this story. I now have a date for the attack to add to my family history. My dad said that there weren't very many deaths or injuries because the majority of the men were on the other end of the ship watching a movie. God's blessings to you all.

Brenda Gibson - July 19, 2014 at 07:33 PM