



## James Rockwell

December 31, 1969 - April 23, 2014

Obituary of James Rockwell James Gilbert Rockwell, 82, of Ocala passed away April 23, 2014. Born in Wheelersburg, Ohio he came to this area 10 years ago from Agawam, Massachusetts. Mr. Rockwell was a US Air Force Veteran of the Korean War, retired railroad engineer and F.E.M.A. Generalist where he helped with Hurricane Katrina and Super Storm Sandy. He has received several awards for his service. He was 7th Day Adventist by faith and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He loved animals, coin collecting, drawing, the arts, the ocean, the military and volunteered with the Coast Guard Auxiliary for 16 years. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Rosemary; daughter, Cathleen Rose Rockwell of Ocala; sister, Ernestine Deem of Jessup, MD and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, William Rockwell, Charles Rockwell and Leroy Rockwell, Jr.; sisters, Eloise Forrester and Joann Arnold. A Celebration of James' life will be held at ROBERTS FUNERAL HOMES, Bruce Chapel East (2739 SE Maricamp Rd., Ocala 352-732-9944) on Saturday, April 26th, at 2PM.

# Tribute Wall

CT

“ Jim will be missed by many people as he devoted so many years to the ministry of others through the USCGAUX and FEMA. He set a shining example of how to serve others and serve your country. I was personally impressed with Jim's devotion to duty and willingness to learn and stay "modern". Jim, if you now know the secret to e-mail and the internet, please let me know! I regret that I was not able to be at Jim's service, but carrying on in his tradition, I was on duty, training with the USCG. Jim, we will all miss you. Thank you for your friendship. BZ for a life well lived!

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**Charles Truthan** - April 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Jim was a very fine man. I have known him since he transferred into this Flotilla. I have been privileged to have to have known Jim as a fellow Auxiliarist and considered him a friend. His sense of humor was so wonderful!! He and my late husband loved to swap stories and tell each other jokes. Jim will be truly missed. Rosemary, I too lost a wonderful husband and I understand the grief you are experiencing - it never goes completely away, just gets a little easier to bear. I know that Jim will watch over you (just as David watches over me)until you are united again in heaven. If you need someone to talk to or a shoulder to cry on, do not hesitate to contact me - my phone number is in the Flotilla 15-3 Membership book.

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**LaVonne (Vonnie) R. Robinson** - April 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Jim and I completed yearly vessel safety checks in Dunnellon, Fl. for over 7 years. Our last CGAUX mission together was in Dunnellon, Fl. on 31 March. I will miss my dear friend for his friendly smile and cheerful disposition. Jim always encouraged me as a 24 hr. caregiver for my husband and made sure he said hello to my husband before we started out on our CGAUX mission.

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**Dolores Spain** - April 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I am sorry I could not make the service. I used to enjoy talking to Jim at meetings about his work with FEMA. He was really proud of his FEMA responses and I enjoyed his stories. A very nice man. Sorry for your loss.

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**Bart Walker** - April 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ The staff of Roberts Funeral Homes and I would like to offer our condolences to your entire family during this difficult time.

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**Michael Csuka** - April 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I'll remember Jim and his family most for reaching out and wanting to give a young lady a secure family..while they were hoping to adopt another girl named Mary I became close to the family and have many fond memories of our time together. I will miss you and my prayers to Cathy and mom..R.I.P. Mr. Rockwell

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**Mary Jo Cova** - April 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM