



James Rowlands

December 31, 1969 - March 1, 2011

Obituary of James Rowlands James Stewart Rowlands III, 68, of Ocala, passed away March 1, 2011 at Hospice's Legacy House. Born in Pottsville, PA, he came to this area 11 years ago from Novi, MI. He retired engineer for Ford Motor Company after 31 years of service. Mr. Rowlands attended Penn State University, received his engineering degree from Tri State University and his Masters degree from Wayne State University. He was a member of Ocala West United Methodist Church, was past secretary of the Mens' Fellowship at Ocala West United Methodist Church, past secretary of Oak Run Shooting Club and will be remembered for his love of helping people. He is survived by his wife, Trisha; daughters, Gwendolyn and husband Bob of Summit, NJ and Lynette of Chicago, IL; son, Jimmy of Gainesville, FL; step daughter, Tina and Husband Jim of Northville, MI; step son, Tim Pelfrey of Redford, MI; sisters, June and husband Bob of Pottsville, PA and Eleanor of Goshen, IN; 9 grandchildren, Alexander, Samantha, Matthew, Aspen, Justin, Christopher, Carmen, Robert and Carlo; numerous nieces and nephews and his special friends. A Memorial Service will be held at Ocala West United Methodist Church (9330 SW 105th St. Ocala) on Saturday (March 12th) at 11:30 AM. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Marion County, Legacy House PO Box 4860 Ocala, FL 34478. Arrangements by ROBERTS FUNERAL HOMES, Bruce Chapel West 6241 SW SR200, Ocala 352-854-2266.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Dear Trisha, Gwen, Lynette, Jim, Tina and Tim, We are so sorry to learn about the loss of Jim. As you might guess, it is quite unexpected to us. We have fond memories of all of you and especially remember Jim's philosophical perspective and humor even when something was not going the way he thought it should. He was always in the midst of figuring and planning how he was going to do something and most often, he would pull it off. Conversations often started with "I've been thinking..." and you knew his latest scheme or plot was in the making. We enjoyed him and all of you. We hope you know that a circle of love and caring is always here for you in our little part of the world in Novi. You and the entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. Take care and much love, John and Jill Streit

John and Jill Streit - March 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My prayers are with the Rowland's family. I hope that the loving and fun stories that will be shared over the coming days, about the times spent with Jim, will help you find comfort during this time of sorrow. I am thankful that he drove me to swim practice when I could not drive. Not only was he supportive of all of his kids and their activities, but he also was supportive and encouraged other swimmers too. I am glad that he touched my life.

Shelly Wasko Sundaram - March 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Dad, You were such a great dad. Always there at every swim meet. I kept telling you that you could stay home because the days were long and hot in the pool. You stayed anyway. You stayed and were there for me for everything. I will miss you forever. I still can't believe you are gone. It's too soon. I am so grateful that you had your faith in God and I hope that I will see you again someday.

Gwen - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I am so blessed to have seen Jim at our school reunion last year. My prayers are with his family in your time of sorrow.

jeanne - March 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. Our deepest sympathies on your loss and that of our classmate Cass Twp. 1960. Good time and memories at our 50th Class Reunion in Sept. 2010.

Jack & Barb Weachock - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Jim did everything in a big way. That is to say, it was done wholly, efficiently, completely, and to a greater degree than anyone else would do it. He built his Oak Run home with 2x6 lumber, when 2x4's were code. He had a special "hurricane-proof" nook in his home so that he and Trish would have a solid protected area to take shelter in, if a hurricane came through. He had special hurricane-proof polymer-type window coverings that he could install quickly in case of a storm. Those coverings were just applied with velcro tabs. In his dealings as a Secretary of his Church's Mens' Club, and as Secretary of the Oak Run Gun Club, his notes from previous meetings were always read in astounding and intricate detail. And, of course, he dealt fairly with all people and did what he could to help anyone. I never heard a bad word spoken about him. I did hear a lot of people praise him for his various volunteer works and just general good deeds. He loved his wife, Trish, more than anything in the world. If anything, she was his world. He was a good man, a loving husband, a fine engineer (in everything he did around Oak Run), a dedicated volunteer and a fine Christian fellow. My wife and I had him in our home on many occasions and enjoyed his congenial nature. We are glad that we knew him.

Don and Nancy Daenzer - March 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ JIM WAS A GREAT GUY THAT WILL REALLY BE MISSED , I HAVE LOST A GOOD FRIEND AND TRAP SHOOTING BUDDY. IT WAS JIM THAT GOT ME INTERESTED IN THE SPORT .

Ronald & Carol Montgomery - March 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ My friendship with Jim began when I was President of Oak Run Shooting Sports Club and he was The Secretary of the club. We had a good relationship, and I could always count on him for ideas and his leadership ability. We went shooting many times over the years. He will be missed. Ron & Diane Lease

Ron Lease - March 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM