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James Perry Forsyth lost a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease at the age of 83. He was born in River Falls, WI on Dec. 31, 1927 to the late Perry and Mary Jane Forsyth. He graduated from New Richmond High School in 1945, and four years later enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a seaman recruit. After attending electronics technician school and basic submarine school, he was assigned to the USS Remora SS 487 in San Diego. In early 1952 he was selected to be a part of the engineering crew of the USS Nautilus SSN 571, the first nuclear submarine. In 1957 he was selected for OCS and was commissioned as an Ensign in August of that year. His first tour as an Ensign was aboard the USS Bashaw SSK 241 in San Diego, and later Pearl Harbor. Later in 1957 Jim was assigned to the USS Gudgeon SS 567 and made an eight month cruise around the world. From there he was assigned to the Officers Nuclear Power School and then to the commissioning crew of the USS Ethan Allen SSBN 608, Blue Crew. Next was on to Engineer Officer of the USS Tullibee SSN 597, the Executive Officer of the USS John Marshall SSBN 611, Blue Crew, the Commanding Officer of the Casimir Pulaski SSBN 633 Gold, and Commander of the USS Francis Scott Key SSBN 657 Gold. Jim rounded out his career as the Commander Submarine Division 23, and in February 1979 he retired as the Commanding Officer of the Naval Submarine Support facility in New London, CT. After his retirement he moved to the Leesburg area in 1992 where he was the co-owner of J&B Books in downtown Leesburg, and was one of the founding members of the Leesburg Partnership, where he also served as the original design chairman. James also loved photography, and being outdoors, whether he was gardening, fishing, or canoeing, he loved the outdoors. In his spare time he also loved to work on clocks, and enjoyed making jewelry. James is survived by his loving wife of 38 years Beverly (Creaser) Forsyth of Leesburg, FL, three sons; Michael (Robin) Klavon of Orlando, FL, Andrew Klavon of Leesburg, FL, and Jeffrey (Stacie) Klavon of



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Westminster, MD. He is also survived by six grandchildren; Liam, Logan, Luke, Christian, Liam and Dalton, as well as many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his first wife, one son; Stephen Forsyth, and daughter Patricia Furey, one brother and two sisters. James was also a good friend of Bill Wilson for over 42 years. There will be a visitation for Mr. Forsyth on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. in the page-Theus Funeral Home. Memorials in Jim's honor may be made to the Leesburg Partnership. Page Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services – Leesburg, Florida has been entrusted with all arrangements.



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Anonymous posted:

Rest in Peace, Captain. Jim was the finest Commanding Officer I had the pleasure of serving under and he was my lifetime model for leadership and the difference effective leadership can make. The Uss Casimir Pulaski under Jim ("Balls! said the Queen") was the finest ship in the Navy at the time. I was pleased to be able to reconnect with him at the end of our respective careers, but our contacts were much too brief.##imported-begin##Robert S. Howard##imported-end##

May 24 at 8:40 AM



Anonymous posted:

Rest in peace my Captain. Capt. Forsyth was the finest Commanding Officer (and friend) I ever had. To this day I tell friends and acquaintances about my respect for the Captain. I was fortunate to be his command master chief at NSSF New London and he did more for his command than any other skipper I served under. His military career was as good as it gets. From enlisted to captain and respected at all levels. Thank You my captain for all you did for all who served with and under your guidance. With great respect I say Captain, rest in peace you have earned it. You leave the world a better place and me a better man for having known you. Joe Garrett, Groton CT ##imported-begin##Joe Garrett##imported-end##

May 18 at 12:35 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jim was the best skipper I had in the navy. We sailed together on The Francis Scott Key. He taught me many things about character and leadership. People are often asked to name a teacher that had a positive impact on them.. Capt Forsyth was that teacher for me. I still have a photo of him and me on the Key displayed right here in my den. T. Courtien, MT 2(SS), Patterson, NY ##imported-begin##Thomas Courtien##imported-end##

May 15 at 9:10 AM



Anonymous posted:

Served under Capt. Forsyth on the Francis Scott Key SSBN 657 G. He was a good man and influenced my life greatly. He will always have my upmost respect! He made a great King Neptune during the Bluenoses initiation ceremony on one of our patrols North of the Arctic Circle! Doug Marshall - TM2(SS) SSBN 657 (1969-1971) ##imported-begin##Doug Marshall##imported-end##

May 13 at 1:07 PM



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Anonymous posted:

It is with sadness that I write to acknowledge the passing of Jim. I have many fond memories of his leadership on the USS Tullibee. As a young Machinest Mate Jim was a beacon to me, and lit the way for my Navy Career. I will always remember the crew we assembled to help with his house painting between at sea times. May God bless his family at this time. Sincerely Tim Foster

May 12 at 5:45 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was MT2SS Bobby Lewis on USS Francis Scott Key Gold during Captain Forsyth's tour with the Key. I remember that he was an outstanding Skipper and had a great relationship with the entire crew. I ran into him one day at Electric Boat Shipyard in Groton, Ct. and he was very interested in what I was doing and I was overwhelmed that I was talking with my former Skipper as easy as I might have talked with any of my peers. Godspeed and RIP Captain... And thanks for the fond memories.

May 10 at 8:45 PM



Anonymous posted:

For Family and Friends of Captain James "Jim" P. Forsyth, USN, Ret. No bond is greater than that of family members and the bond shared between submarine sailors. We of the Nautilus Alumni Association extend our deepest condolences as you grieve. Jim will be missed but not forgotten by his shipmates. Jim, You have done your duty. Sailor, rest your oar!

May 9 at 12:47 PM



Anonymous posted:

God bless Capt and thanks for all your help and friendship over the years. I remembered you last night where we first met.

May 9 at 9:59 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Fun people to know and a wonderful store to visit. RIP Jim!##imported-begin##Bill Hayes##imported-end##

May 9 at 8:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

My sympathy goes out to Bev and the family. Jim was a big influence in my life and I have thought of him many times over the years. His leadership and sense of humor were two of the many qualities that made him who he was. He shall be welcomed by those friends of bill who came before him. Wayne Meyers##imported-begin##Wayne Meyers##imported-end##

May 8 at 6:21 AM



Anonymous posted:

Sincerest sympathy from the members of Ring 258 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.##imported-begin##Roger L. Reid##imported-end##

May 7 at 9:52 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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