



James McPherson

May 12, 1932 - May 18, 2023

James "Jim" McPherson was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico May 12, 1932 to Ruth and Kirby McPherson. He passed away on May 18, 2023, in Midland, Texas.

He was educated in public schools in Santa Fe, NM, Alexandria, LA and Albuquerque, NM. After one year at New Mexico School of Mines (now NM Tech), he received a third alternate appointment to the US Naval Academy in 1951 and was accepted. After graduation in 1955, he was commissioned in the Air Force, became a pilot and served for 30 years, rising to the rank of Colonel.

He married the former Patsy Ellen Eiland of Socorro NM in 1955 and they were married for 65 years. They had two children, James A. McPherson of Midland, TX and Lois J. McPherson. After living in Texas for a number of years, Washington, DC, two tours to Southeast Asia. Alabama and Colorado, they moved to Corvallis in 1978. Jim's last Air Force tour was in Bangkok, Thailand where he and Patsy were stationed for 3 years. After retiring, they returned to Corvallis/Philomath where he remained until just before his death.

He is survived by his son, James Alan. The daughter, Lois Jean, preceded him in death. Inurnment will be at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San

Antonio, TX. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be sent to the Parkinson's Center of Oregon or a favorite charity.