



James Floyd Davenport

July 20, 1926 - April 28, 2014

James F. "Jim" Davenport Jr. a lifelong Wenatchee resident and well known real estate broker passed away on Monday, April 28, 2014 at RiverWest Assisted Living, following a brief illness.

He was born on July 20, 1926 at Monitor, to the late James F Sr. and Anna (Lucas) Davenport. He was raised in Wenatchee and graduated with the class of 1944. Following high school he entered the Merchant Marines and served during WWII. On October 26, 1945 he married Betty M. Carroll at the Cavalry Bible Church in Wenatchee. They moved briefly to the University district of Seattle and Jim attended Seattle University, they returned and Jim went to work at Northwest Wholesale. Jim went into the real estate business and Davenport Realtors, Inc started in 1960, in later years the business came to be known as Coldwell Banker Davenport. Jim semi retired at the age of 82 but retained an office.

Throughout Jim's career he held many industry credits including Past President or Chairman of the Wenatchee board of Realtors, Chairman of the Washington State Real Estate Commission, and Chairman of the Washington Real Estate Educational Foundation and Educational Chairman of the commercial Investment division of the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers (now CCIM). He was a charter member Certified Commercial and Investment Member (CCIM), & served as one of seven Senior Instructors for the Commercial and Investment Courses 1965-1972 teaching commercial real estate across the nation. He received his Certified Property Manager (CPM),

in 1968.

Jim was a believer in education and was always available to train real estate agents in the sales meetings as well as on a national scale. He was also, known as a statistician and started the Real Estate Snapshot that is still widely distributed throughout the Wenatchee Valley.

Jim authored the book "Applied Sales Planning for Maximum Income" as well as wrote monthly buyer's perspectives, newsletters to attorneys, CPA's, investment counselors, bankers and realtors. He was an avid Democrat and served for four years as the Democratic Party for Chelan County during the Kennedy and Tom Foley era.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 10, Wenatchee Golf & Country Club and former Jr. Chamber.

Jim loved his family especially his grand and great grandchildren. He enjoyed talking business and strategies with colleagues. He was a passionate gardener and had a 2000 sq. ft. garden & green house, providing family and friends with colorful greens, fruit, berries and vegetable. Jim and Betty enjoyed traveling the world over and visited Greece, Scotland, Ireland, England, Far East China, Australia, South America and for the last 40 years yearly trips to Hawaii.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dr. Phillip Davenport and sister, Beverly Ann Davenport.

Jim leaves behind his wife of 68 years, Betty Davenport, Wenatchee; children, Steven Niles Davenport, Scott James (Janell) Davenport and Betsy Carroll Loomis all of Wenatchee; Brother Dick (Helen) Davenport and sister, Barbara Snyder, both of Edmonds; sister in-law, Maxine Davenport, Wenatchee; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, May 4 from 3:00-7:00pm at Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee. A Family Gathering will be held at a later date. You are invited to visit his online guest book at: www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the humane society.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jim was a great influence on the local and state real estate profession. He was well recognized for his excellence in knowledge and professionalism. He will always will be remembered for his innovative approach to commercial and residential real estate. I enjoyed dialogue with him on real estate philosophies and as a competitor found him to offer friendly and meaningful advice. I will miss him but never forget his HALL OF FAME presence.

Dennis Johnson - May 12, 2014 at 11:46 AM

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“ I too will miss Jim. Our lunches together were often a highlight of my week. While I was a good Republican and Jim was a good Democrat, if the conversation lagged for a moment all I had to do was bring up something political and off we went in a spirited conversation again. What fun. At my first retirement the emcee looked across the Red Lion ballroom and remarked "this looks like a Chelan-Douglas Republican Convention...but, oh yes, it should be noted that Gary's Democrat friend Jim Davenport is here tonight!" Jim had once again proven his bravery. May your good memories of this great man sustain you and bring you comfort.

Gary Montague - May 07, 2014 at 02:59 PM



“ lit a candle in memory of James Floyd Davenport



May 06, 2014 at 08:54 PM

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“ *Dear Betty and Family,*

So sorry that you have lost your beloved Jim! You can all be so proud of the life that he lived.

May the Lord comfort you as only He can!

LaJoy Davenport - May 04, 2014 at 05:40 PM