



## James Edward "Jim" Swinehart Jr

October 16, 1950 - December 12, 2020

With saddened hearts we announce the passing of James Edward "Jim" Swinehart Jr. Jim was born in Miami, Florida to the late James and Violet Swinehart, He passed away at the Malcolm Randall Veterans Center in Gainesville, Florida on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

Jim was a proud Navy Veteran who served his country with honor. He enjoyed travel and cruises. Jim loved the outdoors especially camping, kayaking, boating or watching the sunset. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Jim adored spending time with his grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen; children, Kristin Swinehart Sutphin (Darryl) and Keith James Swinehart (Carla); grandchildren, Kylee Watson, Cole Sutphin, Olivia Sutphin, Jackson Swinehart and Andrew Swinehart; step-grandchildren, Felix Sutphin, Dylan Sutphin, Aiden Wester and Tanner Wester; sisters, Teresita Hooper and Judith Buckner; brother, Richard Swinehart; numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends who will miss him dearly.

Jim will be laid to rest at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent in Jim's memory to Alzheimer Association, <https://www.alz.org/> or Wounded Warriors, <https://support.wound>

[edwarriorproject.org](http://edwarriorproject.org)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

KT

“ There are very few men in this world that belong in the class that Jimmy Swinehart belonged. He was soft spoken, funny, gracious, an incredible son, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He had the ability to make everyone feel welcomed! He is truly missed.

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**Kathi Traynor** - June 08, 2021 at 01:28 PM

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“ His VW was named Herby - he had an old chevy too. I can't remember which one lost a tire going over the bridge to Hialeah. One night he decided to toilet paper our house not knowing we had been broken into earlier that evening. My dad was sure that whoever papered the house was also the burglar. He dressed up all in black and went looking for the perps - when he found them he was greeted with "Hi Mr. Kelly!" The police were watching and almost arrested my dad for the break-in! We have so many fond, funny and touching memories.

No matter where we were or what we were doing, Jim was in charge of entertaining the kids. If we were skiing on Lake Keowee, fishing in the Gulf or at a football game - he made it so much more fun. We will hold him in our hearts forever with love until we are with him again!

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**Colleen Soler** - December 28, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ My earliest memory of Jim was visiting him on a summer camping vacation somewhere near Pensacola with the Kelly family shortly after he joined the Navy. I think it was 1968 so I was only 10 and may not have some details correct. I remember riding in his blue VW Bug which had mag wheels with my cousin Danny (also 10) and with Kathy. Kathy and Jim were dating at the time and while we were camping in the area we saw Jim. It seems funny to me now that Danny and I went along with them, but by my memory, we had a lot of fun and a lot of laughs on that ride. Jim and Kathy were both very gracious and kind to us pesky 10 year olds! That set the tone for the next 50 years - he was always kind, gracious and fun at the family gatherings. He was always a part of our Thanksgiving football game or any game of catch football. It's not important relative to his kindness and humility, but the man could throw a beautiful, tight spiral. Our whole family is thankful for his being a part of us and we will miss him greatly.

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**Kevin Washuta** - December 20, 2020 at 09:30 PM

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I remember Jim from cub scouts (his mother Violet) was our den mother. I'm sure there is more to say of intervening years (memory) but I do remember in 1969, I was stationed on the USS Beatty, DD 756 in Tampa when a group of reserves came aboard for a training cruise. Jim was in that group of reserves. The ship had a mechanical problem and couldn't get under way, so it was liberty time. We did a walking tour of Tampa, had a couple of beers at the one bar that served uniformed service men and, unfortunately, that was the last time I saw Jim. When it became available a lifetime later, we became friends on Facebook. I remember Jim as a friend and a really good guy and learn of his passing with prayers and sadness.

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**Bill Nazarkewich** - November 04, 2021 at 06:12 PM

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“ *Jim had a heart of gold, filled with warmth, smiles & gratitude. He was beyond kind & gentle, but his deep sincerity of how he treated people is something I will always cherish. Love you Jimmy!* ”



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**Linda Burton** - December 16, 2020 at 09:39 PM