



## Mr James Scott Flankey

May 22, 1931 - October 9, 2012

James Scott Flankey, 81, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed peacefully from this life at his home in Clarcona, FL on Tuesday, Oct. 9, from complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Jim was born in St. Vincent, Minnesota, on May 22, 1931, to Arthur O. and Mary S. Flankey. Following high school graduation he attended the Univ. of North Dakota for one year, then enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He served as an Aviation Electrician's Mate with Sqdn. VC-9, with tours of duty in the Mediterranean aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Coral Sea. Home base was the Naval Air Station, Sanford, FL. During this time he met his future wife, Camille Oestricher of Orlando and after his discharge from the Navy, they were married in 1955. Jim attended Orlando Junior College, then transferred to the Univ. of Florida for his degree in Electrical Engineering. Their two sons were born in Gainesville prior to graduation, after which they moved to Orlando. He found Florida weather a great improvement over those cold Minnesota winters.

Jim was employed by Orlando Utilities Commission for his entire working career, retiring in 1984 as Superintendent of Electric Construction. While working, he also earned a Master's degree in Business Administration from Rollins College in Winter Park. He also taught evening classes on Electricity at Mid-Florida Tech.

Jim was a man of many talents and a friend to all. He was the proverbial handyman, being able to fix just about anything. If a part was not available, he would make one. His workmanship was superb and it was evident in the many

classic MG sportscars he restored and repaired over the years. Without any formal training in building construction, he built a vacation home near Turtle Mound in the '70s in an area that later became part of the Canaveral National Seashore Park. It soon became a favorite gathering place for family and friends. He was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Apopka, the Classic MG Club of Central Florida, and the OUC Retirees Club.

Jim and Camille bred and raised Arabian horses on their Clarcona farm for 25 years under the name "Jamil Arabians." "Jamil" was a combination of their names, but later they found out it meant "beautiful" in Arabic. The horses were used for pleasure riding, showing and racing. In the last two years, the Arabians were phased out in favor of Miniature Horses.

Another form of horse with which they were involved was carousel horses. They traveled around in the '80s and '90s finding them in antique shops, barns and amusement parks. Jim's expertise in wood carving served him well in repairing them, with Camille doing the painting, and together they restored dozens of the horses. A highlight of the year was attending the national carousel conventions throughout the country, and in 1999 they participated in a tour of carousels in England.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Camille, two sons, Kevin S. Flankey, Orlando, and Kerry A. Flankey, Apopka, two granddaughters, Victoria Lynn Flankey, Zaragoza, Spain, and Camille Andrea Flankey, Apopka, and numerous cousins.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be on Wed., Oct. 17, at 11:00 AM, at DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Ave., Maitland, FL 32751, 407-695-2273. Please dress casually. In lieu of flowers, the family gratefully suggests donations to Special Olympics Florida – Orange County, 3130 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32804. Ph. 407-317-3908, Ext. 6284543, or

the Russell Home for Atypical Children, 510 Holden Ave., Orlando, FL 32839,  
Ph. 407-855-8063.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jim faithfully supported his granddaughter, Camille Andrea, whenever she sang and danced at the Winter Park Nursing Home. His presence was appreciated by all who attended. He will be missed. Much love to you, Camille, and all of his loved ones.

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**Kay Lesnick** - October 20, 2012 at 08:21 AM

AG

“ We first met Jim and his family years ago when we moved to John Alden Way in Orlando. The first neighborhood ‘get together’ we attended we got to see Jim’s handy work restoring vintage MG’s. Years latter when they moved to Clarcona and we got to visit their “mini auto show” that Jim and his family sponsored we really got to appreciate Jim’s craftsmanship. Every year at the British Car show Jim would have one of the best cars at the show. Of course he was not ‘into’ all British cars. I remember after Kevin bought a Jaguar and had some problems (as they typically do) Jim had some comments. I had called Kevin one time and Jim answered. I asked how’s the Jaguar and he replied, “We have one two many Jaguars”. For an instance I thought they had bought another Jaguar. When I asked if they had gotten another Jag he said, “No – having one Jag is too many”. Jim was a great mechanic, engineer and a great guy and will be missed.

*Armand and Marina Gosselin*

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**Armand & Marina Gosselin** - October 15, 2012 at 07:27 PM

BW

“ Dear Family, we are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We have many great memories of the MG Club events and visiting your beautiful home. He was a good friend and a wonderful craftsman. We will not be able to attend as we are in Maryland for the week.

*Love and prayers to all.*

*Jeanann and Bill Wohlfart*

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**Bill Wohlfart** - October 15, 2012 at 10:16 AM

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“ On behalf of all the employees at Orlando Utilities Commission we extend our most heartfelt condolences.

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**Lara Rose tierney** - October 11, 2012 at 03:49 PM

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*His legacy will live on in all he left behind. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. You fought the good fight, claim your reward. Rest in peace.*

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**Anne Sady** - October 13, 2012 at 06:18 AM

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*You will live on in all who had the privilege to know you. We will miss your amazing spirit and wit. Rest in peace, Anne, Jon and Melissa*

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**Anne Sady** - October 13, 2012 at 06:58 AM

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*My father in law wasn't one for many words. His strong, silent presence was a comfort when I was sad and tortured when I did something wrong. But despite what he said or didn't say, I know that he loved all of us very much. One of his greatest attributes was that he was a hard worker. His work ethic was when asked to do a job, do it right the first time, no matter how long it takes. Daddy, We will never forget you. You taught us so much about love, about life and about being a good person. You are gone physically from this world, but your memory will live on forever.*

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**Angelica & Camille Flankey (granddaughter)** - October 14, 2012 at 05:11 PM

GD

*I remember Jim's dad as being the smartest man I ever met. While reading Jim's obituary I could see he was a chip off the old block. I remember him as a young boy building model airplanes, so patient and attention to detail, this also showed in his restoring MG's and the horses from merry-go-rounds. Miss you already Jim.*

*George Davenport (cousin)*

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**George Davenport** - October 15, 2012 at 05:17 PM