

## Captain James Peter Cartwright (April 10, 1937 to December 28, 2020)

Captain James "Jim" Peter Cartwright, USN Retired, of Coronado, passed away peacefully on Dec. 28, 2020 at the age of 83.

Jim was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Peter and Frieda Cartwright. He graduated from Washington High School in 1955 and the U.S. Naval Academy in 1959. Jim met his wife, Carol in 1956 and they were married on June 20, 1959.

Following graduation, Jim attended Naval Air Basic Training Command in Pensacola, Florida; Naval Air Station, New Iberia, Louisiana; and VS-41, Naval Air Station, North Island, California, as a Student Naval Aviator from July 1959 to June 1961. From 1965 to June 1967, he attended the U.S. Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey. In 1971, he entered the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island, and attended the University of Rhode Island where he received a master's degree. During his 30 years in the Navy he went to Warminster, Pennsylvania, as an Operations Analyst at Naval Air Development Center; VS-37 as Commanding Officer; VS-38 as Quality Control, Aircraft Division, Airframes and Ground Training Officer; VS-41 as Operation Officer at Naval Air Station, North Island; Chief of Staff for Commander, Maritime Surveillance and Reconnaissance Forces, U.S. Sixth Fleet, Naples, Italy; Commander, Training Air Wing Two, Kingsville, Texas; and served on the Chief of Naval Operation Staff at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Some of his numerous awards include the Legion of Merit, Navy Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy Commendation Medal.

After retiring from the Navy in 1989, he was employed with Presidential and Midway Airlines, Information Spectrum, General Dynamics, and H&R Block, before officially retiring in 2010. Jim enjoyed giving back to his community. He was a volunteer at Sharp Coronado Meals on Wheels; served as president of the Coronado Optimist Club, where he was heavily involved in the annual Sports Fiesta, and was a lifetime Optimist member; served as president of Coronado Navy Swim Association; and coached Coronado youth soccer. As a longtime member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Chula Vista, he served as president of the church council, was a member of the church choir, taught Vacation Bible School, and volunteered with Project Hand.

Jim and Carol have been longtime residents of Coronado. Jim loved playing tennis, racquetball, and running. He enjoyed spending time with his family on annual ski trips to Mammoth and attending grandchildren and professional sporting events. He and the love of his life, Carol, travelled the world together.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; three children, Susan (Keith) Isaacson, Laurie (Dave) Wootten, and Jamie (Kelley) Cartwright; seven grandchildren, Quinn, Sydney, Ryan, Zachary, Jenny, Nate, and Elle; and his sister Carol (Jack) Henthorn. He will forever be in our hearts and we're grateful for the wonderful memories.