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James Joseph Curry

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DANVILLE — James Joseph Curry, 81, of Danville, passed away at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home, Danville.

Jim was born May 4, 1931, in Urbana, to Silas M. and Georgia H. Curry of Strasburg, Ill., who preceded him in death.

Survivors include one brother, David (Sharon), of Deming, N.M.; two nieces, Lynn A. Harcarik of Munford, Tenn., and Adrienne Beth Damilano of Danville; and six great-nieces and great-nephews.

Jim attended public schools in Danville and Danville Junior College prior to receiving both his bachelor's and master's degrees at University of Illinois. Upon graduation, he spent two years in the U.S. Army before accepting a teaching position in District 214 in the northwest Chicago area. He taught high school Spanish until he retired in 1986, when he returned to Danville.

In retirement, he enjoyed the company of good friends Harold and Pat French and Richard Hall, among others.

One of Jim’s lifelong interests was his love of animals. He was a lifetime member of the American Zoological Association. While in the military, he developed a strong desire to travel and during his lifetime visited most of the countries in the world and traveled extensively throughout the U.S. Jim made a point to visit as many zoos as possible, both small and large. As a member of a local reading group he fulfilled his other loves … reading and eating!

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at St. James United Methodist Church, 504 N. Vermilion, Danville. Visitation will be 9-11 a.m. prior to the service at the church. Private burial will be at the Danville National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. James United Methodist Church. Guest register: www.papemortuary.com

Guest Book

Fuzzy Tyler wrote:

Dave and family: I'm very sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking with Jim when we would meet. He was
a swell guy and a nice as person you could ever have known. He was someone to be proud of. He will be missed.
Fuzzy Tyler

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Anonymous wrote:

I rally thought the world of Mr. Curry. He was sharing, caring, and intelligent. He shared his knowledge with so many of us. Jim embodied the true Christian man.

To the family, know you're thought of and prayed for. Many of you I know, and I send you all my condolences. I do the same for Kelly and Kara and families.

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Janet Miller wrote:

I had the pleasure of caring for Mr. Curry when he was at the VA. He was a very intelligent and sweet man. I loved listening to his stories of where he had visited. My thoughts and prayers are with those who loved him. RIP, Mr Curry. There are many people who will never forget you.

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