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James Dall Obituary

James L. Dall > James L. Dall, 95, of Elyria, died peacefully at the home of his daughter in Sonora, California, December 31, 2017. > James was born November 16, 1922, in Norwalk, Ohio. He graduated from Grossmont High School, Grossmont, California in 1939 and from San Diego State College in 1943. His childhood and early adulthood were shared between Elyria and San Diego. Jim lived in California from 1928 to 1930; in Elyria from 1930 to 1937, and in California from 1937 to 1947, returning to Elyria in 1947. > James joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 and served at various bases, including Pearl Harbor and Guam. He married Barbara Sutherland on October 23, 1943. He was employed for a year at Security Trust and Savings Bank in San Diego. He and Barbara moved to Elyria in 1947 where Jim joined his father, J.R. Dall in the J.R. Dall Ford Dealership. Following his father's death, James continued to own and operate the business until his retirement in 1994. James was chairman of the National Ford Dealers' Council, 1967-1968, and received numerous sales and service awards and recognitions. > James was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, and served as Chairman of the Trustees, as a deacon, and on other church boards and committees. He served for thirty-four years on the Board of Trustees of the Lorain County Bank, AKA Premier Bank and Trust. He served on the Advisory Board of the Elyria Salvation Army and on the Board of Directors of the Elyria YMCA. He was a charter member of the Lorain County Sales and Executives, and a past president of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of the Elyria Country Club, Elyria Elks Club and Elyria Kiwanis Club. > James loved the out-of-doors, from the spectacle of an Ohio thunderstorm, to canoeing on the Black River, to hiking the Himalayas. He especially loved the mountains and enjoyed various mountain adventure treks in the Himalayas, the Alps, Alaska, Chile, the Rockies, and the Sierra Nevada. He was a lifelong skier and "wretched" golfer and an



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ardent advocate for the environment. He was devoted to his friends and family and inspired in his children and grandchildren a love for the natural world and the importance of community.> James is survived by his daughters, Carol (Michael) Crich of Sonora, California, Ellen (David) Drell of Willits, California, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of fifty seven years, Barbara, his youngest daughter, Shirley Painter, his parents James R. and Corrine Dall, and his brothers, George Dall (who died in WWII) and John Dall of San Diego.> A memorial service will Saturday, February 10 2018 at 2:30 PM at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 330 2nd Street, Elyria. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice. Local arrangements are in the care of Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Elyria. 440/322/3224
SERVICES Memorial Service Saturday, February 10, 2018 2:30 PM First Congregational United Church of Christ 330 Second St. Elyria, OH 44035

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RK

Rev. Christina Kukuk posted:

My condolences to Jim's family and friends. I imagine the service of remembrance on Saturday was beautiful. He was an inimitable member of the First Church family, and not just for that seersucker or pinstriped suit I remember so well. He will be missed.

February 13 at 8:00 PM

RJ

Ric Johnson posted:

To both Carol and Ellen and your families, Cathie and I would like to offer our deepest sympathies for the loss of your father. Both he and your mom were wonderful friends to our family and I have honestly thought much of Jim in the last number of years. Our memories are vivid of our times with your family. I am sure Jim's last years were just as interesting as his earlier years. We wish both of you the very best. Ric & Cathie Johnson

January 23 at 8:00 PM

SW

Susanne Decker Werner posted:

Im so sorry for your loss. Your father lived a long life and as I remember was a pillar of the community and a respected businessman. My own mother, Ruby Decker, just died October 17, also age 95. They may be gone, but never forgotten.

January 22 at 8:00 PM

RB

Richard Brown posted:

Jim was a close friend of our family as my dad, Kenneth Brown, was an employee of The J. R. Dall Ford Dealership dating back to the 1930s and then through the 1950s and 60s. I shared a noon meal with Jim in August 2016 while visiting in Elyria. Jim supported several of my activities when I was in Elyria High School during the 1950s. We always enjoyed mutual attractions to classic cars and the auto industry in general. Back in the late 1930s my mom and dad took Jim with them on several Canadian fishing trips. I will miss Jim as I am sure many others feel the same way. His quick wit and that great smile that he always seemed to have. Richard Brown

January 22 at 8:00 PM



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