



James "Jim" Kistler

August 28, 1928 to December 13, 2019

Jim was born in Lawrence, Kansas, and lived there until age 12 when his family moved to Grand Haven, Michigan. He went to the University of Michigan and graduated in 1950 with a BS degree in geology. He went on to Northwestern University for an MS in geology and geophysics. He then enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean conflict and spent a year at St. Louis University studying meteorology. The Air Force sent him to Tripoli, Athens and all over Europe. He spent 28 years of combined active duty, and active reserve duty, retiring in 1984 as a Lt. Col. While in Athens he met Rita, who was also stationed there as an Air Force flight nurse. They were married in 1956 upon their return to the US.

Jim joined Chevron in late 1956 as an exploration geologist. They sent him and his family to California - first Salinas, and then 10 years in Bakersfield. They also lived in the East Bay for 12 years, in Anchorage, Alaska, for five years and in London, England for five years where Jim was managing director for Chevron Exploration Company.

They have three children and three granddaughters. They moved to SRC from Gig Harbor, Washington, where they lived 16 years after Jim retired from 35 years with Chevron.

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