



Vincent James "Jim" Philbrick  
3-18-1939 to 3-24-2023

The youngest of five siblings, Jim was born in Yakima, Washington and raised and educated through Highland High School in a nearby small community, Cowiche. Then Jim joined the U.S. Navy, actively serving for two years aboard the USS Shangri La and then spending four years in the Navy reserves. His home base was San Diego, but Jim completed two Western Pacific Tours before he returned to Washington and began studies at Washington State University in Pullman. He completed a BS degree in Dairy Manufacturing while working in the summers for Safeway's dairy department.

Jim went on to the University of Washington in Seattle where he earned his M.D. In Seattle he met his wife (Margaret) Joan Price on a blind date. Joan was a graduate student in home economics at the University of Washington. Jim and Joan were married a couple of years before Jim completed his MD degree. The young couple continued to live in Seattle while Jim was an intern at the Swedish Hospital and Joan gave birth to their daughter, Carla. Several years later their son, Tom, was born. And much more recently their five grandchildren joined the family. Joan currently lives in memory care in Los Gatos, California.

After his internship Jim moved to Santa Cruz, CA where he served as a staff physician at the County Hospital and as an Emergency Room doctor at Dominican Hospital. Jim then joined UC Davis for a residency in anesthesia. The field he most enjoyed was pediatric anesthesia; so he returned to Seattle and the Mason Clinic to complete three rotations in that specialty and then joined the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose. The last ten years of his practice in anesthesia was at Kaiser in Santa Clara.

The Philbricks lived in the Almaden area of San Jose and then moved to Saratoga in 1980. Both played tennis and were members of two tennis clubs. But Jim's free time was often taken up by tending to his orchard of a variety of fruit trees and using part of his bountiful produce to bake cherry pies for Thanksgiving. His travels included visits to Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Japan; but the most interesting for Jim was China – especially the Muslim areas of western China. Today, Jim's primary interests are his family and studying Mandarin. He has pursued this for the past fifteen years including several semesters at De Anza College.

Jim previously lived at the Meadows CCRC which closed in 2019. After exploring several other options, Jim took the advice of his financial advisor and checked out SRC. After the first viewing of his current unit, he immediately knew he could be comfortable here. Jim is already part of the SRC Mandarin-speaking lunch group, and the members are delighted he has joined them.