



James “Jim” Orr
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Jim was born in Tacoma, Washington but grew up in San Mateo, California. He attended UC Berkeley majoring in physics, and played tennis for the Cal team. He went on to the University of Washington where he worked in the Cosmic Ray Lab and got an MS in nuclear physics. He met his wife Jocelyn at the University of Washington. He then served his ROTC obligation in the Signal Corps at Ft. Monmouth, NJ for two years.

Jim’s first major job was at Litton Industries in San Carlos, CA where he spent 18 years working on microwave tubes used in B52 bombers. He then worked for Varian, Aventek and Harris Microwave on other microwave devices. He was a member of the Old Crows Society which includes military officers and civilians engaged in cold war matters. Jim continued to play tennis on USTA teams, mostly in Los Altos. He also had a sailboat on San Francisco Bay and after retirement, a larger boat in Gig Harbor, Washington which he and Jocelyn sailed far north into British Columbia waters.

Jim and Jocelyn have traveled extensively in Europe, the Far East and Australia. Tasmania was a highlight. They have lived in NJ, MA, WA, and in CA in Menlo Park, Atherton and Los Altos. They have two children and two grandchildren. Jim died in Memory Care.