



James Edward "Jim" Kleaver

July 11, 1933 - September 14, 2017

James E. Kleaver died on September 14, 2017 at the age of 84. He was born July 11, 1933 in Yreka, a fourth generation member of a Siskiyou County family. He was a graduate of Yreka Elementary, and Yreka High School with the class of 1950. He graduated the University of California, Berkeley in 1955, with a degree in Business Administration and Economics. That was followed by a law degree from Berkeley (Boalt Hall) in 1958.

After a two year US Army service (assigned to 57th Military Police Company, USMA, West Point, NY) Jim returned to Yreka in 1960 and became an associate with the firm of Tebbe and Correia, The law firm changed to Tebbe, Correia & Kleaver, later to Correia & Kleaver, and to Correia, Kleaver & Bacon. While a member of the firm, he was the Public Defender for Siskiyou County from 1962 until 1968. In 1970, Jim, a lifelong Democrat, was appointed to the Siskiyou County Superior Court by Gov. Ronald Reagan. The position had become vacant due to the death of Judge J. Everett Barr. Jim was elected to the same position in 1972 and was reelected without opposition in 1978 and 1984. He retired at the conclusion of the 1984 term. Following retirement he continued his judicial activity until 2002 as an assigned judge in Siskiyou and other counties and was active in mediation and arbitration work in several Northern California counties. In all, he was assigned as judge, or appointed arbitrator or mediator by agreement of the parties, in 23 California counties.

Jim and Rosalie Delmerico were married in Tarrytown, NY on April 16, 1961. Daughter Christine and son Daniel joined the family in 1962 and 1964. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. William and Mary Margaret Kleaver and by his daughter Christine. He is survived by his wife, Rosalie and son Daniel (Lisa and son Kevin), brother William (Mary) and sister Carolyn Weber, and several nieces/nephews and cousins.

A private family interment will be held at a later date. At Jim's request there will not be a funeral service.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Rose, Dan and Lisa,

Mary, I, Jeff and Ann share with you in the grief you are feeling for the loss of Jim.. Just a few short months ago we shared a great dinner with the two of you in your home. How rapidly things can change in our lives. We treasure the memories of family time with our kids on Lange Way and the RV trips together. Jim was truly a great guy, a true and loyal friend and a brighter, more dedicated attorney and Judge would be hard to find. You can be comforted to know that Chris and Steve are greeting Jim on the other side.

Love, Errol and Mary DeRose and Family

Errol DeRose - September 20, 2017 at 02:42 PM

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“ Dear Rose.

I am so sorry to hear the news about Jim. So many years ago I lived in Yreka. I have fond memories of you both.

I am truly sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,

Joyce O'Dell-Lehmer

Lil's sister-in-law

Joyce O'Dell-Lehmer - September 19, 2017 at 10:39 PM