

Jim died in West Vancouver, leaving his loving wife of 69 years, Joyce; predeceased by his son, Gregory James (1951-1972), survived by his son Morley (Shelley) and grandsons Ian & Ross McKeachie; daughter Velma and grand-daughters Jypsy Bolte, Ruby Bellchambers, and Mikayla McKeachie; daughter Barbara and grandsons Jason Adams (Julie) & great-grandchildren Amber and Evan Adams; grandson Hunter Austad; many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Born and raised in Victoria, the son of Alexander & Jean McKeachie (nee Young), he was a lifelong resident of B.C., and spent the last 62 years in West Vancouver.

In his early years, Jimmy cycled around the Fairfield area, attended Sir James Douglas Elementary School & Victoria High School. He played basketball, rugby, and lacrosse with the Shamrocks. Jim joined the Royal Canadian Air Cadets in 1941, enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in January 1943, got his wings, and was deployed to Gander, Nfld. assigned to #10 Bombing & Reconnaissance Squadron, flying B-24 Liberators, and the Eastern Air Command meteorological flight at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Following the war Jimmy attended Victoria College (Craigdarroch Castle), followed by U.B.C. (B. Comm.) where he wrote for the Ubysey, and reported sports for the Vancouver Province. He also wrote for the Victoria Colonist (1946) & Victoria Daily Times (1946-51) before joining the BC Power Commission as Director of Public Relations. Jim retired in 1986 as director of public relations for CP Air, and, for a few years thereafter, for British Airways and freelance travel writing.

Jim volunteered with Air Cadets and Air Cadet League of Canada (Pres. 1983-84), and was recipient of their Medal of Honour, Certificate of Honour, Volunteer Long Service, and Queen Elizabeth II Golden & Diamond Jubilee Medals, Vancouver Planetarium Society, BC Veterans Commemorative Association, and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 60, West Vancouver), 801 Wing (Vancouver) Air Force Association of Canada, and B.C. Division of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards "Challenge to Youth".

Service January 6, 2018, St. David's Church, Taylor Way, West Vancouver at 2 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Diabetes Canada, B.C. Cancer Foundation, Lions Gate Hospital Foundation

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