



James Allen Farrell

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James Farrell lived the post-WWII American Dream. He married his high school sweetheart, served in the Navy, built his own house, had 3 children, and took the family on fishing vacations in Canada and the Midwest. He was frequently seen in the company of a small, happy dog.

Three brothers of the O'Farrell family from Ireland's County Cork migrated to Chicago in the late 1800s. Dennis Farrell's son, Charles Edward Farrell (born 1899) and his wife Freda Erma Crook Farrell (1905-1987) lived in Michigan: Hastings, Coldwater (where James was born), and later Battle Creek, where they established the Farrell Construction Company.

Charles, James, and his brother Richard built a home on Gregg Drive in 1955 for James and his fiancé, Patricia Annette Stiner, who were married that same year.

James graduated from Lakeview High School and served in the US Navy's 6th Fleet from 1956-1962 based out of Norfolk VA. He sailed on the USS Enterprise as well as on a naval destroyer and was deployed in Northern Ireland, the Indian Ocean, the Suez Canal and Persian Gulf, Spain, France,

and Greece.

James earned a BA from Western Michigan University in the early 1970s while working at W.K. Kellogg as a millwright. In 1974, he moved the family to Clarksville TN, where he managed at Frosty Morn, then to Memphis TN, Peoria IL, and Fairfield CT, where he joined Arnold Premium Breads.

James and Patricia retired in 1999 to their new home in Sperry OK to be near their grandchildren. James worked part time for many years with his son at Farrell Family Bread in Tulsa, the artisanal bakery that Thomas Farrell founded.

James is survived by his daughter Susan J. Farrell, son Thomas A. Farrell, and three grandchildren, Michael C. Farrell, Joshua T. Farrell, and Anastasia Z. Farrell. He was predeceased by siblings Richard Charles Farrell (2011) and Mae Ann Farrell (2016), wife Patricia (2018) and daughter Sarah Anne Farrell (2024).