James Milton Weber

Remembering Jim Weber...

James Milton Weber, former Division Chief of the Liberty, Missouri Fire Department, passed away September 11, 2020.

Jim was born July 1, 1946, in Laredo, MO, the elder of two children of Herman "Micky" and Marjorie "Rose" (Peterie) Weber. He graduated from Laredo High School in 1964 and soon joined the US Navy. Jim served from 1964 until receiving honorable discharge from active duty in 1968 and reserve duty in 1970. Jim later pursued his Associate's degree at Penn Valley Community College.

Jim was united in marriage to Mary Susan Stevens. She preceded him in death on June 13, 1984. He was later united in marriage in 1986 to Edythe (Lane) McGuire who survives.

Jim's father was a volunteer firefighter and mother a volunteer EMT. He carried on their traditions and became a career firefighter, EMT and Paramedic. He worked a short time for the Trenton, MO Fire Department before moving to Liberty in 1972. His career with the Liberty Fire Department spanned more than three decades, retiring as a Division Chief. Jim was one of Missouri's earliest paramedics.

Jim was very active in his community. He served as a leader in Boy Scout Troop 374 in Liberty with his son Brad. He was an Eagle Scout and a Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Jim was active in Clay County 4-H in shooting sports and fishing projects with his stepsons.

Jim was a Past Commander of VFW Post 4043 in Liberty, serving on its funeral honors team. He sent weekly reminders for breakfast at Ma and Pa's in Claycomo. Jim was a member of American Legion Post 95 in Liberty.

Jim and Edythe were very active in square dancing in Liberty and throughout Missouri. He was Past President of the Heart of America Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Past President and current Insurance Chairman for the Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs. Jim and Edythe were selected Square Dancer of the Year in 2007. Jim was Past President and served every elected office on the Executive Committee of the United Square Dancers of America. He was Editor of the Show Me Doin's Square Dance Magazine, served as Webmaster for USDA and for the Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance, Inc. He was President of the Ramblers Square Dance Club in Liberty.

Along with his parents and first wife, Jim was preceded in death by stepson, Grover McGuire, Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Edythe; children, Shelly Graham (Bob) of Kansas City, Bradley Weber (Allyson) of Lexington, Tracy Geier (Dicky) and Tim McGuire both of Liberty; 13 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren; sister, Freida Troester (Richard) of Trenton, two nieces and their families, as well as other family members and countless friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to VFW Post 4043, Liberty; United Square Dancers of America Youth Scholarship Fund (usda.org); or Honor Flight (honorflight.org).

You may share a message with the family or sign an online guest book via parklawnfunerals.com. Arrangements: Park Lawn Northland Chapel (816) 781-8228.

In loving memory of
James Milton Weber
July 1, 1946 - September 11, 2020

Services Celebrating Jim's Life
11 am • Wednesday, September 16
Park Lawn Northland Chapel • Liberty, Missouri

Internment with Military Honors
1 pm • New Hope Cemetery • Liberty, Missouri

Officiant
Eric Stanley

13 Folds Reader
Tom Bates

Pallbearers

Taylor Geier
Travis Geier
Coby Greenwood
Gavin Greenwood
Camden Weber
Keenan Weber
Noah Graham
Joshua McGuire

To Those Whom I Love & Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You must not tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that I have had so many years

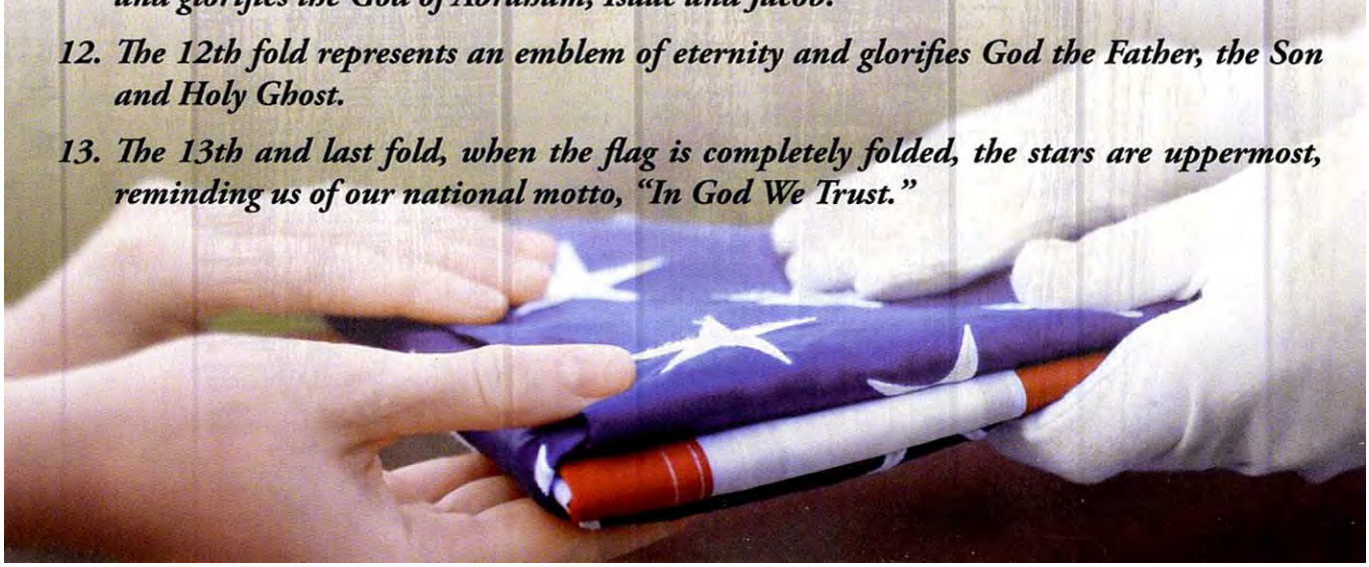
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love each have shown
But now it is time I traveled on alone

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust
It is only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories in your heart

I will not be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near
And if you listen with your heart, you will hear
All of my love around you soft and clear
Then, when you must come this way alone
I will greet you with a smile and welcome you home.

Author: Anonymous

The Meaning Behind the 13 Folds of Old Glory...

Much more than just pomp and circumstance, each of the 13 folds holds special meaning. The flag-folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

1. ***The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.***
2. ***The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.***
3. ***The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.***
4. ***The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is Him we turn to in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.***
5. ***The fifth fold is a tribute to our country. In the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."***
6. ***The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.***
7. ***The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.***
8. ***The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.***
9. ***The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood. It has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that has molded the character of the men and women who have made this country great.***
10. ***The 10th fold is a tribute to father, who has also given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.***
11. ***The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.***
12. ***The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.***
13. ***The 13th and last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."***