

James Smith (Jim) Hart

November 14, 1918 - June 11, 2006



Jim Hart

Rotarian May 31, 1978 - June 11, 2006

Our Friend and Fellow Rotarian Jim Hart passed away Sunday morning June 11, 2006. Our condolences go out to Margaret and Jim's Family. He attended our meeting a couple weeks ago with his daughter Margo.

We'll miss Jim at the Dream Home - he sold tickets every year and usually drew the late shift at the south bridge - farthest from the office. We also remember Jim at the New Member's auction - he donated a load of hay from his High River farm to the auction several years - one of the most unique auction items ever!

Jim headed up our Club's Salvation Army Kettle brigade for many years. He made a point to visit every bell ringer on every shift. He also liked to golf and often hosted the Club's golfers at Silver Springs; he was also an avid curler. Jim and Margaret loved to dance which they did with grace and elegance; first on the floor and last to leave!

Jim was educated as a petroleum engineer at the University of Oklahoma. He joined British American Oil Company in the mid fifties and spent his whole distinguished oilpatch career with BA and successor Gulf Canada. When he joined our Club in 1978 he was Drilling Manager for Gulf Canada. Prior to his Calgary assignment Jim served as Gulf Canada District Manager in Stettler where he was also active in Rotary. During the sixties he managed Gulf's Saskatchewan operations out of Estevan. Jim was well respected by his people, suppliers, industry peers and community leaders. His very effective management style could be described as "tough-minded integrity." Scores of today's oil industry leaders started their careers working for Jim Hart.

During the 2003-2004 Rotary Year Jim was made an Honorary Member of our Club, recognizing his long and dedicated Service to Rotary.



**Larry Winter, Jack Westbrook, Jim Hart and John Kelly
Honorary Members June 24, 2004**

Rest in Peace Jim, you will long be remembered for your leadership and integrity, your legacy lives on in Rotary and the Canadian Oilpatch .

(written by Mel Gray)