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**James E. Case, Jr. (Jim)**  
**June 1, 1931 -- August 29, 2009**

Jim was born in his mother's hometown, Farmington, MO. He was the only child of Dorothy Rickus and J. E. Case, Sr. He grew up in Webster Groves, MO and was proud to be a graduate of Webster Groves High School -- a "forty-niner." Their 60th class reunion was held this weekend.

Following high school, Jim attended Washington University in St. Louis, earning a degree in electrical engineering. He played the clarinet in the university's marching band and orchestra, continuing with the clarinet from junior high and his school orchestra and band. Jim worked briefly in his chosen field before beginning a four-year stint in the United States Air Force. In those years he took up pipe smoking and was rarely seen without a pipe in his mouth. (The pipe disappeared shortly before his marriage. He attributed the disappearance to a teeth cleaning and never took it up again.)



**Jim and Dorcas Case,  
December 2007**

Near the end of his military service, he met his future bride, Dorcas Dittmar. They met in Dayton, OH in a church singles group that Jim had organized. Jim and Dorcas were married on November 29, 1957. One of Jim's hobbies was being a licensed amateur radio operator, and Dorcas fondly remembers his radio antennae being strung across the dining room of their Clayton apartment. Jim and Dorcas were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Kristin, in 1970.

Jim retired from Westinghouse Corporation in 1992. Always a great organizer and analyzer, he devoted much of his retirement time to Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church. He led the Adult Discussion Group at church and organized the annual Trout Lodge Weekend and Christmas Luncheon. In addition to amateur radio and church leadership, his interests included music, vegetable gardening, and playing bridge.

Jim is survived by his wife, Dorcas, his daughter, Kristin, and her husband, Chris Burns, of Springfield, MO, and two young grandsons, Sage and Graham Burns.

[Editor: The above obituary was presented at a memorial service for Jim, at 13 September 2009.]