



James Reardon

June 10, 1922 - October 5, 2013

James Reardon, 91, passed away at his home in Napa on Saturday, October 5, 2013 surrounded by loving family. He was born in Anaconda, Montana on June 10, 1922 to Charlotte and James Raymond Reardon I. He attended St Peters and Central High school in Anaconda, where he lettered in all sports and was elected as team captain. He attended Carroll College and as a freshman was called to active duty to the Army Air Corp. He returned to Carroll at the end of the war to complete his education, football, basketball and baseball career. He received his BA in Mathematics and Education in 1950.

His coaching and teaching career included the Cathedral High School Greenies, where he was credited with successfully leading the Greenies to state championship competition. He coached basketball at Carroll with "John Gagliardi, the winningest coach in College Football (New York Times)". It was from Gagliardi that he received his passion for coaching. He taught and coached at Anaconda High School and Silverado Jr. High in Napa, until his retirement in 1982. He was elected to the Hall of Fame at Carroll for basketball, an honor he was very proud. In retirement, he was an active member of the Napa Running Club and competed successfully in Senior Olympics of Northern California. He attended St. Apollinaris Catholic Church.

He married Mary Nelson, of Geraldine, Montana in 1949. They had two children, Bonnie (Dennis)Wilson of Colusa, CA and Jim (Carol) Reardon of Kalispell, Montana. His grandchildren include, Jeff (Tasha) Wilson, Tommy (Jessica) Wilson, Juliane (Michael) Veselik, Angie Reardon, Shawn Reardon and great grandchildren, Jordan Johnson and Jessica Wilson.

One of eight children, he is survived by sisters Charlotte Stensvold of San Francisco and Gertrude Flynn of Anaconda and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Mary, his sisters Marie Reardon, Florence Olson, Eleanor Merrick, Rita Solan and Jerry Jenkins.

His Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, October 12 at 11 AM at St. Apollinaris Catholic Church, 3700 Lassen St. in Napa. A vigil and viewing will be held on Friday, October 11 at 7 PM at the Claffey and Rota Funeral Home, 1975 Main Street in Napa. In lieu of flowers an endowment scholarship has been set up at Carroll College in his name. Memories and words of sympathy may be left for the family at ClaffeyandRota.com.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 02:00PM - 07:00PM

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Claffey & Rota Funeral Home

1975 Main Street, Napa, CA, US, 94559

Comments



“ I saw Mr. Reardon's obituary in the Napa Register last week and memories of middle school came flooding back. I don't remember very many teachers from that time, but his name was one I couldn't forget. I had Mr. Reardon at Silverado during what must have been his last year of teaching. I now have a sophomore and an 8th grader of my own. I spent the day today at Silverado tagging along with my son. Sitting in those classes, watching the teachers try to keep order as well as accomplish something is a testament to their consitutions. Only a saint would willingly teach middle school. I now realize what a great teacher Mr. Reardon was. I send condolences to his entire family.

Heather Teague

Heather Teague - October 16, 2013 at 08:42 PM



“ Jim was an incredible man and a model that we men can only hope to emulate. Talented athletically and in so many other ways, yet humble, kind, and generous. His calm demeanor and natural smile and ability to make you feel the sincere interest he felt for you despite whatever challenge he might be facing himself at the time was unbelievable. Jim was truly one of the greatest men that I've ever had the privilege of knowing during my lifetime. We will miss his earthly presence, but we count on him to continue to guide and inspire us and remain in our hearts forever.

Jack Kovacich - October 12, 2013 at 11:20 AM



“ Dear Dennis & Bonnie,
I am thinking of you and all your family in this most difficult time. Having recently lost both my Mom and my Dad, I do know how painful this loss can be. Please know that keeping all your wonderful memories close to your heart can truly help with healing. And to know what a true gentleman your Father was, to so many will also help. God Bless.
Patti Doughty

Patti Doughty - October 11, 2013 at 10:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Reardon.



October 09, 2013 at 06:18 PM



“ Uncle Jimmy was a true Gentleman, he was kind, loving and very generous to everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. I had the privilege of having him for a teacher in Jr. High School and loved every minute of his class. Our family has been very Blessed for having him in it and we all know he was Loved by his sisters! God Bless the Wilson and Reardon families and Aunt Gert & Aunt Charlotte. Our sincere sympathies and love to all.
Marie & Sparkey

Marie McLean - October 09, 2013 at 12:01 PM



“ Mr. Reardon was a dear devoted man. I met him at Silverado Junior High School in the early 1970s. Although I never had him as a teacher, he will now join the wonderful educators of that school as being kind and devoted to his job. 40 years past is a long time, but Mr. Reardon made Silverado a better school because of his presence there. May the family find peace in this difficult time. and know this life was better because he graced it for 91 wonderful years. God bless you all.

Roger Knapp and Family



Roger Knapp - October 08, 2013 at 11:23 PM