



James Bernard Lynch(1932 - 2016)

James B. Lynch, age 84, died at home in Boise, Idaho on March 15, 2016.

Jim was born January 19, 1932 in Denver, Colorado to James J. and Elizabeth Lynch. He graduated from Boise High School in 1950 and attended Boise Junior College, where he obtained his AA degree in 1952. He attended the University of Idaho, obtaining his BS degree in 1954 and his LLB in 1956. He was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Jim married JoAnn McGuire at St. John's Cathedral on December 28, 1963.

Jim served in the U.S. Air Force from 1958-1960 as a Judge Advocate and was stationed in Okinawa and Kansas. He began his law practice at Moffatt, Thomas in 1961 and served as Executive Secretary of the Idaho State Bar from 1963-1966. He practiced in the law firm of Coughlan, Imhoff, Christiansen & Lynch, which later became Imhoff & Lynch. That firm then became Lynch, Moore, Baskin and Parker. In 1955, he formed the firm of Lynch & Associates.

He was Chairman of the Idaho State Bar Court Reform Committee in the early 1970's. Jim and his good friend, Tom Miller, traveled to Bar Associations throughout the State in achieving enactment of lower court reorganization, which he considered one of his greatest professional achievements. He also served as Chairman of the Idaho State Bar ADR, and as President of Inns of Court from 2005-2006. He was licensed to practice in Idaho as well as the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Jim was an avid golfer, and enjoyed many rounds of golf with good friends Tom Miller, Jack Barrett, Jack Rhoads, Larry Locuson, and others. In addition to golf, he enjoyed fly fishing, camping, skiing, backpacking and mountain climbing. Jim and JoAnn enjoyed many golf trips with Jo and Tom Miller and Linda and Larry Locuson, and traveled to Ireland, England, Switzerland, the Virgin Islands, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and took an Alaska cruise.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jerry; and brother-in-law, Paul Cronin. He is survived by his wife, JoAnn; daughters, Kate Lynch and Ann Erwin and son-in-law, Jeff; granddaughters, Abbey and Maggie Erwin; brother, Pat Lynch; sister-in-law, Alice Cronin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 1:30 pm on Monday, March 21, 2016 at St. John's Catholic Cathedral, 804 N. 9th St., Boise, ID 83702.

Donations may be made in Jim's name to the Boise High School Swim Team c/o Jeff Erwin, 4361 N. Cartwright Road, Boise, ID 83714.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family on Jim's memorial webpage at www.summersfuneral.com.