



James Howard Fauth

July 30, 1949 - August 25, 2025

James Howard Fauth, 76, formerly of Lewistown, PA, passed away at his home in Southern California on Aug. 25, following an extended illness. He is survived by his devoted wife Beth (Kreamer); his stepson Jason Fosselman, whom he was proud to help raise from childhood and fiercely loved as his own; his beautiful daughter-in-law Terra (Manthey) and granddaughters Piper and Parker, whom we adored. He was preceded in death by his parents Howard E. and Sara Jane (Breininger) Fauth.

Jim was a graduate of Lewistown HS and earned his BS and Master's Degrees in Biology Education from Bloomsburg University, where he played on the tennis team and lettered all four years. He also proudly served for six years in the US Navy, where he received extensive training in electronics. It was when he was stationed in San Diego that he dreamed of retiring to SoCal. Another major accomplishment of Jim's was earning his ASNT Level III in ultrasonics and other forms of nondestructive testing (NDT). Most of his career was spent as an instructor, and then the manager of schools, at Krautkramer-Branson/GE in Lewistown. During that time, he traveled around the country teaching NDT techniques for industrial applications at such prestigious institutions as NASA, Los Alamos Labs, and the major airlines. Regarded as an outstanding educator in the field, Jim ended his career with two of the premier leaders in the NDT industry - Hellier in Niantic, CT, where he was a traveling instructor; and Mistras in Princeton Junction, NJ, where, because he could no longer travel extensively after surviving an aortic

dissection in 2008, he designed online courses in ultrasonics.

Jim was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lewistown, before moving to SoCal eleven years ago. He served on Church Council and in many different capacities with BSA Troop 2, which the church sponsored. Jim was devoted to instilling the Scout values in troop members, and when he was Scoutmaster, he was pleased to help facilitate several boys in the troop earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Jim was talented in many areas and had varied interests. He was a nature lover who enjoyed hiking, hunting responsibly, camping, and photographing God's creation. He was an avid reader, crossword puzzle solver, and, before his health problems, tennis player. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family-traveling, playing sports and other games of skill, listening to music, watching films of different genres, and rooting for his favorite sports teams, particularly the Dodgers and Phillies in baseball and Penn State in football. He was a wonderful storyteller, who had a great sense of humor, and he will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

There will be a celebration of life for Jim at Hope Lutheran Church in Palm Desert, CA at 11:00 am on Saturday, Sept. 6. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jim's name to Seven Mountains Scout Camp in Centre County, PA, or to the Bloomsburg University Tennis Team in Bloomsburg, PA.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM.

Hope Lutheran Church

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Tina Sitler lit a candle in memory of James Howard Fauth*



Tina Sitler - November 04, 2025 at 11:13 PM

TS

Beth, I'm so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. You have my most heartfelt sympathy. Please get in touch sometime. you can find my cell phone# on my FB profile. Love Always, Tina

Tina Sitler - November 04, 2025 at 11:17 PM

TM

“ *Kristie and I send heartfelt condolences to Beth, Jason and family. I have many fond memories of working with Jim at Krautkramer/GE, and especially enjoyed his Navy service stories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Timothy and Kristie Morrison. Palmyra, Pa*

Timothy Morrison - September 06, 2025 at 03:24 PM

BF

Thanks, Tim and Kristie. We appreciate your expression of sympathy and memories of Jim. He treasured your friendship, Tim, and working with you at KB. I remember you calling him, "The Admiral" and even used that in a name poem I wrote for him, but I can't remember the nickname he had given you. After he suffered the major stroke, I had to retell him all the wonderful stories he had shared with me, and that was one of them. Hope this finds you and Kristie well.

Beth Fauth - September 13, 2025 at 06:30 PM

DK

“ We cherish all the wonderful times we shared over so many holidays & birthdays, beach vacations, and Penn State football games. We sure hope your soul and spirit are now at long last in a better place, Jim. A hearty salute to "The Admiral."
Dave and Georgia Kreamer

Dave & Georgia Kreamer - August 31, 2025 at 12:06 PM

BF

Thanks, you two. Jim cherished those family memories too. And, Dave, you and Tim Morrison were the only two who called him "The Admiral," the nickname Tim had coined for him. Love you both!

Beth Fauth - September 13, 2025 at 06:40 PM

SR

“ Beth, Jason and family please accept my most sincere condolences. I know he fought a long, hard battle, and I know you all were right there beside him fighting it with him. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness.
Steve Reeder (Lewistown, PA)



Stephen D Reeder - August 30, 2025 at 01:08 PM

BF

Thanks so much. Steve. It's been a rough couple of years, first losing Babs and now Jim. I appreciate your expressions of sympathy for the loss of both of them and hope this finds you well.

Beth Fauth - September 13, 2025 at 06:33 PM

LR

“ Jim was my best cuz and my best buddy. I will cherish all the great memories we had especially the time he spent in Ct with us. Miss you terribly Jim.

Linda Rosati - August 29, 2025 at 12:57 PM

BF

Thanks, Honey. We both appreciated so much how you, Rob, and the boys hosted him for a home-cooked meal weekly when he was working for Hellier in CT. That was the one bright spot of the week for him and made working so far away from home more bearable for him. Love you!

Beth Fauth - September 13, 2025 at 06:36 PM