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## James Croghan, 83

*May 23, 1923 - Jan. 2, 2007*

**FALLS CHURCH, VA** — James "Jim" William Croghan was born May 23, 1923, to William and Helen (Keane) Croghan on a farm west of Panama. He served in the United States Marine Corps and is a veteran of World War II.

After his discharge from the service, Jim married Kathleen McAllister Dec. 2, 1950, in Iowa City. Four children were born to this union, Anne, Gregory, Lisa, and Joseph. Jim and Kathy lived on a farm near Panama, farming with his brother, Peter, and raising their family. Jim had a lifelong interest in government affairs. He worked to influence farm policy at both the state and federal levels. While on the farm, he was active in the Farmers Union, serving as the Iowa Secretary/Treasurer. In 1961, Jim accepted a position with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Des Moines. The family relocated to Virginia so he could work in the Washington DC office in 1964. After retirement, he volunteered as a starter at the Pinecrest Golf Course in Annandale, VA. Jim and Kathy also hosted many foreign exchange students from the middle east. Jim died Jan. 2, 2007, in Falls Church, VA, at age 83 years, seven months, and 10 days.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and William Croghan, his daughter, Lisa; two sisters, Helen Griffith and Elizabeth Kohles; and two brothers, Joseph and Peter. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen of Falls Church, VA; his daughter, Anne Giese of Alexandria, VA; and two sons, Gregory (Barbara) Croghan of Annandale, VA, and Joseph (Cynthia) Croghan of McLean, VA; his sister, Bernadette Kirlin of West Des Moines; and his brothers, Jerome Croghan of Manning, and Tom (Jean) Croghan of Omaha, NE; nine grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 6, 2007, at St. Mary's of the Assumption in Panama, with Rev. John Dorton officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama, with Joe Kirlin, Christopher Croghan, Pat Croghan, Bill Griffith, Gerald Kohles, Phil Croghan, Jim Croghan, and Dennis Croghan casket bearers. Military rites were provided by Panama American Legion Post No. 601. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

