

James Friend, 76

June 15, 1928 - March 2, 2005

GRAND COUNTY, CO — James Reyelt Friend was born June 15, 1928, to Wilson B. and Dana R. Friend in Harlan. In 1946, he graduated from Harlan High School. He attended the University of Iowa and was active in ROTC and the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, graduating with a degree in business administration in 1950.

Jim shortly thereafter married his high school and college sweetheart, Pauline Clausen, June 13, 1950. From 1950 to 1953, he served as second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, where he was first introduced to computers. Returning to Harlan he worked at the lumberyard from 1953 to 1956. In 1956, he started working as a computer programmer for IBM in Iowa, transferring to Poughkeepsie, NY for three years, then landing in Boulder, CO in 1965. For almost 30 years he worked for IBM. He retired in 1985 and moved with Pauline to Grand County where he did volunteer work for his church and various community organizations. He had been a resident of Grand County, CO for 20 years. In 1993, he began spending his winters in Sun Lakes, AZ. He died March 2, 2005, at the Dobson Home Hospice in Chandler, AZ, at age 76.

Jim is survived by his wife, Pauline Clausen Friend; his son, Bruce (Sidney) Friend from Centennial, CO; his daughter, Kathe (Bill) Morck of Granby, CO; and four grandchildren, Andrew and Dana Friend and Niels and Makenna Morck.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Granby, CO, March 14, 2005, with inurnment in the columbarium afterwards.