



DCV TRAVELLER ***SPECIAL EDITION***



February 11, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen of the DCV,

Below is a tribute to our friend Jim Templin that was written by Steve Lucas. It is always difficult at times like these to put into words the feelings we share. Mr. Lucas has a way with words and has said with eloquence what we feel in our hearts. Jim Templin was a special man, but more importantly a friend. Lyn and I have many memories of events with Jim and Helen, including national, state conventions and local cemetery dedications. It is with appreciation to Steve Lucas and extreme sadness that I share his words of tribute to Jim Templin.

Steve von Roeder, President

It is with great sorrow that I learned today of the passing of one of our founding members, Jim Templin. For those of you who never had the privilege of knowing Jim, you missed a treat. Jim and Helen opened their home to us for the founding meeting of the DCV even before we had a name, when the idea of this organization was still just that – an idea – in the head of Steve von Roeder. From that time forward Jim was always a DCV stalwart. He wanted to know what he could do to help and he helped by holding offices, including Board President. He helped by designing forms, writing policies and just about everything else one could do to move our organization forward. And he continued to help right up to the end of his life. He even left his hospice care facility at one point, going back to his house to make sure that everything that he was responsible for in the several historical and genealogical organizations to which he belonged was in order and was going to get to the right people.

But Jim was so much more than that. Jim was your friend. Jim never met a stranger and was quick to extend his hand in friendship and to tell a joke. If you needed help with your history or heritage project or were stuck with your family tree – Jim was your man. Jim was the kind of guy you always looked forward to seeing at an event because he always made you feel that he was looking forward to seeing you!

Jim now lives in Heaven with his beloved Helen. The thought of them being together again brings a smile to my face, just as seeing them together in life always did. Ladies and Gentlemen I am honored that Jim Templin allowed me to call him my friend, and it was always humbling when he referred to me as his friend. It is a friendship of many years that I will always cherish.

If you pray, please thank whomever you pray to for the life of Jim Templin and pray for the family he leaves behind. I have been praying for Jim since I learned of his illness and I will continue to pray.

Thank you for indulging me,

Steve Lucas, DCV

Denton, TX



JAMES CHARLES "JIM" TEMPLIN
BORN: MARCH 15, 1939
DIED: FEBRUARY 09, 2016

Jim Templin was one of thirteen founding members of the DCV.

He made his home in Ennis, Texas and was a member of the Blackland Chapter. Jim also served for several years as Registrar for the DCV.

Jim was an active member and although his health was failing he attended the mid-year DCV Board meeting in 2015.

Rest in Peace