

Jim Coyle

March 28, 1938 – October 31, 2021

James “Jim” Michael Coyle, 83, of Moberly, Missouri, passed away peacefully and met the Lord on October 31, 2021, at the Clarence Care Center.

Jim was born March 28, 1938, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Amos James Coyle, Jr. and Madge Harrison. He graduated from Ritenour High School with the class of 1957 then attended Central Missouri State University (CMSU) in Warrensburg, graduating with a degree in education.

On October 7, 1960, Jim was united in marriage to Arlene, the love of his life, in St. Louis, Missouri. The story goes that she saw Jim walk into the room at class registration at CMSU, Arlene said, “That’s the man I’m going to marry!” From this union, they were blessed with two children: James “Jim” Jr. and Michelle.

Jim was a high-school head football, basketball, and track coach and an English teacher for thirteen years in Lexington, Orrick, and Marceline, Missouri. Many former students fondly remember how he treated each student and athlete with respect and fostered their potential regardless of their apparent situations.

In 1973, Jim decided to change professions and began a 27-year career in radio broadcasting, initially as the sports director at KWIX/KRES Radio and then as farm director in 1985, where he received regional and national recognition for excellence in broadcast journalism, representing corn, soybean, pork, beef, and other farm-related families and organizations. He also wrote a weekly column in The Paper, published in Moberly, called “The Eighth Day.” Jim retired in 2000.

After retirement, Jim served as the voice of home MACC Greyhound and Lady Greyhound basketball games, and he played golf nearly every day, until 2010, when he suffered a stroke.

Jim and Arlene enjoyed visiting friends and family and being actively involved in their church. He was a huge St. Louis Cardinals, Kansas City Chiefs, and Mizzou Tigers fan, and he followed all sports in general. Jim was good at everything in which he participated: ping pong, golf, tennis, bowling, performing yo-yo tricks, card playing, and wood carvings. He enjoyed chats with friends and recalling good times from the past. He especially looked forward to weekly calls with his brother-in-law, Don Mueller.

Jim was a member of the Coates Street Presbyterian Church in Moberly where he served as a deacon and enjoyed singing in the choir.

Jim was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Arlene; his mother, Madge; and father, Amos, as well as his sister, Patricia Mueller.

He is survived by his son, Jim (Annette) Coyle Jr., Overland Park, Kansas; and daughter, Michelle (Kevin) Kelley, Mickleton, New Jersey; grandchildren, Brandon (Kasey) Molina, Gardner, Kansas; Trenton Vega, Shawnee, Kansas; Ben (Sam) Kelley, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania; Rachael Kelley, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania; Jordan Kelley, Appalachian State University, North Carolina; and Ariana Coyle, Overland Park, Kansas; and great-grandchildren, Niyah Molina, Gardner, Kansas; and Scottlyn Vega, Shawnee, Kansas.

The family suggests donations in his memory to Coates Street Presbyterian Church in Moberly. Mail to the church with a memo for Jim Coyle Memorial, 601 W. Coates Street, Moberly, MO 65270, cspcmoberly@gmail.com (Contact Donna Fainter @ 660-651-7953 with any questions about donating, <http://coatesstreetpresbyterianchurch.com>) or the National Association of Farm Broadcasting (NAFB) to support the future of farm broadcasting (<https://nafb.com/foundation/contribute-nafb-foundation>).

A memorial service will occur at a later date.

Condolences may be shared online at pathwaymemorial.com.