

Jim Boatright

Jim is originally from Colorado Springs, where he grew up with two siblings. He graduated from the University of Colorado with a BS in Civil Engineering. After graduation, he decided to get his ROTC obligation behind him and then get on with his career. He was sent to Fort Belvoir near Alexandria, Virginia, for his basic officer training and while there met Gloria. They married in September 1956, in Augusta, Maine, her home town. Have him tell you the whole story. They honeymooned on the coast of Maine in her family's summer cottage. Then they were off to England to an RAF station near Newbury. Jim's unit was deactivated after nine months and they moved to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to complete his two year commitment.

After his service, Jim worked as a civil engineer in both Colorado and Kansas. Once Jim decided to make civil service his career, they decided to move to the Washington, DC area where opportunities were more plentiful. He eventually took a civil engineering job on the Air Staff in the pentagon. He moved up the ladder quickly to the senior executive level. He then moved to the office of the Secretary of The Air Force where he was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Installations. He was the senior official responsible for Air Force installations worldwide and served in the position for 18 years until his retirement.

Jim and Gloria had 3 children, two sons and a daughter (who died last August). One son is in Herndon, VA and the other is in Virginia Beach.

