

James "Jim" Cruickshank Douglas Hume

November 8, 1938 - June 26, 2020 (*posted in SF Chronicle 13 August'20*)



Jim and his identical twin Gray were born in Baltimore, Maryland to CPA Gray Walton Hume of Virginia and librarian Doris Isabel Sabine of Massachusetts. He spent most of his childhood in Virginia, growing up on a farm with his twin, as well as a younger sister and brother.

Jim graduated high school from Augusta Military Academy in Virginia in 1957. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1959-1963, first stationed in Hawaii, followed by California. At the conclusion of his service, he opted to plant roots in beautiful Northern California (where his sister Jean and her family also resided), eventually graduating from San Francisco State University with a teaching credential in Reading and English. He taught at Benjamin Franklin Middle School in San Francisco's Fillmore District / Western Addition for 17 years, then transferred to the Peninsula where he taught English and Computer Programming for 15 years at Hillsdale High School.

He also began what was to become a decades-long involvement in coaching and later officiating Track and Field in the late 1960's, first at the Millbrae Lions Club, later at Hillsdale High School. In the 1970's, his long involvement with the Pacific Association of Track & Field began. He ultimately become a Master Level Official, and certifier of future officials, and in 2012, won the James Gray Award for Leadership from the National Officials Committee of the USA.

In addition to his enormous contribution to the world of Track & Field, Jim loved photography, genealogy, and his Scottish heritage. He enjoyed researching family history and attending local Scottish Games in his traditional Hume/Home tartan kilt. He also served as the family "computer guru". He will be remembered for his dedicated service to both teaching and Track and Field, for his kindness, patience, wonderfully dry wit, unyielding dedication to his family, friends, students, and athletes, and his delicious spoon bread!

Jim is survived by sister Jean Hume, brother Robert Hume, nieces Myvanwy Morgan and Maureen Morgan, nephew Tony Hume, great nephews Zachary Baker and Saam Jabbari, many beloved cousins, and a very large circle of friends. A private memorial will be held on August 21, 2020.

Pacific Association Hall of Fame bio (*inducted March 2019*)

Jim Hume has been active in the Pacific Association as an administrator, an official, a trainer, and a coach, for more than the last 50 years.

As an administrator, Jim was the Women's Statistician in the days before computers. He was the Youth Chair from the mid-'70s until the mid-'80s, served as the President of the Board of Athletics from '82-'85, and has served as the Pacific Association Official's Certification Chair for most of this century. With the inspiration of Dick Connors and the help of Bruce Colman, Jim has used his computer skills to help produce *Turns & Distances*, a newsletter from the Pacific Association officials.

In 1979 Jerry Colman asked Jim to accompany him to the Olympic Committee's Sports Festival as his gopher. Gophering led to becoming the national Women's T&F Travel Coordinator for 13 of the 14 festivals.

In 1983 Jim was selected as the Head Manager for the Women's Junior Team in the USA vs. Canada, and Italy meets in Canada and New Britain, Connecticut. In 1995 he was the Head manager for the women's team for the USA vs. Great Britain meet in Newcastle, GB.

As an official, Jim has been active since 1968. He is currently a Master Level official who, since computers became available to run the paperwork part of a meet in the mid/late-80s, has spent most of his time behind a computer as the Competition Secretary. He took his advanced Competition Secretary degree while buried in the basement of the Olympic Stadium during the 1996 Olympics. Jim is a strong supporter of FieldLynx computer software to record/display field event results. In 2004 he headed the FieldLynx crew at the Olympic Trials.

As a coach, Jim worked with the Millbrae Lions Track Club (one of the first women's track and field clubs) from the late 60s to the late 80s and saw the transition from club only opportunities to school-sponsored opportunities for women to participate. He spent 15 years at Hillsdale High, and in 1997 he was recognized as a CIF-CCS T&F Honor Coach.

Early in Jim's coaching, teaching, administrating career, he became interested in helping produce well run track meet. This interest and his role as Certification Chair, has led to Jim's involvement in training others to run an an efficient track and field meet. He has helped organize and taught at numerous local training clinics. In 2012 he received from the National Officials Committee of the USATF the *James Gray Award for Leadership*.

As a high school cross country coach since 1986, Jim has been interested in CSM's Crystal Springs Cross Country Course and since the early '90s, had has had an increasing role in administering the course with Bob Rush.

And all of this was paid for with his job as a school teacher. Jim taught in a reading program at Ben Franklin Middle School for 17 years serving as a classroom teacher, the head of the reading lab, and as the program director. In 1986 the opportunity arose for him to move to Hillsdale High in San Mateo where he taught English, computer use, computer programming and coached cross country and track for 15 years.

San Mateo Daily *(from Fred Baer)*

Jim Hume succumbed earlier this summer (June 26), following a series of illnesses in recent years.

He did accept special recognition in person on Feb. 1 at the first annual awards dinner for USA Track & Field's Pacific Association, of which he was a past president.

He coached on the Peninsula throughout much of the 20th century and was very involved nationally and internationally in track and field, since beginning service as a track official in 1968.

Hume was a regular fixture in the press boxes at both CSM's College Heights Stadium and at the Crystal Springs course, serving as a head official, coordinating computer entry of meet results, including for several state and regional championships.

He was a student government member during his college days at CSM in the mid-1960's, so had a lifelong affiliation with the local community college.

He was a classroom teacher at Ben Franklin Middle School for 17 years, serving as head of the reading lab and program director, while also assisting in coaching with the Millbrae Lions Track Club – which produced many top USA athletes. (They included 1988 Olympian Leslie Maxie, who set national high school records in the 300 and 400 meter hurdles that lasted into this century. She was the national high school athlete of the year. Hume was an official at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, so was able to see Maxie compete.) He also officiated at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

In 15 years at Hillsdale High, Hume taught English and computer programming while coaching cross country and track and field. In 1997 he was recognized as a California Interscholastic Federation-Central Coast Section Track & Field Honor Coach.

He worked with now retired CSM cross country coach Bob Rush in administering the Crystal Springs course from the early 1990's until his death.

Hume served as women's track & field travel coordinator for 13 of the 14 U.S. Olympic Sports Festivals. In 1983 he was selected as head manager of the USA Women's Junior Team for meets with Canada and Italy in New Britain, Conn. He served as head manager for the USA women's team in 1995 for a dual meet vs. Great Britain in Newcastle, England.

Hume was a master level official who served the Pacific Association (Northern California and Northern Nevada) as Youth Chair from the mid-1970's to the mid-1980's, as president of the Board of Athletics from 1982-85, and as officials certification chair into this decade. He earned an official "advanced competition secretary" degree while at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and has used those skills to pioneer recording and displaying field event results during meets. He headed the Field Lynx crew in that capacity at the 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials.

Hume also used his computer skills to edit and produce *Turns & Distances*, a newsletter for officials in the association.

The following bio by road relay member, Ginger Lewis, and has been excerpted from the wonderful booklet chronicling the Millbrae Lions Track Club 1975 Canada to Mexico Relay, organized by Jim Hume.

James (GRAMPS, PAPA BEAR, THE OLD GOAT) Hume

GRAMPS was born November 8, 1938, in Baltimore, Maryland. He grew up in Northern Virginia and graduated from Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, Virginia. In 1960, his Uncle Sam sent him to Hawaii, where he proved he had a VERY weak stomach. Coast Guard duty saw our sailing radioman visiting Japan, a country which he very much enjoyed.

In August of 1962, Uncle Sam sent GRAMPS to Northern California. After his discharge from the Coast Guard in 1963, GRAMPS attended and graduated from the College of San Mateo in 1965 and from San Francisco State in January of 1968. While at SF State, PAPA BEAR helped Rich Wheeler with an after school sports program, and in July of 1967 was invited by Ed Parker to join the Millbrae Lions Track Club as sprint coach. PAPA BEAR'S age group sprinters were quick. In 1970, PAPA BEAR took up the challenge of giving the MLTC a distance corps.

PAPA BEAR is always spending his time at the track, and many of us have wondered if he ever had any time to do any of the things which we skip practice to do. Although clever at concealing his talents, the PAPA BEAR of our team, and organizer of this Canada to Mexico Relay, is not only a loving, devoted coach, but a sly, conniving pool shark and a smooth swift dancer (ol' twinkletoes).

In his other life, GRAMPS teaches reading at Ben Franklin Junior High in San Francisco. As a teen he was a swimmer, a reasonable football player, and even a pretty good sprinter with a best of under 10.7 in the 100.