Jim was born in Pensacola, Florida, the son of Aubrey Lee Stewart, the late Dorothy Oglesby Stewart and the late Aubrey Lee Stewart. He was an avid Boy Scout and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Jim graduated from Escambia High School in 1961 where he played 3 years of football including the first undefeated season in school history. Jim lettered every year, was voted Most Valuable Player during his senior year, was a member of the Key Club and President of the Varsity Club.

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Jim's accomplishments are many, but he will be remembered most for always being a gentleman, his compassionate heart, love of God, sense of humor and his beautiful, soulful eyes. Special thanks to all of the Purple Foxes who have demonstrated the verity of "No Man Left Behind". Semper Fi. Thanks to all of the wonderful staff at the Mayo Clinic especially Dr. William Dunlap, Lamin Sanneh, Brenda Smith and Mary Harris for their residence where he spent his final years. Jim was so proud of his family and loved Jim during the final years.

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Jim wanted notes for his family. He chose New Bern, North Carolina for their residence where he also served on the Vestry at Christ Episcopal Church.

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A graveside service with full military honors will be held at the Barrancas National Cemetery at Pensacola Naval Air Station at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Primary Progressive Aphasia Research Fund, www.aphasia.org

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