

Jim and Flo Giles - 5317

Meet and greet Jim and Flo Giles who came to Patriots Colony from Chesterfield, MO., where they had lived for 48 years. The Giles decided it was time to make a move from St. Louis even though they loved their house there. Their four children were spread all around the country, but one son lived in Williamsburg, and Flo loved Williamsburg, so this was their choice. Jim graduated from West Point in 1954 and became an Air Force pilot, serving 42 years. He was from Richmond, VA and Flo was from Tallahassee, FL. They met at Florida State University. Jim was stationed at Bainbridge, GA. He and his two barracks roommates often drove to Tallahassee to meet girls. FSU was an all girls school then. On one occasion while parked at a drive-in, Flo and two of her friends, were parked next to them. They struck up a conversation and “the rest is history”. In February 1955 they had a military wedding at the Chapel at Bainbridge.

After his 42 years in the AF, Jim began working for GE in their Manufacturing Training Program, a three year on the job training. He next moved to NASA at Huntsville, AL, working on the Saturn V guidance system and next to McDonald-Douglas in St. Louis.

Meanwhile, Flo was raising their four children, two boys and two girls. When the 4th child started to kindergarten, Flo went back to school and became a Dental Hygienist.

They enjoy walking and already have gone with our Park Walkers. Jim volunteered at the Transportation Museum in St. Louis County and hopes to do something like that here.

