

Thanks to the US Coast Guard

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1. Message for friends

As we were setting up this Tribute, people asked "where would you prefer that we donate money, to honor Jim". To answer that, there are five entities listed below. Three of them will be familiar to you: endowments that Jim & Donna set up some time ago at the Universities of Berkeley, Washington and Wisconsin. Jim was an enthusiastic supporter of those universities, and a passionate advocate of supporting students and research, so it would be very good if people would like to contribute to those endowments.

But the first two entities listed might be a surprise to you: the San Francisco Sector of the US Coast Guard, and the Ambiguous Loss Endowed Chair at the University of Minnesota. I would like to explain why those are listed.

The University of Minnesota and UM Professor Pauline Boss are seeking to endow an Ambiguous Loss chair at the UM to ensure that research on ambiguous loss continues. You have just heard Professor Boss speak, and you know the work that she does is important. I can also tell you that for Donna this work has been vital.

The US Coast Guard has also been important to us. Donna, Tom Barclay, Joe Hellerstein, Mike Olson and the Bay Area-based "search team" worked very closely with the USCG during the USCG's active search for Jim, and also for months later. We found in them an amazingly competent organization, and also a very caring and gentle group of people. We were not always easy to work with (probably family & friends of a missing person are never easy to work with) but the USCG was unfailingly polite, respectful, responsive. While working with them, we noticed a lack of some technology that would have helped our efforts. As an example, if the cameras on the Golden Gate bridge that keep track of boat traffic had been better quality, perhaps we could have seen if Jim had tried to return to the Bay. So Donna has asked that those who desire to do so contribute directly to the San Francisco Sector for their acquisition of better technology for Search & Rescue. This is both as a thank you to the USCG, and to help the next time there is a search.

In addition, some have advocated that we set up a foundation to further Search and Rescue research. The idea is that this would be like the Canadian "New SAR Initiatives Fund", and would provide funding for research in Search and Rescue technology. More on the Canadian fund is at their website, http://www.nss.gc.ca/site/newSARInitiatives/index_e.asp. If anyone is interested in setting up such a fund, please talk with me or send me email at pbhawthorn@mindspring.com.

2. Donation addresses:

US Coast Guard:

Donations in honor of Jim Gray
USCG Sector San Francisco
Attn: Deputy Sector Commander
One Yerba Buena Island
San Francisco, CA 94130

Ambiguous Loss Endowed Chair

Contact Lynn Slifer at slife001@umn.edu, or 612-625-5511; OR make a gift online by going to www.foundation.umn.edu You may also mail a check (made out to the UM Foundation—Boss endowment) directly to the following address:

University of Minnesota Foundation
CM-3854
PO Box 70870
St. Paul, MN 55170-3854

University of California at Berkeley:

Jim and Donna Gray Endowment
c/o Rita d'Escoto
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College Relations - College of Engineering
University of California, Berkeley
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University of Washington:

To support the Jim Gray Endowed Scholarship at the University of Washington, people should go to: <http://jimgray.cs.washington.edu/>

If they are interested in making a gift by check or by stock transfer, rather than by credit card, they should contact: lazowska@cs.washington.edu

University of Wisconsin:

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