



Jim and Ann Fendig were childhood sweethearts and native Georgians. Ann was born in north Georgia near Athens but at a very young age migrated to Brunswick when during the war her father was involved in building LIBERTY SHIPS. The family fell in love with the area, and returned after the war to make their home in Brunswick when Ann was a middle school student. In Glynn Academy she met the love of her life. They started dating as sophomores when Jim needed help with his Latin homework.

One of four children Jim was born in Brunswick. His father, a lawyer and a Naval Intelligence Officer, was aboard the naval vessel that captured the first German submarine off the Georgia Coast in 1941. For a time during the war the family lived at the Citadel in Charleston, SC., as well as on

Wilmington Island. In his youth Jim served 6 years in the Air National Guard.

After high school graduation Ann went on to the school of nursing at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta. Jim continued his education at Georgia Tech for his freshman year then transferred to the University of Georgia where he earned a BS Degree in Forestry. Ann and Jim married at Christmas time in 1957 after Ann finished her three year program in Nursing. Ann started her nursing career in a local hospital as Jim was finishing his remaining quarter at UGA.

With a BS in Forestry and sheepskin in hand, Jim landed a job with Gilman Paper where he held various positions over 21 years, including Manager of the Timber Division. His entire career was spent in Forest Management, first with Gillman then with Southwest Forest Industries in Panama City, FL. where he was Vice President and General Manager of the Woodlands Division. In 1987 Jim and Ann moved to Savannah. Jim joined Union Camp as Vice President & General Manager of the Woodlands Division where he was responsible for management of 1.6 million acres, as well as fiber procurement for four paper mills and numerous sawmills. Following the sale of Union Camp to International Paper in 2000, Jim started his own independent consulting firm. He presently is active in that business as well as being Executive Director of a National Research Institute. Jim has served on many Boards and has been Chairman of State and National Associations.

Ann continued her very active nursing career. While living in St. Mary's Georgia she was deeply involved in the building and early operation of the new St. Mary's Hospital. Her position as Surgery Scrub Nurse as well as Emergency Room Nurse was a critical function of the new hospital. At The Landings she was a First Responder until knee replacement surgery put her on the sidelines.

Ann and Jim are the proud parents of two children and two grandchildren. Their son Mark is an entrepreneur who owns four small hydroelectric power plants whose source of power is from dams he has re-engineered and operated. Their daughter Pam Goode lives at The Landings and is fondly known to a great many of us at SIPC. More specifically, Pam is the mother of Brooks and Roman who have a very special and loving place in the hearts of their grandparents.

In March of this year Ann and Jim moved to cottage # 24 at the Marshes and after 26 years at The Landings they have adjusted very well to downsizing.

Because of the spiritual nature of their lives, Ann and Jim have always been very active members in the churches where they lived. They have pretty much worked as a team. Wherever one is the other is not far away. Their interests meld well together. They have been either Deacons or Elders in every church to which they belonged, often serving more than once.

Both Ann and Jim are Stephen Ministers, graduates of the School of the Laity and have especially liked participating in the *Presbyterians for Renewal* a few years ago. In terms of our Sunday services at SIPC, they like the idea of having a screen display in the sanctuary during morning service because “it is easier on old eyes.”

Jim is a member of the Saturday Morning Men’s Bible group while Ann is an active member of Sarah Circle Bible study and a past president of Presbyterian Women. Ann also likes to play bridge.

Long ago the Fendigs became Presbyterians by amalgamating a Baptist with an Episcopalian. All of us at SIPC are very grateful indeed. They are truly pillars in our church.