

## Jim Ramage



Jim Ramage spent more than four decades inside helicopters.

At age 63, Jim was a helicopter inspector pilot for the US Forest Service, a position he took 11 days after retiring from a long career with CAL Fire, California's state fire agency.

Jim's life with helicopters began in 1966 when he started flying for the U.S. Army. In 1970 he completed one tour of duty in Vietnam, then continued flying in Southeast Asia after that for Air America until 1974.

He joined CAL Fire in 1984 as its first forestry pilot, carrying a badge that bore the number "1".

Jim is survived by his wife of 38 years, Diane, and their 28-year-old daughter, Ginger.