



James Bateson Jr.

June 24, 1928 - April 2, 2018

James Bateson Jr, 89, longtime resident of Andover, passed away April 2, 2018 at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill.

James, born at home on June 24, 1928 to his hardworking immigrant parents, the late James Sr. and Eliza (Smith) Bateson, attended Andover schools his entire life. He graduated from Punchard High School with the Class of 1946. Several years after graduating from high school, James served honorably in the US Army during the Korean War. After his discharge from the service, he married the love of his life, Mary, on April 18, 1954 in St. Lawrence's Church in Lawrence. He and his wife settled in Andover to raise their family. A very selfless and generous man, James believed wholeheartedly in doing three good deeds a day. Jim had a love for swimming, gardening, and building things with his hands. He built his parents a home from the ground up and built things to surprise his children, such as homemade sleighs or lawn ornaments for the holidays. He was a Freemason who belonged to the St. Matthew's Lodge. James founded Bateson Enterprises, Inc. and worked as a general contractor until his retirement. He touched many lives in many different circles and was a much loved man who will be surely missed by all who knew him.

James is survived by his beloved bride, Mary K. (O'Donnell) Bateson, with whom he celebrated 64 years of marriage. He is also survived by his six devoted children: his son Neil Bateson and his wife Cindy, his daughter Maureen Barenboim and her husband Jim, his daughter Laurie Bateson, his son Todd Bateson and his wife Pat, his daughter Tammy Barry and her husband Steve, and his son Shaun Bateson. James was the proud grandfather to his 10 grandchildren and great-grandfather to 7. He is survived by his brother-in-law Loring Batchelder, his sister-in-law Teresa O'Donnell and several nieces and nephews. James was predeceased by his sister Eleanor Batchelder.

Visitation for James will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018 from 4 -7 PM at The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence Street, Methuen. Friends and family are cordially invited to attend. A funeral service for James will be held on Friday, April 6, 2018 at 11 AM

at the funeral home. The funeral service will conclude with military honors. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in James' memory to the Merrimack Valley Hospice House, 360 North Avenue, Haverhill, MA. To leave an online condolence, please visit <http://www.pollardfuneralhome.com>. The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is proud to serve the Bateson family.

Events

APR **Calling Hours** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home
233 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA, US, 01844

APR **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Our heartfelt sympathy to all of you at this sad time. Your dad Jim was such a great influence and a perfect example of a real man. He was held in high respect throughout the years to both Bill and I. We were away when we got the news but would have been there for all of you. With our deepest sympathy,

Bill and Beverly MacLeod

Beverly MacLeod - April 11, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ Dear Todd, Tammy & Family : My thoughts are with you all at this sad time. Your parents were good friends to my Mom and Dad. I have memories of fun times spent with your family when we were kids, and your Dad was a big part of all the activity! As an adult, I always enjoyed seeing your Dad with his big smile and eagerness to hear about what life was bringing us.

With deepest sympathy
Deb (Sangermano) Kelleher

Deb Kelleher - April 06, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ Neil and Todd,

So sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your entire family.

Lisa Hadge and Susan Sawyer

Lisa Hadge - April 05, 2018 at 07:22 AM



“ Laurie and family, I am sorry for your loss. Hang in there.

Jacki Pelrine Colburn

Jacki Colburn - April 04, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Mr. Bateson's passing. We got to know him from the Fireside Restaurant. He always had a great smile, and a loved to chat, especially with my husband about motorcycles. May your memories of happier times, carry you through this most difficult time for your family.

Mike and Mary Beth Traynor

Mary Beth Traynor - April 04, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ Jim and Mary were our summer neighbors at North beach in Hampton for 20 years. Jim would oversee every project we did and helped out on many an occasion. One of the best memories we have was his love for his afternoon cocktail on his front deck watching the activity of surfers, walkers and loud motorcycles. We looked forward to May every year when Jim and Mary would return for the summer. They will be greatly missed.

Joy and Jack Merrill

Joy Merrill - April 04, 2018 at 06:51 AM



“ Dear Mary,Laurie,Neil,Maureen,Todd,Tammy,Shaun and Family,
So very sorry for the loss of your dear husband, father, grand/great father, brother, uncle & friend. The world has lost one of the good guys. Jim always had a smile, a laugh and helpful how to's to share with friends and neighbors. Jim will be truly missed by all of us that were lucky enough to call him friend.
With our Deepest Sympathies, Harry & Nancy Wright

N Wright - April 03, 2018 at 11:39 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Bateson family. Your dad and my dad were best friends for life. I have the fondest memories of his friendship with my father. Dinner and martinis at the Fireside, coffee out back at the wood pile and later sitting in their truck. He was always such a joy to be with and will be deeply missed by my family.

Sincerely,
Diane (Douty) Black

Diane Black - April 03, 2018 at 10:42 AM