



James T. Bird

September 17, 1938 - April 20, 2022

James T. Bird, known as Jim to his many friends, passed away on Wednesday, April 20th 2022. Jim came to America from Portsmouth, England in the 1950s, having served in both the Royal Army and Royal Navy. After military service, he worked as a purser on the Queen Elizabeth II, which brought him to New York City. There he met Sadie McGinlay at a dance, which led to their marriage of 58 years.

Jim's incredible wit, workmanship, and dedication brought him success in business. He was always the friend and neighbor whom you could call in for help.

Jim was loved by his wife Sadie, their children Andrew, Sharlene, Glenn, and several grandchildren. He was preceded by his son John. His was a full life, surrounded by love and family. Jim will be laid to rest at the St. Luke's Church in Mint Hill, NC on 25 April 2022 at 1PM.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

St Luke Catholic Church
13700 Lawyers Road
Mint Hill, NC

Tribute Wall

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“ *My darling Jim,*

You have been a wonderful Husband, Father, and Grandfather we have shared 58 years of beautiful memories we have been so blessed.

You were my rock, my best friend, how will I go on without you, the world has lost a very special kind and loving man.

Yours always,

Sadie

Sadie Bird - May 04 at 05:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James T. Bird.*



April 24 at 03:07 PM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of James T. Bird.*



April 24 at 02:55 PM



“ My daddy was the best, and I know every girl says that about her daddy, but we had a special bond. No matter what I needed, no matter where I was, I knew I could count on my dad. I will always remember a piece of advice he gave me when I was just 16. He was dropping me off at the mall and asked what my friends and I were doing that night. Being the flippant teenager I was, I just said we were killing time. I didn't want to say we were going to check out boys and hang out. His advice to me was that time was something we could never get back and it was the one resource we should never waste. He said time was a precious commodity. Use it wisely. Use it to do something that makes you happy, something that is meaningful, something that means something, but never waste it. It's advice I've tried to live by. I became a teacher to do something meaningful, I have hobbies that make me happy, and my family means something to me. He's given me many other pieces of advice over my life, how to fix a toilet, how to fix a car, how to weed and feed a lawn, types of cars to buy, etc. I will miss being able to just pick up the phone and call and ask for advice. I'm so proud to have had you for my daddy. I love you and will miss you terribly.

Sharlene Schoenhardt - April 24 at 11:55 AM



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April 24 at 09:46 AM



“ i first met jim as a teenager a brave man he wanted permission to wed my sister so he came too meet mum and three brothers no mean task .we liked jim from the start over the years jim and i shared a bond the in law part was lost and jim and i became brothers jim adored sadie and that was good enough for me jim was a good husband father and grand father and i respected jim and not ashamed to say i loved jim and was proud to call jim my brother god bless you jim jim mcginlay

james mcginlay - April 23 at 07:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James T. Bird.



April 22 at 10:20 PM