



James Bateson

November 10, 1947 - December 12, 2013

James Eugene Bateson, age 66, was born on November 10, 1947 to Alvin and Florence (Jivery) Bateson in Hibbing, MN. He was called home to the Lord on December 12, 2013 following a car accident.

Jim was raised in Hibbing, the youngest of four boys. He was baptized and confirmed at Blessed Sacrament Church in Hibbing and attended Hibbing High School, graduating in 1966. He worked for a time at US Steel in Mt. Iron, MN while attending college. He was also co-owner of Pokegama Lodge Resort in Grand Rapids MN with his brother, Tom. He graduated from Bemidji State in 1974 with his degree in Business Education and Economics. Jim moved to Gary, MN in 1974 where he taught Business Education in the Gary and Twin Valley Districts until his retirement in 2007. He also was employed as an Insurance Agent by the Twin Valley Agency from 1982 until the present. Jim owned and operated JB's trailer Sales in Twin Valley from 2007-2012 when he retired and sold the building. He was a long member of St. Josephs Catholic Church in Fertile, MN and held a position on their finance committee for many years. On October 25, 1975 Jim was married to the love of his life, Muriel Hemmingson and they made their home in Gary, where he continued to teach, farm and sell insurance. They have two children, Anthony (Rachel) Bateson of Walhalla, ND and Jennifer (Kurt) Yanish of Alvarado, MN, and they also claimed one more honorary son, James (Lisa) Mitchell of Fargo, ND. He has five grandchildren and claims two others: Andrew, Noah and Taylor Bateson, Cameron and Micaela Yanish and Brady and Samantha Mitchell.

Jim was involved in several area clubs, he loved old tractors, and belonged to the Western Minnesota Steam Threshers, as well as the Lake Agassiz 2 Cylinder Club. He belonged to many professional teaching organizations and held all the jobs for the local education association at one time or another. One of his favorite pastimes was to go ATVing with his Bateson Buddies ATV group, consisting of family and friends. He also truly loved camping and spending time with his grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his wife, Muriel, and children: Tony (Rachel) Jennifer (Kurt) and James (Lisa); grandchildren: Andrew, Noah, Taylor, Cameron, Micaela, Brady and Samantha; two brothers: Patrick (Patsy) Bateson of Hayward, WI and George (Ann) Bateson of Fridley, MN; mother-in-law, Margie (Ordale) Thronson; three brothers-in-law: Bruce (Elva) Hemmingson of Coon Rapids, MN, Wayne Hemmingson of Gary, and Stuart (Kathy) Hemmingson of Eagan, MN; and numerous nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Nellie; one brother, Thomas Bateson; an infant twin sister, Irene; and two fathers-in-law, Oscar Hemmingson and Arnold Bengtson.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Williams Catholic Church in Twin Valley, MN. Fr. Joe Richards officiated. Serving as pallbearers were Gene Werpy, Aaron Werpy, Nathan Hemmingson, Steve Bateson, Butch Bateson, and Duane Carlsrud, with all of his family and friends as honorary bearers. Visitation was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Burial was in the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Fertile, MN.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Anthony Michelich has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.*

Anthony Michelich - December 21, 2013 at 11:06 PM

CF

“ *Murie and family..... I am so sorry for the sadness in your heart. Jim was your perfect match and this loss must be without words. He will go with you where ever you are and go. His love will always be right there with you. I love you! Celeste*

Celeste Forsell-Christensen - December 20, 2013 at 12:53 PM

NS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Natalie Sirjord - December 17, 2013 at 06:57 PM

JR

“ *Tony and James, My heart just broke when I heard the news. Please know that you and your families are in my thoughts and in my prayers.*

Julie Rivenes - December 17, 2013 at 05:41 PM

SM

“ *Muriel and Family, I am so sorry to hear of the accident that took Jim's life so suddenly last week. He was a very dear friend of dad's and just hearing about all they did together over the past many years has been a joy to listen to. I pray the prayer support you are receiving, across the miles, will help you get through this sad time. May God be with you all.*

Sara Manning - December 17, 2013 at 10:40 AM

NA

“ I am so sorry to hear of the family's loss. Jim was a great man. The Bateson family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Nicole (Pontow) Adamson - December 16, 2013 at 08:14 PM

SB

“ We were so saddened to hear of your great loss. We enjoyed visiting with him at get togethers at Kurt and Jennifer's. Jim was such a fun loving and always very interesting guy...he will be missed by all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy to all of you.

Shawn and Sharon Bubb - December 16, 2013 at 01:16 PM

AL

“ Muriel and family, We are so sorry to hear about the tragic accident that took James's life. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Cherish the loving memories you have and hold them close to your heart.
Arvilla and Lloyd Lien

Arvilla and Lloyd Lien - December 16, 2013 at 12:55 PM

PD

“ Jim will be in my prayers. I am a member of the Lake Agassiz two cylinder club and I really enjoyed talking to Jim. He was very friendly and social as well as down to earth. He made me laugh quite a lot with what he had to say and He will be greatly missed in the club and by me.

Patrick J Donegan - December 15, 2013 at 11:07 AM

BJ

“ I had the pleasure to meet James in the summer of 1996. I went to Gary with Tony to get items so he could move into his own place in Walhalla. I will never forget James having me try his pack of Horehound Candy. I thought it was a joke by the way Tony laughed at me. After finally convincing me to try them, they were actually quite good. Anytime I see them now, I think of James and have since 1996. May your family be strong in a very difficult time.

Brad Jerome - December 15, 2013 at 12:47 AM

EA

“ Our deepest sympathy goes to you and your family. Jim will be missed. He was a great asset to the 2-cylinder club.

Elroy & Jean Ackerman - December 14, 2013 at 09:44 AM

TV

“ Sorry for the family's loss, Jim was a nice guy and will be missed.

Tammy VOJE - December 14, 2013 at 08:48 AM

AC

“ So very sorry for your tragic loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Al & Peggie Chisholm - December 14, 2013 at 08:13 AM

ZF

“ We are so saddened to hear of your loss. Jim was the life of the family get togethers and found something to talk to each and every person about that made them laugh, think, or learn. His stories were one-of-a-kind!

Zitzow Family - December 13, 2013 at 08:45 PM