



James G. Galbraith

September 15, 2019

James G. Galbraith lived and died to the beat of his own drum. On September 15, 2019, after many bedside celebrations with family, friends, and neighbors James peacefully welcomed the call for eternal life at the age of 86 years. He joined his late wife Patricia, whom he never stopped loving, his dear brother Thomas and his parents Lillian and James. He is survived by his children David (Teresa), Joan (Lisa and Bailey), and James (Leslie), grandchildren Auden and Eero, sisters Janet Rydlewicz (Dr. James), Jane, and sister-in-law Dolores, brother-in-law Joe Malkowski (Pat). He is blessed with loving nieces, nephews, cousins, as well as devoted friends and neighbors.

Jim was a lifelong musician and music was second only to family as the love of his life. He was an accomplished drummer specializing in jazz, dixieland, wedding and polka music. Jim played professionally regularly from his teens into his 80s. Jim passed on his skill and passion for music by inspiring his children, donating time to teach at the Salvation Army Music Camp, and giving private lessons to friends and neighbors.

After graduating from Cudahy High School Class of 1951, Jim completed a pipefitting apprenticeship and went on to win second place in a national pipefitting competition. Following a short time in the field, Jim advanced in the fire protection industry as a designer, sales engineer and manager at Grinnell Fire Protection. After retiring from fulltime work, Jim was an industry consultant for several years.

Jim proudly served his country during the Korean War as an artillery specialist in the Army stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. These were the only years Jim lived outside of the Milwaukee area. In 1969 Jim helped to build the family house in Oak Creek where he lived right up to his last months.

In Jim's later years he took to traveling. He visited ancestral Scotland and took many cruises as well. During this time Jim became an active member of the Moose Lodge 49 / WOTM Chapter 345 where he served as an advisor to the board and played many of his last gigs.

Jim was a warm and generous man with an incredible sense of humor. He fully engaged with life and enriched the lives of many on his path. He will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to Wisconsin Conservatory of Music www.wcmusic.org (In Memory James G. Galbraith) 1584 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53202 and the St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation (620 W. Lincoln Av, Milwaukee, WI 53215).

Visitation Saturday, September 21 at the Rozga Funeral Home from 9:30 - 10:45 AM.
Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 11:00 AM at the BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT (601 W. Lincoln Ave.). Interment will follow at Arlington Park Cemetery.

Cemetery

Arlington Park Cemetery

4141 S 27 St

Greenfield, WI, 53221

Events

SEP 21 Visitation 09:30AM - 10:45AM

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Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services - Lincoln Village
Chapel

703 W Lincoln Ave, Milwaukee, WI, US, 53215

SEP 21 Closing Prayers 10:45AM - 10:50AM

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SEP 21 Mass of Christian Burial 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Basilica of St. Josaphat

601 W. Lincoln Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, US, 53215

SEP 21 Cemetery Committal Service 12:30PM - 12:45PM

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Comments



“ Jim was the best neighbor you could ask for. Always kind and thoughtful and fun to talk to. He loved the kids and loved to hear them play and run around in the yards! All 4 of our children have spent time hanging out with him, playing cards or just talking. They enjoyed his company and stories. We will dearly miss him. Our hearts are with you. Please keep in touch! With love, the Vogelmanns

julie vogelmann - September 19, 2019 at 10:50 PM



“ Dear David, Joan and Jimmy,
My prayers are with you as Jim journeys to be with your mom. Jim's joyous laughter always lit up the room--events at St James. I am privileged to have helped him with Pat's care. He had a way of touching one's heart. Much sympathy from my heart,
Marge Schell

Marge Schell - September 19, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ Dearest Dave, Joan, and Jimmy,
We thought so much of your Dad. He was a great husband, father and neighbor. Our sincerest sympathy. Ken and JoAnn Damschen

Ken and JoAnn Damschen - September 19, 2019 at 04:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James G. Galbraith.



September 18, 2019 at 10:21 PM