



## James Allen Entzminger

August 30, 1932 - May 20, 2019

Conway... James Allen Entzminger, 86, of Conway, passed away on May 20, 2019, after an extended period of declining health. Devoted husband of Ardis C. Entzminger, he leaves a loving legacy to his son, Joel Entzminger of Conway; his daughter, Joy Kidd (Jimmy) of Surfside Beach; stepson, Matthew Fitzer (Nancy) of Greenville; and four grandchildren, Tyler Newman and Isaac, Noah, and Reuben Fitzer; his sisters, Marilyn Sinclair of Charlotte, NC and Rosemary Huntley of Monroe, NC; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends also survive him. He was predeceased by his first wife, Joan Riley Entzminger and his brother, Theodore Charles Entzminger.

Jim was born on August 30, 1932, in Columbia to the late Fanny Belle Rose and James Frederick Entzminger. He graduated from Columbia High School and served in the United States Army. After working for the railroad and as a telephone lineman, Jim established a long career as a plaster, drywall and stucco repair expert with a hand in the renovation and repair of nearly every historic building in Columbia.

Soon after relocating to Conway in 1987, Jim found copious professional work along the Grand Strand repairing the massive property damage of Hurricane Hugo. It was also in Conway that he found expression for his love for performing, sharing his talents in numerous productions with the Theatre of the Republic (TOR), including The Wizard of Oz (Tin Man), Man of La

Mancha, Rumors, Little Mary Sunshine, Bye Bye Birdie, Big River, 1776, Ragtime, and South Pacific. He also volunteered for TOR in every possible capacity, from set construction to clean-up to service on the Board of Directors.

Jim never met a stranger and lived to help others. He was particularly beloved by children and animals. He loved to laugh, sharing pranks and jokes, and always appreciated a corny pun. With his constant and loving partner, Ardis, by his side, Jim tended to their beautiful flower and vegetable garden, volunteered with Help4Kids/Backpack Buddies, tirelessly helped family and friends with home renovations and yard work and was a fixture at the John T. Henry Auction House. He loved to dance (especially the shag), read (especially Stephen King), fish (especially deep-sea) and travel (especially to Washington State and Hilton Head). With a physical toughness matched only by his emotional tenderness, Jim was a one-of-a-kind human being who touched the lives of all he met.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 25, 2019, at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, officiated by Rev. Rob Donehue. The family will receive friends following the service.

Memorial donations may be made to Help4Kids, 2523 Forestbrook Rd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 or to Grand Strand Humane Society, 3241 Mr. Joe White Ave., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Please sign the online guest register at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)  
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is serving the family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel  
606-610 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526

## Visitation

MAY **25**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Ardis, today was the first time I've read Jim's obit and was so surprised to know how many productions he'd been in. I know your love for him and now know your pride in him. I remember us taking so much stuff to the backpacks4kids several years ago. Hearing him express what it meant to him to work with them was so enlightening and grew my respect for him so much more. I wish I'd have been there for you and am so grateful that we were able to talk that night. I love you dearly and you are in my heart and prayers. ❤️🙏🙏  
Always

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**Victoria Lilly** - June 09, 2019 at 05:37 PM



“ Ardis, Sorry Emma Lou's condition prevented us from expressing our regrets to you in person. Jim was a genuine person. What you saw was what you got. His willingness to help was always sincere. I will miss seeing the two of you at Medicine Mart. Cherish the many fond memories you developed over the years as community builders. Jimmy Johnson

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**Jimmy Johnson** - May 27, 2019 at 05:36 PM



*Thank you for your kind words. I couldn't help but chuckle about seeing you in Medicine Mart. The only way we kept in touch, it seemed.*

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**Ardis Entzminger** - June 03, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ Help 4 Kids sends prayers to Ardis, we were so lucky to have Jim and you as volunteers.  
He was a wonderful man and made so many people happy.

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**Barb Mains** - May 27, 2019 at 02:23 PM

SM

“ Sounds like he was a wonderful man. Praying for God's grace and comfort in the days ahead!

Shirley Mayer - May 24, 2019 at 01:40 PM

KG

“ Kay Graham lit a candle in memory of James Allen Entzminger



Kay Graham - May 23, 2019 at 07:04 PM

KG

*My deepest sympathy and condolences to you, Artis and Family*

Kay Graham - May 23, 2019 at 07:05 PM

BF

“ I remember how Scooter ran to him and jumped on his lap and Jim's face lit up - he loved that dog as well as his own. This was at devotional meetings and potlucks at Lyerly's house. He was always cheerful and friendly to all....



Becky Fairley - May 23, 2019 at 05:47 PM

LD

“ Ardis, we are so sorry to hear this sad, sad news! I am so thankful that we were able to see you both recently in Lexington. It was such a great reunion. Jim was a wonderful man, and will be truly missed! I am so sorry that we will not be able to make it to the service, but please know that we will be there in spirit, and will be praying for all of your family and friends now and in the future.  
Love and blessings,  
Lewis and Vickie

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**Lewis and Vickie Dooley** - May 22, 2019 at 10:30 PM

AF

“ Jim was an exceptional Man, full of love and respect for others. I was his neighbor for many years and I am very grateful to have known him. He will be greatly missed by many people . My condolences and deepest sympathy to your family. Jim will live on through our memories and our hearts.



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**Ann Foxenberg** - May 22, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Allen Entzminger.



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May 22, 2019 at 06:17 PM

LJ

“ *To Joy and Family,*

*Those we love remain with us  
For love itself lives on,  
And cherished memories never fade  
Because a loved one's gone.  
Those we love can never be  
More than a thought apart,  
Far as long as there is memory,  
They'll live on in the heart.*

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers.  
Linda & Rick Jordan*

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**Linda and Rick Jordan** - May 22, 2019 at 11:48 AM

JK

“ *A wonderful man. He will be missed.*



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**Joyce Kraus** - May 22, 2019 at 07:26 AM



“ *Ardis, so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. In my thoughts and prayers.  
Maria*

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**Maria Johnson** - May 21, 2019 at 09:36 PM