



James Goldfinch

December 2, 1925 - February 17, 2016

Mr. James B. (Jim) Bennet Goldfinch, 90, passed away Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

James was born and lived in the family home on Beaty Street until after graduating from Conway High School. He joined the United States Navy and was stationed at Vero Beach, FL where he claimed to be the HERO FROM VERO. Later, he was shipped to various locations on the Philippines, Shanghai, and Hong Kong.

Discharged from service in 1946 after WWII, Jim soon began studies at Clemson University. He was the owner of Goldfinch Distributors, an independent oil company he later sold to the Worsley Company. He worked for Worsley until his retirement. Jim served with the Conway Volunteer Fire Department for many years and was also actively involved with the Conway Jaycees and Conway Lions Club. As a Lion, Jim was awarded the organization's highest international honor. He was elected to Conway City Council in 1961 and served for 20 years; 16 of those years were as Mayor Pro Tem. Jim was also an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church where he served in many capacities over the years.

His hobbies included collecting real and model antique cars and SC license plates from each year. His home and the homes of his friends and family hold many woodworking pieces he lovingly crafted. When asked how he wants to be remembered his reply was "By how much I loved the city of Conway".

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Mozelle Floyd Nichols Goldfinch; step-

son, Richard "Rusty" Nichols and his wife Jennifer of Lexington, SC; granddaughter, Krystal Nichols of Columbia; sister, Marjory G. Ward and husband Rev. Dalton "Buddy" Ward of Columbia; and sister-in-law, Melda Stevens Goldfinch. Jim was predeceased by his first wife, "Bette" Elizabeth Ford Goldfinch and his daughter, Jimmie Goldfinch.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 Noon on Friday, February 19, 2016 at Trinity United Methodist Church, officiated by Rev. Dr. Sandra Stevens-Poirel. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to service time. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial denotations may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 198 Long Avenue, Conway, SC 29526.

Please sign a guest register at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

401 Lakewood Drive
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
198 Long Avenue
Conway, SC 29526

Service

FEB 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“*Mrs. Goldfinch, I wish to extend my condolences to you in the passing of your dear husband. I have missed seeing you in the beauty shop since my retirement. I hope you will comforted with so many great memories the two of you have shared over the years. You were a lovely couple and he will surely be missed. God bless and comfort you.*

Shirley Cribb - February 22, 2016 at 12:58 PM



“*So sad to hear of the passing of James. He was my Mother's 1st cousin and I often heard her refer to him as her "favorite Goldfinch". I was a handful of years younger than his daughter Jimmie and recall fondly the oyster roasts at their home and riding in the dune buggy that he constructed. He had a warm demeanor and a great sense of humor. He will be missed. Condolences to his family and may they be comforted by the many memories they have of him.*

Patrick Oliver - February 18, 2016 at 05:29 PM



“*RIP Sailor !!!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps*



Wayne Williams - USMC - February 18, 2016 at 08:55 AM

ME

“ He was my Uncle Jim---not by blood, but by choice. Our families were back door neighbors for decades and a very close friendship grew as a result. As a child, I loved going in his workshop and admiring his license plate collection. Up until my dad's death three weeks ago, he visited Uncle Jim at Anderson Oaks almost every Saturday. I guess they are neighbors once again!

Melinda Hyman
Conway, SC

Melinda - February 18, 2016 at 08:46 AM

RW

“ I am going to miss my Uncle Jim. As a child I always looked forward to that moment when we'd arrive in his driveway after a long road trip and head out to the wonderland that was his workshop. That's where I knew we'd find him. I imagine him reuniting with his beloved daughter Jimmie at last. Go in peace Uncle Jim.

Richard F Ward
Tulsa. Oklahoma

Richard F Ward - February 18, 2016 at 07:48 AM

WB

“ Mr. Goldfinch was one of the first people who welcomed our family to Conway in 1985 when we came to work with Worsley. His kind spirit and sincerity always made it a pleasure to see and talk to him...and hear his infectious laugh. Even today as we hear his name it makes us smile and realize how blessed we were to have known him. Our sympathy goes out to his family during this most difficult time...may God send his angels to surround you with comfort and peace....and may you keep your memories forever in your hearts.

William (Bill) and Nancy Burton - February 18, 2016 at 06:34 AM