



James Edgar Yates

July 16, 1930 - June 4, 2019

James Edgar Yates, lovingly known as Jim to family and friends, 88, of Myrtle Beach, SC, formerly of Ashland, KY and Abingdon, VA, passed away with beloved family by his side on June 4, 2019 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Jim was born in Gary, WV to Riley Glen Yates and Dora Ellen Yates on July 16, 1930. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech) in Blacksburg, Virginia, where he completed two years in the Cadet Corp and earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Jim married his sweetheart, Nell C. Yates, in North Tazewell, Virginia on June 11, 1952.

During Jim's career, he worked as an engineer in various capacities for Pocahontas Fuel, Pittston Coal, Consolidated Coal Company, and retired as a Vice President for Ashland Coal. Jim was a veteran and served in the Army, where he advanced to the rank of Corporal. He completed a tour in Austria after WW2, where he worked as a Combat Construction Specialist, building many bridges.

Jim enjoyed fishing, hunting, model trains, NASCAR, and was an avid reader and mountain biker.

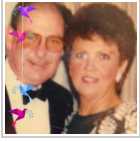
Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Riley Glen Yates and Dora Ellen Yates.

He is survived by his wife, Nell C. Yates, daughter, Kim Donaldson and husband Scott, daughter, Traci Yates Poff, grandchildren Ashley, Gina, David and Jamie, and one great-granddaughter, Baylee. Also surviving are his sister, Kathleen Schneider, and nieces, Wendy and Kathy.

Private arrangements are being handled by Goldfinch Funeral Home in Myrtle Beach, SC. In lieu of flowers, please donate to: SOS Health Care Inc, P.O. Box 7136, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572-7136, phone (843) 449-0554, www.sos-healthcare.com

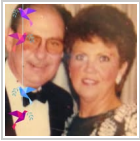
The family wishes to thank the care assistants from Home Instead for the benevolent care they provided to Jim and Nell during his last days.

Tribute Wall



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