



Dr. James Joseph Bates, D.D.S.

January 12, 1939 - July 10, 2012

Dr. James Joseph Bates, D.D.S., age 73 of Albia, died Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Jim was born January 12, 1939 to James "J.J." and Cleo (Schleier) Bates in Albia. He married Nancy Simac on September 26, 1964 in West Los Angeles, CA. They were blessed with four children, Joe, Jim, Maggie, and Bob.

A graduate of Albia High School, Class of 1956, Jim graduated from Creighton University with a degree in dentistry, which only took him six years. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1962 and was stationed at Point Magu Naval Station as a naval dentist. In 1964, Jim retired from the Navy as Lieutenant Commander and returned to Albia where he was a practicing dentist for 42 years, retiring in 2006.

Jim was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, American Legion, VFW, Albia Country Club, American and Iowa Dental Association, and Lionel Collectors Club of America. He loved to golf, follow the Chicago Cubs, and his dogs, especially Beamer. He also liked photography and really liked his sweets, which is ironic considering he was a dentist. Jim also cherished his time spent with family and friends.

Jim is survived by his wife, Nancy of Albia; children, Joe (Maureen) Bates of

Albia, Jim Bates of Las Vegas, NV, Maggie (Mike) Cassidy of Highland Park, IL, and Bob (Rebecca Brinks) Bates of Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and many cousins. Jim's daughter, Maggie is expecting what would've been Jim's first grandchild.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 13, 2012, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Fr. Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia and Melrose will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will open to the public at 12 p.m. (noon) at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Jim's family present from 4-8 p.m. A rosary will be led at 6 p.m., provided by the Knights of Columbus Council #4167, with a Christian Wake Service beginning at 6:30 p.m., Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church or Welcome Home Soldier Memorial.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. James Joseph Bates, D.D.S.*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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“ *Dear Nancy and family,
We were saddened to learn of Jim's death. I understand he is in a better place, but it remains difficult for his loved ones. We remember the fun times we shared.
You shall remain in our prayers,
Tom and Maureen*

Tom and Maureen Roan - Georgetown, TX - Friend - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of the recent passing of Dr. Bates. I, and my entire family have always known Jim, his mother & father. He was a good husband and father. I will never forget the times when I was home on leave with the Marine Corps, Dr. Bates (Jim) would come up to me and we would chat and he would tell me about his times he spent with Marines when he was in the U.S. Navy as a dentist. Dr. Bates would always wish me luck to my next assignment. I will remember him for his warm & jovial smile; his gentleman ways, and above all a "Friend". He will be missed by all. He is with God now and all the angels in heaven. I will say a prayer for Jim and the entire Bates family. God Bless all of you. Patrick*

Patrick Kenworthy - Denver, CO - friend of the Bates family - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ I am a dental hygienist and worked in his office one summer. I enjoyed working with him. Your family is in my prayers.

MaryJo Knowles Zern - July 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Jim's Dad was my first and only Dentist until I enlisted in the Navy in 1955. I helped teach Jim to serve Mass. Jim was always a good friend altho a bit younger. I was able to reacquaint my self with Jim in later years on my visits home to Albia. Jim's office was 222 Wash. Ave. East and that was the first home I remember living in when I was about 4/5 years old. Jim and I laughed about that each time we got to gether. He was one of the good ones and will be sorely missed. God rest his soul and prace to all his family. Much Love to all of them. Bernard Judge.

Bernard Judge - Calofprnia City, CA - Friend - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

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Dawn Peterson Engstron - Omaha, NE - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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Judy Richards - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Bates Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Doc's passing today. I have been gone a long time but still share fond memories of Albia and my time spent with your family growing up. From the entire Peterson Family I extend our condolences. God Bless

Tod Peterson - Omaha, NE - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I learned of Jim's passing on Thursday evening and sadly my military and professional circumstances make it impossible for me to return in time for the Friday services. My prayers go out to Nancy and the children. When people have had such a profound influence on your life, as the Bates family has had on mine, what do you write? How do you properly say "Thank you" for your mentorship, heartfelt advice and genuine concern for my future happiness. Jim's parents, Dr. J.J. Bates and Aunt Pal, influenced me to become a dentist and they were two of the finest people I have ever known. On cousin Jim's advice, I joined the military as a dentist and that for that "push", I am forever grateful. I have fond memories of Dr. Jim Bates. The last time we spoke was at our Creighton Dental School Reunion-his 45th and my 25th. It meant so much to me to see him for a few minutes as he was in his earlier years-so happy, so bright and intellectually engaged, smiling and laughing. Great memories of a great friend and a great dentist. I also offer a shout out to Dr. Joe Bates, for being the good son, returning to Albia and taking care of his parents. A lesson in unselfish behavior for us all.

Dr. Paul Schleier, Prosthodontist, US Air Force Dental Corps - Suffolk, VA - Cousin - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Dr. Bates was the best dentist I ever had. He understood my aversion to dentists and didn't do anything that would add to that discomfort...I have him to thank for helping me get over SOME of that aversion. God rest his soul and keep his family under HIS watchful eye...Will miss him.

Rebekah Talbert Dale - Kirksville, MO - previous patient - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Nancy & Family:
I know Dad is sad at the loss of one of his dearest and oldest friends. He is probably the only dentist I have fond memories of! I pray for the peace of Christ be with your family until you are all together again.

CATHERINE (COMER) SCHMIDT - PHOENIX,, AZ - FAMILY FRIEND - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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Judy Richads - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I love you JB. Sending you strength and love. Prayers and peace for your entire family.

Tamara Dungan - Henderson, NV - Friend - July 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Bates Family,*
My heart is heavy for you at this time for the passing of Jim. Jim treated me with much kindness. I have fond memories of playing basketball in your driveway, when Jim couldn't stand only watching and would join in the game. I will be praying for each of you in your season of grief.

Tim Loughman - July 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *I will always be grateful that Jim mailed money to my dad so Maggie and I could continue our European vacation (or tour, what's the difference?). That smile will be missed.*

Angie Mathieu - Indianola, IA - Friend - July 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *I just heard of Jim's Passing today from my Sister Marina. We Grew up in Albia Knowing the Bates Family very Well. We Spent many a Hour Playing Golf with Jim and the boys. What a Great competitor that Jim was and I was always willing to learn from his Teachings. My thoughts and Prayers are with the Family Joe, Jimmy, Maggie, Bobby and Nancy. I wish I could be there, but I will be thinking of you during this Time. May God Speed and Bless his Soul.*

Andy Simmons - Fulton, IL - Longtime Friend - July 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I only knew Jim during our high school years. I believe he was well liked by both teachers and classmates as well. He was nice to everyone. To me he was the All-Ameeca teenager, a good example to all of us. My sympathies to his family.

Joanna Hawbaker Jackman - Victorville, CA - High School Classmate - July 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

My name is Jack Moncrief. I served with Dr. Jim on Okinawa in the early 60s I was a dental tech and his chair-side assistant for quite a while on the rock and we deployed tdy to the base of Mt. Fuji in Japan in Jan and Feb of '64 as part of the medical support team for the Marines as they went through there foul weather training.

We got to be very good friends and I have often thought about him over the years. I finally googled him just now and was sad to learn of his passing.

I know he was a great dentist not only by watching him work but he also did a few fillings on me. He also did some Gold foil procedures If the patient wanted it done. He was a master.

I have some photos if anyone would like them drop me an email and I will get them to you. wj_55@yahoo.com

Jack Moncrief - May 02, 2019 at 04:24 PM