



James Richard Bales

August 21, 1941 - January 9, 2018

James Richard Bales, 76, of Charlotte, NC, died Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at the Levine and Dickson Hospice Facility in Charlotte.

Jim was born in Winslow, Arizona, on August 21, 1941, the son of John Russell and Margaret Elizabeth Barstow Bales. When he was 2, his family moved to Westport, Connecticut. He grew up in the New England area and graduated from high school in Northfield, Vermont. Blessed with a talent for acting and voice, he enrolled in the Leland Powers School in Boston. He travelled around a bit before answering his country's call to service in the United States Army, from which he was honorably discharged.

Jim enjoyed many things in life. His voice and talent led him to follow music, and he enjoyed singing and playing the organ. He also enjoyed spending time in Vermont at the family's summer cabin. Most of all, Jim loved the time spent with family and friends and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Jim is survived by: his daughter, Jessica (husband Eric) Zylker of Lakeway, TX, and their children, Jackson and Chase; a sister, Cheryl Bales Capelle of Summerfield, FL, her son, Craig (wife Susan) Kollegger, and their son Max; a brother, Paul (wife Donna) Bales of Dayton, OH, their son, Peter (wife Amanda) Bales, and their children Jack and Cara; their other son, Josh (wife Dionne) Bales and their children Noah, Scarlet, and Elle; a sister-in-law,

Sharon Bales of Vermont and her children Jerome and Chrissy Bales; a sister-in-law, Mary Cheang Bales of New York; a nephew, Paul Bales; and a niece Tracey (husband Sean) Bales McLaughlin. Jim is further survived by numerous other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his brothers: Allan, Barry, David and Bob.

A gathering of friends and family will be held from 2 to 3 pm on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home, 4715 Margaret Wallace Road, Matthews, NC. At 3 pm, all will gather in the chapel for a service to celebrate the life, love and blessing of Jim. All services will conclude there.

As Jim had many friends in Vermont, there will also be a service planned in July at the family's summer cabin there.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of the many joys Jim found in life, the family requests donations in Jim's name be made to any charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

JAN 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Richard Bales*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *James Richard Bales*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Dear Cheryl and Paul,*

Will sure miss James. He e-mailed my husband and I almost every week.

A wonderful person and how he could play the organ!

When in Vermont he and Cheryl would come to our farm to enjoy Vermont country living for the day.

He used to drive Congressman Plumley's 1949 Buick Roadmaster for him. My dad had a 1949 Buick Roadmaster that I drove to school. We talked cars many times. Such a sweet person.

Gene and Evangeline Parent

Evangeline and Gene Parent - January 21, 2018 at 05:59 PM



“ *Over sixty years of friendship...so many memories: high school fun, organ music at our wedding, gatherings at the cabin, sharing dinner at your Charlotte home, etc. We will miss our wonderful friend. Rest in peace, Jim. Sending our love to Cheryl and Paul and extended family. Joanna and Steve.*

Joanna & Steve Caswel - January 12, 2018 at 07:22 PM

ES

“ Jim is indelibly etched in my memory for one simple reason: he was one of my first (and best) playmates growing up in Westport, Connecticut. Although Jim was a couple of years older, he never held that against me and treated me as an equal. Given the fact that our families lived only a block apart, there always seemed to be a mix of Bales and Streets in the two households. If I could just get someone to help me cross Myrtle Avenue, I would make a beeline for the Bales' house, where there was usually someone for me to play with, usually either Jim or Cheryl. Even today, it's hard for me to conjure up images of my early life without a Bales presence. Indeed, one of my saddest memories from my childhood was when the Bales family moved away - it never was easy to lose friends.

My specific memory of Jim after all these years, is of a very kind and gentle person, full of energy and with a great smile and a contagious laugh. Although we lost contact during all these years until just recently, from what I learned of him as a child, I would be willing to bet that he went through life bestowing kindness and helping people whenever the opportunity arose.

My condolences to Cheryl, Paul and all the rest of his family.

Eric Street

Eric Street - January 12, 2018 at 03:14 PM

FP

“ Fran Drought Poole lit a candle in memory of James Richard Bales



Fran Drought Poole - January 12, 2018 at 01:56 PM

PB

“ I am very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I knew him through the Charlotte Scientology mission. He was a very nice man. My condolences to his family and friends.

Perry Babcock

Perry Babcock - January 11, 2018 at 03:39 PM

JS

“ Hello to the family,
I wanted to say that I am so very sad to hear about the passing of Jim. I met him at the scientology mission in Charlotte NC. We then became friends on FB. I had not seen him since the time we met but through FB I got to know him and truly fell for his charm and wit, so smart and funny. I will miss him. I know that his friends and family will miss him greatly. I want to thank him for being my friend even if it was on FB.

*With love,
Janice M. Stone*

Janice M. Stone - January 11, 2018 at 03:10 PM

RM

“ Ruth Marshall lit a candle in memory of James Richard Bales



Ruth Marshall - January 10, 2018 at 09:21 PM

JO

“ *My sincere condolences to all of Jim's family.
Jim and I were classmates at Northfield High School.
My lasting memory of Jim will be his beautiful voice singing "Oh
Holy Night".
Rest In Peace.*

*Joyce Austin
Class of 1960*

Joyce - January 10, 2018 at 08:32 PM

JW

“ *Jim was a very good heart! Always working to bring the positive to
view. He will be missed. Condolences and all the best to the family
and his many friends who will carry on. Judy Weigand*

Judy Weigand - January 10, 2018 at 06:23 PM

CA

“ My first conversation with Jim was at a Alpine Covered Dish dinner when I moved here in 2007! We shared general conversations about where each of us lived and our employment history. He was very sociable and easy to talk to!

We had a mutual friend Ruby Simpson who also lived in the park and apparently Ruby was good friends with Jim's mother. When Jim found out that Ruby went into a nursing home, he was upset and wished he could do something for her! At the time I couldn't offer any suggestions!!! From time to time he would ask how Ruby was and how she was adjusting to the home!! Eventually, I told him I was looking to buy a used sewing machine for her so she could sew at the facility!! He said "wait a minute I could offer you my mom's sewing machine!! He gave it to me and I was soooo happy!!!

I will never forget how happy she was when I presented it to her and her craft room friends!! Needless to say we both cried!!!

Carol Alsis - January 10, 2018 at 03:32 PM

LP

“ Dear Cheryl and Family,

I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I remember him from Northfield High School and I remember that he had a great voice. May he rest in peace and may you keep the memories of him alive.

With love and prayers,

Linda Porter

Linda Porter - January 10, 2018 at 03:19 PM

DG

“ *Dr. Jim Gill lit a candle in memory of James Richard Bales*



Dr. Jim Gill - January 10, 2018 at 02:47 PM

DG

“ *I know Jim as the "gentle giant". Jim is a kind-hearted person that really cared about his fellow man. He helped a lot of people in his life and was loved by all. He will be missed by many. I'm proud to have known him. Love, Dr. Jim Gill*

Dr. Jim Gill - January 10, 2018 at 02:46 PM

RB

“ *Dear Cheryl. I am so,sorry to hear of your brother's passing. I knew of him but did not know him personally. My deepest sympathy to you and your family for your loss. May he Rest In Peace. Rita Garcia Bassett*

Rita Bassett - January 09, 2018 at 01:25 PM