



James (Jim) Nelson Mellor

December 1, 1926 - April 5, 2017

James (Jim) Nelson Mellor, 90, of Carmel, IN passed away April 5, 2017. It was a life well lived! Jim was born in El Dorado, Arkansas on December 1, 1926, the first son of Ernest Herbert (Hub) and Eva Nelson Mellor. He had one brother, Ernest Herbert, Jr. (surviving spouse, Lalla).

Jim married his college sweetheart, Joyce Watts of Lincoln, NE, in 1951 and spent the next 65 years devoted to her. After completing his undergraduate studies in pipe organ and choral conducting at Westminster Choir College, he completed his master's and doctoral studies in choral conducting from Indiana University.

Throughout his career he used his talent serving the Lord Jesus Christ through music at churches in Norfolk, VA, El Dorado, AR, Cleveland, OH, Bloomington, IN and Indianapolis. Jim also owned Butz-Mellor Sheet Music Store, and worked for UPS in the accounting department.

He loved his family, church, food, friends, concerts and travel. If there was a social event or fun to be had, he was there! His last residence was at Summer Trace in Carmel, where he was known for zipping around in his wheelchair, playing Kings Corners, loving ice cream and chocolate of any kind and joking with friends and staff. A wonderful and devoted husband, father and friend, who will be sorely missed.

We will gather to celebrate Jim's life on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 4601 Emerson Ave., Indianapolis, IN. Visitation from 3:00-

5:00 p.m. Memorial service will be at 5:00 p.m. and memorial dinner will follow the service.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, and children, Mindy Gronauer of Houston, TX; Jim, Jr. (Lauri) of Littleton, CO; Lisa Nevola (Stan) of Pittsburgh, PA; and Meridith Anderson (Kevin) of Indianapolis. He was a cherished "Granddad" to ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren..

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Alban's Church Music Department, 4601 Emerson Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46226.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
4601 Emerson Avenue
Indianapolis, IN

Memorial Service

JUN 3. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James (Jim) Nelson Mellor.*



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“ *Ah Joyce, so many memories as we read of Jim getting to graduate to Heaven ahead of us...*

Lifting you all to our heavenly Father as you adjust to this change in your lives. Praying Phil. 4:6-7 for you.

Love, Bill & Joyce Tatum

Joyce Tatum - April 18, 2017 at 08:36 AM