



## James H. Pratt

May 17, 1924 - July 12, 2015

James H. Pratt,

91, passed peacefully at his residence on the afternoon of July 12, 2015. James or Jim as he was known to family and friends was born in Elkton, South Dakota at the home of his parents, Gertrude Brown Pratt and Vern Wedgewood Pratt.

During World War II he served in the Marine V 12 unit, an officer training program. After the war, he graduated from Denison University and began his career as a YMCA director. During his twenty-three years with the YMCA he touched and enriched the lives of hundreds of youth and adults with the programs he directed and initiated. After retiring from the YMCA, Jim became Public Relations and Volunteer Director for La Rue Carter Sate Hospital where he worked for seventeen more years.

In addition to his work, Jim received many awards for his community service one of which was the first Person of the Year Award given by the United Way of Central Indiana. He loved music and sang in the choir of Church of the Savior United Methodist for 30 years. He was an avid runner and took the bronze medal for his age group in the 500 Mini-Marathon at the age of 62. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jim was preceded in death by a son, Philip; and is survived by his wife of 67 years, Barbara Pratt; daughter, Pamela Ratz; and son, Jim W. Pratt; granddaughter, Lauren Knoop; grandson, John Ratz; and great-granddaughter, Annabelle Knoop.

A celebration of Jim's life will take place Saturday, August 8, 2015 at Church of the Saviour United Methodist, 6205 Rucker Road, Indianapolis, with visitation at the church from 1:30 p.m. until the service at 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Church of the Saviour or AYR ERF an emergency relief fund for Retired YMCA directors, c/o Mr. Donald Stetson, 5501 West River Road, Muncie, IN 47304. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Saviour United Methodist  
6502 Rucker Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46220