



James A. Bertram

December 20, 1946 - April 9, 2019

JAMES A. BERTRAM

~ LOVING HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, BROTHER AND UNCLE ~

72, of Lunenburg, died unexpectedly Tuesday morning, April 9, 2019 at Health Alliance Leominster Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

Jim leaves his wife of 49 years, Julie (Faulkner) Bertram of Lunenburg; two daughters, Robin L. Bursch and her husband Mark and Heather L. Wright and her husband Michael all of Lunenburg; five grandchildren, Emilee and Sierra Bursch, Daniel, Elijah and Gabriel Wright; three brothers, Robert L. Bertram and his wife Marina of Ashby, Donald M. Bertram and his wife Sandy of Townshend, VT and Melvin Thomas Bertram and his wife Paula of Lunenburg and a sister, Laurel M. Bissonnette and her husband Steve of Pittsfield, NH; many nephews, nieces and grand-nephews and nieces. He also leaves a brother and sister-in law Scott and Barbara Curtis.

Jim was born in Lynn, MA on December 20, 1946, a son of the late Melvin E. and Leona M. (MacGown) Bertram. He vacationed during the summers as a young boy at Hickory Hills Lake in Lunenburg and moved there permanently when he was in high school. During that time he started the first paper route for Hickory Hills Lake residents.

He was a graduate of Lunenburg High School with the Class of 1964 and went on to attend Wentworth Institute and Lowell Technological Institute.

Jim began his career as a microwave technician at Raytheon and worked at M.I.T. Lincoln Labs. He later retired from the Engineering Department at UMass Amherst. He was a Lunenburg Reserve Police Officer from 1972 to 1988.

During the spring and summer months, he planted many wonderful vegetable gardens. He enjoyed fishing and boating on Hickory Hills Lake. He enjoyed wood-working and loved taking care of his many faithful snowplowing customers. Most of all he loved doing things with his grandchildren, whom he adored.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 12 noon at Pilgrim Covenant Church, Beal Street/Chase Road, Lunenburg, MA. Burial will be held privately in the North Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer, MA is assisting the family with the funeral arrangements. For further information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lunenburg Firefighters Association or Lunenburg Police Relief Association, 655 Mass Avenue, Lunenburg 01462 or JDRF New England Chapter, 60 Walnut Street, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481.

Cemetery Details

North Cemetery

Holman St.
Lunenburg, MA 01462

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Scott and Bobbie at this difficult time. My condolences to the whole family! May he Rest In Peace.* ”



Jean M Andrew - April 18, 2019 at 04:19 AM

LA

“ *We are truly saddened by "Captain Jim's" passing. Your family friendship with Angie and Dave the newcomers to Shirley from Canada made us grateful. Captain Jim would take us and all the kids out on the party boat when we came for a visit and travel around the lake pointing out areas of interest. We all felt so welcome and thoroughly enjoyed our time. Our sincere condolences with you at this time.* ”

Larry and Evelyn Ashton

Larry and Evelyn Ashton - April 14, 2019 at 10:26 AM



Robin Bertram

Thank you so much ❤️ xoxo Robin & family

Robin Bertram Bursch - April 19, 2019 at 08:10 AM

RF

“ *Sincere condolences to family on the passing of a real good guy. Jim will be missed.* ”

Rodgers family - April 13, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ I loved how "Big Jim" would always come and hear me preach when i was able to! He also would make sure he made fun of me whenever possible! 😊 we definitely had a special friendship which I'm a better because of it!! He will be dearly missed, your all in my prayers ❤️

Timothy Adamson - April 13, 2019 at 11:07 AM

TF

We are so sorry for the loss of Jim ! Our prayers, our thoughts and our hearts are with all of you as God comforts you and gives you His peace like no other peace could give!!! We love you all so much ❤️🙏✝️

The Aponte Family - April 13, 2019 at 11:53 AM

DH

I didn't really know Jim, but what I did know is that his circle of family and friends loved him very very much. My prayer is thanks be to God that Jim is now at his side. I also pray Julie and all of your family and friends will be comforted by God and rest in Him. Enjoy and share all the beautiful memories of his life. Know that many people share in your grief and cover you in prayer.
Love Debbie H

debbie hansen - April 13, 2019 at 01:54 PM