



James Edward Bates

February 10, 1941 - March 18, 2024

James Edward Bates passed away on March 18, 2024 at the age of 83, at the Village of East Harbor. He was born on February 10, 1941 to Enoch and Josephine (Kubik) Bates in Detroit. Beloved wife of Jeanine (Bessette) Bates. Dear brother of Susan Bates and brother in law of Bob (Mary) Bessette. Dear uncle of Gary (Susan) Guminski, Gregory (Karen) Guminski, Karen (Mark) Trojniak, Lisa (Mark) Feters, Joseph Zielinski, Michael Bates, Michelle Bates, Shannon E. Bessette, Jill Bessette McCready, Robin Bessette Hollern and Sairi Bessette Elliot. Predeceased by his parents, Enoch and Josephine and his siblings Betty Guminski, Elaine Johnson and John Bates. James worked as a school Social Worker and a Teacher in the South Lake School District and in the Grosse Pointe School District. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, sailing, cooking, woodworking and gardening.

A funeral mass for James will be on Friday, March 22, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Louis Catholic Church, 24415 Crocker Blvd (West of Harper) Clinton Twp. There will be additional visitation at the church at 10:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral mass.

Previous Events

Instate in church

MAR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Louis Catholic Community
24415 Crocker Boulevard
Clinton Township, MI 48036

Funeral Mass

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Clinton Township, MI 48036

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Michael Bates purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Edward Bates.*



Mr. Michael Bates - March 21, 2024 at 01:08 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Edward Bates.*



March 20, 2024 at 05:58 PM

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“ *From: Michelle Bates planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Edward Bates.*

Michelle Bates - March 20, 2024 at 05:58 PM

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“ *The Bessette Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Edward Bates.*

The Bessette Family - March 20, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Edward Bates.*



March 20, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ *Jeanine so sorry for the loss of Jim. Know you are in my thoughts. Enjoyed all the years of knowing him.*

Kathy Cromie-Demick - March 20, 2024 at 11:24 AM