



James Edward Boddie

February 20, 1939 - September 20, 2020

James Edward Boddie, 81, of Estero, FL died on Sunday, September 20, 2020. He was born on February 20, 1939 in Tipton, TN, the oldest of 12 children of the late Edgar and Julia Ann (nee Summerville) Boddie. He was a resident of Estero for 16 years, moving from Plymouth, MN.

Jim received his doctorate in education from the University of Kansas and worked for public school districts in Kansas, Iowa, and Minnesota. In his long career, he served as a public school teacher, principal, administrator, and university professor. From 1984 to 2004, Jim worked as an assistant superintendent for the Osseo Area Schools in Minnesota. He retired from public school education in 2004 and continued to work part-time as a university professor and as a watercolor artist.

Jim was a member of Lamb of God Church in Estero, FL.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Deanna Boddie, of Estero, FL; two daughters, Sharon Rivera of San Antonio, TX and Shelley Boddie of Alexandria, VA; his stepdaughter, Sara Van Tassel and her husband, Chris, of Aurora, IL; four brothers, Charles, Michael, Oscar, and Kenneth, and four sisters, Julia, Brenda, Barbara, and Carolyn. He is also survived by a grandson, Michael Davis-Yates and his wife Rebekah, and two step granddaughters, Emma and Mia VanTassel.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings.

A virtual memorial service to celebrate Jim's life will be held at 3:00 p.m. EST on Sunday, December 6, 2020.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, family owned and operated since 1978.

Previous Events

Virtual Memorial Service

DEC 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Lamb of God Church
19611 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Edward Boddie*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *May God comfort you and your family. He will be missed.*

Annie Kennedy.

Annie Kennedy - December 08, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *sorry we missed the virtual service today. I was a little late trying but could not locate the service on either the church or funeral home websites. Jim was the classic example of a gentlemen in every way and at all times - a very rare quality. It was a pleasure to work with him and to think of him as a friend. At work at a very busy job, Jim made it look easy, but was always on top of things - another rare quality. It was a privilege to have known him. marl ramsey*

marl ramsey - December 06, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ *Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Jim. We are confident that, in time, your warmest memories will shine through your sorrow. Robert and Judith Lee*

JUDITH LEE - December 06, 2020 at 01:53 PM

RL

“ Robert & Judith Lee lit a candle in memory of James Edward Boddie



Robert & Judith Lee - December 06, 2020 at 01:33 PM

LC

“ Jim's voice will forever be in my ears. We worked together many years in Osseo as partners and friends. I can hear his laugh and see his movements. He still is a gift. Thank you, Jim. Linda Crawford

Linda Crawford - December 05, 2020 at 04:41 PM

KP

“ Dr. Boddie was incredibly impacting on my career in Osseo Area Schools. As a brand new assistant principal, he immediately and kindly took me under his wing, sharing his endless knowledge with me, supporting me in all situations, and tirelessly promoting my career as a woman in leadership. He was a steadfast, caring rock for me, and I absolutely adored, loved, and revered him; I am forever indebted to him. May God continue to keep you in His care, Deanna, and may God bless your soul, “my” beloved Dr. Boddie.

Kelli Parpart - December 05, 2020 at 10:25 AM

PE

“ It is with great sadness to learn that Jim recently passed away. From all the staff here, we express our deepest condolences to Deanna and the family. It was an honor and a privilege to work with Jim for many years.
ATSR Architects/Engineers

Paul Erickson - November 06, 2020 at 01:03 PM

PE

“ *Jim did so much to help advance teaching and learning at Osseo Area Schools. I had the privilege to design many school buildings with Jim and Deanna over the years. Jim taught me so much about listening, guiding, leading, and respecting others. This world is truly a better place because of Jim. We will see each other again in heaven. God bless Jim, Deanna, and the entire family. With deepest sympathy,*
Paul W. Erickson

Paul Erickson - November 06, 2020 at 12:57 PM