



James Bernard "Jim" Murray

September 20, 1927 - December 19, 2016

James Bernard "Jim" Murray passed away Monday morning at the Bee Hive Homes in Butte. He was born in Butte September 20, 1927 to Kieran James and Margaret (Connelly) Murray. He was raised in Butte, attended Sacred Heart Grade School and graduated from Boy's Central in 1945. He served in the US Navy in 1945 and 1946 and was then inducted into the US Army where he served from 1950 to 1952. He worked in Anaconda for the Anaconda Company as a 1st Class Stationary Engineer for twelve years then moved to Butte where he worked in the Berkley Pit as a maintenance supervisor for ARCO until his retirement in 1983.

Always willing to assist anyone in need and ready with a candid and optional opinion, his spontaneous witticisms in song and verse brought many a smile to his family and friends.

Jim married Beverly Pilon on February 20, 1954 and they were happily married for 62 years. They lived in Anaconda for twelve years before moving to Butte in 1966.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, his great-aunt, Barbara Keane who raised him after the death of his parents and his son-in-law, Steve Reynolds. Besides his wife, Beverly, Jim is survived by his daughter, Karen Reynolds and sons and daughters-in-law, Gordon and Kathy Murray and Paul and Debra Murray. Jim's grandchildren include: Jason and Ashley Reynolds, Xochil and Joseph Herrera, Ursula Quijano, Sean Murray, Kacey Murray and Trent Murray. Jim was also blessed with seven great-grandchildren, Eli, Noah,

Ava, Elliana, Arianna, Cain, and Wilder Charlotte.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Butte Food Bank or Our Lady of the Rockies.

He touched many lives during his 89 years with a full life and will be greatly missed by all. May he rest in peace and may his memory memorial be eternal.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

4700 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Service

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
2100 Farragut Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I met Jim in Bremerton WA at United States Navy Seperation Center in 1946 We were both from Butte. We have been friends ever since. Sorry to hear of Jim passing away in December. Sincere sympathy to Bev and family.

John and Virginia Shea
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John Shea - January 04, 2017 at 05:25 PM

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for the Murray family. May your loving memories bring you comfort. Isaiah 41:10

M.H. - December 26, 2016 at 12:06 PM

JS

I meet Jim at the United States Navy Seperation Center in Bremerton WA in 1946. We were both from Butte. We have been friends for many years. Sorry to hear of his passing.

John and Virginia Shea
Seattle WA

John Shea - January 04, 2017 at 05:01 PM

MM

“ Karen & Family,
Sorry to learn that your dad passed. We often talk about The Murray basketball court and the hours we all spent shooting hoops out in front of your house. One night around midnight your dad came out and calmly (but firmly) told us he was glad we enjoyed using the "facility" but it was time to go.... never raised his voice. Just wanted to let you know that we're thinking of you and your family. Mark Morris

Mark Morris - December 21, 2016 at 07:45 AM