



James Edward Ellis

February 28, 1933 - April 19, 2018

James Edward Ellis, 85, passed away on Thursday, April 19, at Autumn Hills in Bloomington, Indiana.

Jim was born on February 28, 1933, in Murphysboro, Illinois, to Thomas Ellis and Maude (Hanson) Ellis. He grew up hunting and fishing in the hills surrounding Murphysboro. Jim served in the U.S. Air Force and then attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois, graduating with a B.A. in Biology in 1961 and an M.A. in Botany in 1963. Jim began his career with the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he met and married Mary Barlow in 1970. During his career, he worked as a fisheries biologist for the U.S. Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service, and then Office of Surface Mining (Abandoned Mine Lands). Jim retired in 1995, moving to Bloomington, Indiana where he enjoyed the outdoors, wildlife, hiking, photography, and gardening. Jim was a loving husband and father and is survived by his wife, Mary, and daughter, Sarah, of Bloomington, Indiana; many beloved nieces and nephews; and his treasured dog, Eddie.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Robert and Thomas Ellis; and five sisters, Geneva Eisenhauer, Virginia Roseberry, Lillian Ruble, Mary Mileur, and Bessie Fern Hughes.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to WildCare of Bloomington, Indiana. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Jim's family at www.allencares.com

Comments



“ I didn't know Jim well, but I do know that he loved his wife, daughter and dog. I used to walk my dog in Bryan Park and enjoyed seeing Jim and Mary walking Eddie when Sarah was working. He adored Eddie and admired my dog, Skye, as well. Skye & Eddie became "besties" after snarling at each other for a year when passing in the park. One day, they decided that they were wasting energy and decided that they could be good friends, much to our relief. Jim always had sweet words and a pat for Skye's head, while Eddie would enthusiastically bark his pleasure at seeing Skye. Skye left us about 15 months ago and Eddie very kindly paid her a home visit on her last day on this earth. I am so sorry to hear about Jim's death and send my deepest condolences to Mary and Sarah.

Jan Coyle - April 24, 2018 at 08:33 PM



“ Dear Mary and Sarah:
I was so sorry to hear of Jim's death. He was such a kind and gentle man and a wonderful neighbor. I made a contribution to WildCare in his memory. My deepest sympathy to you. I'm sure you have many fond memories of Jim to draw upon and lift your spirits in future. I look forward to seeing you walking in the neighborhood.

Very best wishes,
Beth Lau

Beth Lau - April 24, 2018 at 11:29 AM