James G. Davies Jr. 1927-2014

"He who plants kindness, gathers love"

Born into humble circumstances and the loving arms of James Goodman Davies, Sr. and Alice Elizabeth Buckley Davies, Jim began his mortal trek of kindness on April 22, 1927.

Planted in his heart and hands early, the law of the harvest molded his hearty work ethic and shining integrity. Walgreens welcomed an eager and able fourteen year old as a stock boy and bid farewell to a valued pharmacist and employee of courage fifty years later.

After loyally serving his country in the Navy and earning a diploma from Idaho State in Pharmacy, he met a woman who instantly recognized the girth of his heart, the length of his stride and the depth of his kindness, Mary Colleen Williams. For 45 years, Mom and Dad offered their entire existence to Family and God. During these decades, the maxim of "teach the gospel and if necessary, use words" grew into daily doses of joy as they raised four ball playing sons and a beautiful blonde daughter to ... look to the temple.

Jim’s hands of kindness have served in many capacities, including cub master, High Priest Group Leader, Bishop and a mighty missionary in Oakland, California alongside his devoted companion, Colleen. Hands never idle, after retirement he has left us with a joy for genealogy, a wonder of wood working, a sense of sculpting and the genius to grow the juiciest tomatoes and gorgeous blooms from a grafted rose bush.

Words of kindness envelop his 31 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren with a lasting legacy of what matters most. Jim is alive in these grandchildren and his children: Bill (Shelley), Brad (Jennifer), Blaine (Lanez), Chris (Julie) and Robyn Thornell (Kit).

His sweetheart has been waiting for him for almost 18 years. We can hardly imagine the joy; pure and loyal, the look in each of their eyes; welcoming and grateful and the embrace; long and exquisite in
Heaven just became a little kinder today. We will miss your gentle touch, Grandpa! Love YOU Forever! Funeral Services will be held Monday, November 10th at 11:00 a.m. in the LDS Chapel at 1476 North 300 West in Bountiful. Friends and Family may visit with the family Sunday evening, November 9th at Russon Brothers Mortuary in Bountiful: 295 North Main from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and before the funeral at the church on Monday from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Interment will be in the Bountiful City Cemetery. Online guest book at www.russonmortuary.com.