



## James D. Boatright

June 28, 1945 - March 15, 2017

James "Uncle Jim" D. Boatright, 71 of Venice, Florida passed away on March 15, 2017.

Jim was a writer and avid photographer and was a U.S. Army Veteran.

Survivors include his sister Sonia T. Boatright, his niece Seirra "Pete" Shimshea and numerous other nieces and nephews and many friends locally and around the world.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2017 from 2 PM – 4 PM at Toale Brothers Ewing Chapel.

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ I have been trying to reach Jim for a while now. We always send birthday cards to each other. I was honored to serve with Jim in the Army in Germany. My most cherished remembrance was a winter night and Jim came into the barracks with Cokes covered in snow and with that great smile he always had. Rest in peace, my friend.

Bob Hards - July 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ The world has lost a wonderful person. He was our friend and neighbor for several years. A very special man will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

Mr Mrs Newton - April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ I so sorry to hear of Jim's passing, he was a very nice person. The family is in my prayers. RIP Jim.



Nita Turlington - March 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ RIP, Dear Friend, Jim! I will miss all your stories and will treasure your latest calendar forever!

Paula Garavalia - March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ I was shocked to hear of Jim's passing...We had been pen pals for a few years. Even though I never met him in person, I feel that I have lost an old friend...I will miss your stories, photography, and our conversations on FB. Rest in peace my friend. May God bless and comfort the family and friends.



Larry Ingram - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Jim was my penpal from year 2000 or so. I enjoyed his stories from his travels and everyday life on his letters, and later on Facebook. He was so good writer, with a thirst of life! I will miss you Jim. <3 Minna



Minna Mikkola - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I was shocked when I heard what happened. Jim was such a great person, it was always good to read his words, listen to his stories or just fooling around. He lefts a hole that can't be filled. And it is good that it can't be filled, because no human on earth is able to replace you. As we in germany say: *Dir kann keiner das Wasser reichen. Wir werden dich vermissen.*

Julian Glembek - March 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Dear Jim...People come into our life and accompany us for a while. Some remain forever,because they leave traces in our hearts. Jim,you were such a human beeing. A man with a great heart,who always wanted only the good for his beloved. It's never the right time,never the right day and it's never said anything. It's always too early...But there are memories,thoughts,nice hours that were just there. If I had the power to turn back the time,I would do this immediately so you can stay. I want to thank you that I was a part of your life. Wherever you are - I talk with you...Wherever you are - I am for you to reach...Goodbye my friend. You will be forever in our hearts....in love Kathy with Lea,Jarno,Amon and Adrien



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**Kathleen Rabis** - March 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ We met Jim in 1988 after just moving to Venice. I met him working at Bates. Never met a more gentle soul than Jim. We moved back to Colorado after only two years in Florida, but Jim became a lifelong friend. He came to visit us in Colorado in the 1990s. He had recently been talking about coming back. Intellectual, world traveler, compassionate teacher and listener, Jim will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. Keep watch over us all Jim, we love you and we will miss you.

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**Catherine** - March 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Rest in peace my dear loyal and loved friend, you will be missed and mourned by many. My condolences again to all his family and many, many friends.



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**Joanie Montgomery** - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Jim will be greatly missed as a friend and cherished member of the Venice High School Class of '65. He was loved by all.*  
*Sherry (Morton) Steele*

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**Sherry (Morton) Steele** - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM