



James R. Beard

July 21, 1942 - October 4, 2009

James R. Beard, 67, of 1 Madeleine Drive, Myerstown died Sunday October 4, 2009 in his residence. He was the husband of Sandra J. Garrett Beard to whom he was married to for 26 years. Born in Lebanon on July 21, 1942, he was the son of the late Robert and Bernadine Long Beard. He was employed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission for over 27 years, serving as Assistant Director, Bureau of Law Enforcement (now Wildlife Protection); Supervised the Commissions Special Operations Unit; A certified firearms instructor; an active member of the Northeast Conservation Law Enforcement Chief's Association (NECLECA); served as Wildlife Identification Instructor as well as provided Law Enforcement training and techniques at the Commission's Ross Leffler School of Conservation; he did Game Law and Code training plus policy updates for sitting District Magistrates at the state's District Justices' training facilities; served on the interview board to help screen applicants for the Game Commission's Training School as well as assisting the State's Civil Service Commission with their interview process. He also served as a Wildlife Conservation Officer. Jim served with the US Army, graduated in 1960 from Lebanon High School and the Ross Leffler School of Conservation, Rockway, PA. He held memberships with the Palmyra Rod & Gun Club, the R Field and Stream of Lebanon County, the Goodwill Fire Co. #1, Myerstown, the New Cumberland Boating and Fishing Club, and the American Legion Post #28, Oak Orchard Riverdale, Millsboro, DE. Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons Robert H. Bartolo of Akron, OH and David

M. Batchelder, II of Tempe, AZ. A daughter Gisele A. Klimovsky of Harrisburg, grandchildren Shane T., Jordan R. and Alyse A. Klimovsky, and Deva S. Leach. A sister Barbara wife of Donald Leshner of Myerstown, a niece Donna Leshner and a nephew Michael Leshner. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 10:00 AM from the Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, 618 E. Main Street, Annville. Interment will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday from 9-10 AM prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the AseraCare Hospice, 315 Primrose Lane, Suite 101, Mountville, PA 17554 or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1274, Lebanon, PA 17042.

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sandy, I just want you to know how much Jim meant to me. He was a mentor and a big influence in my life. If it wasn't for Jim I probably never would have had the nerve to start my own business. I will miss him and his sage advise. My thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time. Chris

Chris Corbi - October 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sandy, Bob just called with the news about Jim. You are in my thoughts and in my prayers. I know he was your best friend as well as your husband and my heart goes out to you at this time of grieving. You will always have a friend in me if you ever need to get away and come to the beach just call me. I hope that Jim is in a better place where there is no more pain or sickness. He was one of a kind and will be missed. Carol

Carol Parsons - October 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM