



JAMES V. BEARSS

August 14, 1916 - April 2, 2001

Pioneering Horticulturalist

Mr. James V. Bearss, 84 years, passed away peacefully in his South Toledo home Monday morning, April 2, 2001. Jim was born in Toledo August 14, 1916 to Dr. Roy and Myrtle (Blocky) Bearss

Jim was a 1935 graduate of Libbey High School where he was a member of the city championship baseball team, which played in the state tournament. He was also on the track team. He graduated with a B.S. degree in Horticulture from Ohio State University in 1941. He was a WW II Army veteran.

Jim began his Landscape-Nursery business in 1945, operating as Franklin Farm Nursery on the site of the present Franklin Park Mall. The Bearss Landscape Nursery began in 1957 when he moved his business to Dorr Street near Byrne Road. He retired in 1983.

Jim was a co-founder of the former Toledo Landscape Association in 1953 and held memberships in the Ohio State Floriculture/Landscape Association and the Horticulture Alumni Association of Ohio State University.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Dorothy (Grossmann) Bearss and children,

William (Kathy) Bearss, Whitehouse, OH, James D. (LaRee) Bearss, Monte Vista, CO and Bonnie (Joe) Coyle, Toledo. His grandchildren are Dr. David Bearss, Rebecca Strader, Dr. Abigail Shoemaker, Zachary, James, Josh, Benjamin Bearss, Jessica Redman, Megan Stamos, Katie Todd and Jeremiah Coyle. The great grandchildren are Lindsey Bearss and Kate Stamos. He is the brother of Mrs. Lois Boswell, Indianapolis, IN. He was preceded in death by his brother, Dick Bearss and sister Dorothy Munger

Friends may call at the Coyle Funeral Home 1770 S. Reynolds Road Thursday, 2-5 & 7-9 pm. The funeral will be in the mortuary Friday at 11 a.m. Interment Toledo Memorial Park. Memorials may take the form of contributions to Toledo Botanical Gardens.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Dorothy and family. I was very sorry to hear of Jim's death. I am sorry that I could not extend my sympathy in person. I have many great memories of Jim, especially at the Family Reunions. He would always kid me about many things however we always had a special time. It must be that our bi...##imported-begin##Connie (Shoup)Klausz##imported-end##

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“ Thinking of you##imported-begin##Paul E. Mathewson##imported-end##

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“ Bill, I was terribly sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I know you must feel a great sense of loss. I hope you will be consoled by many good memories of the days he shared with you. Thinking of you -- Mike##imported-begin##Mike Carr##imported-end##

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“ What a wonderful way to remember our Grandpa! This remembrance will be something little Kate will be able to enjoy as she gets older. Thank you to the Coyle staff for doing such a nice job. I am praying for our family and for Grandpa's peaceful journey to heaven. Little Kate is calling my name, so, unfortunately, I have to stop typing. I love you, Nanny.##imported-begin##megan and baby kate##imported-end##

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“ *Jim made my yard beautiful when we built our home--I adored him.##imported-begin##Nan MacLean##imported-end##*

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“ *Dorothy, Our condolences on Jim's passing. He was like a mentor to me early on. I always enjoyed the many visits I had with you two on Dorr Street, and I learned a lot about plants. Jim had a great sense of humor or philosophy. Best regards, Art##imported-begin##Arthur Hills 04/09/2001##imported-end##*

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“ *04/11/2001
Grandpa was the best granpa ever. I'm gonna miss him. But i'm glad Nanny is still here to play with us.##imported-begin##katie todd##imported-end##*

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“ *What a joy and honor to have known "Daddy Jim." I loved giving him the best massages I could and seeing his happy face when I arrived and when I was done. I surely will miss his gentleness, his wisdom, his advice and his smile. Dot, I am so sorry for your loss and your grief. You have a wonderful, magical daughter in Bonnie. I am sure she and her family are helping you through this transition. Bonnie, thanks for sharing your daddy with me...
[Click Here For More](#)##imported-begin##Pottsie##imported-end##*

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“ *jim everysince you been gone you have been on my mind.I really enjoyed taking care of you and dot..you will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##belinda##imported-end##*

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“ *I just read Mr. Bearss's obituary. I would like to express my sympathy to each of you. May you continue to draw comfort from our Heavenly Father. He has promised to wipe away the tears from our eyes and to swallow up death forever. (Revelation 21:1-5; Isaiah 25:8; John 5:28,29; Psalm 37:11,29)##imported-begin##Annette Pegues##imported-end##*

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“ *To the Family and Friends of Mr. James Vincent Bearss: I would like to express my deepest sympathy to each of you. Although we are not acquainted with one another, we all know what it feels like to lose one of our loved ones to death. Our Heavenly Father feels the pain that you are going through. He promises that the day is soon to come in which he will wipe the tears of sorrow from our eyes forever and death will be no more. (Revelation 21:3...
[Click Here For More](#)##imported-begin##Lenette Horton##imported-end##*

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“ 04/05/2001
Bonnie, Joe & Family, My deepest sympathy & prayers to you all.
Jim

04/05/2001###imported-begin##Jim Raczkowski###imported-end##

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“ 04/05/2001
Dear Bonnie and Joe, We are very saddened to hear of the passing on of your father, Bonnie. He was a great person, and we always appreciated his warmth and kindness. We will keep him, your mom, and the two of you in our prayers. Love, Mike and Bridget###imported-begin##Mike & Bridget Coyle###imported-end##

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“ 04/04/2001

Jim was a very special person, I'm glad I was able to share the last year with him and Dot. They became more than just a job, they became like grandparents. We had some good laughs, tears and some big smiles the last days of his life. I will never forget that smile, when i put a plate of fried potatoes in front of him for breakfast. Thank-you for sharing him with me.##imported-begin##Dee Martin##imported-end##

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“ *Bonnie & Joe- Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Bonnie,although we had not met your Dad, we can imagine what kind of man he was based on his daughter. We miss seeing you guys. Sincerely,Mike & Deb##imported-begin##Mike & Deb Beckham##imported-end##*

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“ 04/03/2001

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May your faith in the Lord help you through these times.##imported-begin##Kay & Lee Van Horn##imported-end##

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