



## James Eaton

March 19, 1924 - October 29, 2023

James Eaton, age 99, of Alta, Iowa died Sunday, October 29, 2023 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Graveside services will take place Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery in Tama, Iowa. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

James Eaton was born on March 19, 1924 to Floyd and Minnie Eaton in Vinton, Iowa. He was the second of eight children. James attended school in Garrison, IA. He joined the Army in 1945 and served as a sergeant during World War II and was stationed in Germany. When he was honorably discharged, he went to work with a service buddy at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance. There he became a field rep for reinsurance and loss control of Grinnell affiliated mutuals in Iowa, traveling the entire state.

On August 12, 1951, James was united in marriage to Shirley Jean Moyer of Tama. Together they were blessed with two sons: James Carl and John Floyd. They lived in Grinnell prior to moving to Alta in 1960, a community he picked to bring his new family to after traveling the state for years. Ted Olson and James formed Olson Eaton Svendsen Insurance in Alta. He was the manager of BV Mutual for 25 years, and served on the board of Grinnell Mutual for 20 years. James served as President of the Alta School Board, Mayor of Alta,

President of Iowa Mutual Insurance Association, and belonged to Masons and Shriners. He was inducted in the Insurance Hall of Fame of Iowa, volunteered with Trees Forever, and provided and planted many trees in Alta.

James and Shirley enjoyed traveling, working with trees and flowers at their home, and wood carving.

James is survived by his son, James Carl (Linda), sister Maria Eaton of Des Moines and sister-in-law Carolyn Eaton of Creston, numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his son, John, wife Shirley, his parents, Shirley's parents, Carl and Gladys Moyer, and six siblings.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Oak Hill Cemetery -- Tama  
Tama, IA

# Tribute Wall

PE

“ We are thinking of you all. Years ago, Uncle Jim let the kids pick a toy from all the toys he carved out of wood. We will always treasure those and the memories we have of Jim. I always loved his smile! Patty, Chris, Allison, Connor, and Abby Eaton



Patty Eaton - November 02, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Eaton.

November 01, 2023 at 06:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Eaton.



November 01, 2023 at 10:53 AM

KH

“ Praying for Jim's family, always enjoyed visiting with Jim and Shirley!! 🙏🙏

Karmen Hodgdon - October 31, 2023 at 07:54 PM

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“ *Allan Lindsey lit a candle in memory of James Eaton*



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**Allan Lindsey** - October 31, 2023 at 05:57 PM

KM

“ *We lived behind Jim and Shirley when the boys were little. The boys would get on our 3 wheel lawn mower and drive up to see them. Jim and Shirley welcomed the boys with open arms. They would take them down to the basement to play with Jim and John's vintage toys. Great memories!*

*Jim always had a smile on his face...it covered up his "ornryness" quite well...HA! He will always be remembered as a kind and giving man!*

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**Kathy Movall** - October 31, 2023 at 04:16 PM

SG

“ *Our sincere sympathy, we have a wooden angel Jim carved that sits proudly in our china cupboard! He always like to visit when we met him. Good guy!*

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**Sue and Keith Geyer** - October 31, 2023 at 04:09 PM

CD

“ *Cheryl Dave DeMan lit a candle in memory of James Eaton*



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**Cheryl & Dave DeMan** - October 31, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *We always liked Jim, knew him for many years. He was one of the "Good guys!" People like him made the world a better place.*

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**Greg Mattson** - October 31, 2023 at 10:37 AM