



James Mathews

March 29, 2008

James Mathews, loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, died peacefully at home, surrounded by family on Saturday, March 29, 2008. He was 88.

Born March 7, 1920 in Islington, London, Jim was the 4th youngest of 14 children born to Charles and Harriet Martin Mathews. He graduated from London Polytechnic as an architect and worked for RDC (Rural District Council) in both Chelmsford and Smallburgh, prior to starting his own architectural business.

During World War II he enlisted and went on to teach radar in the UK from 1939-1945. Jim met Mabel "Mabs" Seaman, whom he married July 4, 1941. They lived in London during the war and experienced first-hand the blitz with their young family. After the war, Jim played a role in the atomic weapons research establishment at Aldermarston in Southern England and worked for Pointers & Omnia; a pre-stressed concrete company in the UK. He eventually became director of operations in America, where he and his family lived in Westchester, NY for three years. Jim and Mabs moved their family to Bailey's Neck, Easton, MD in 1966 while still working for Omnia.

In 1971 the family moved to Australia for a change of pace, and operated a farm consisting of 350 head of cattle on 600 acres. They lived there for three

years before returning to the U.S. in 1974. They lived in Tennessee, Florida and North Carolina before settling back on the Eastern Shore of Maryland once again.

Jim was an avid sailor who crossed the Atlantic on a 30' boat at the age of 65. He was a self-motivated man who could turn his hand to many crafts, and was a multi-talented individual who was always supported by his wife, Mabs. He was also an avid motorist who owned over 70 cars in his lifetime.

Jim spent many years of his life designing and building new homes, as well as refurbishing old homes. He went on to build and finish over 20 homes in his lifetime. He has visited 42 countries, mostly through business, and loved to travel. He designed his life around his family, especially in later years, and although his family is scattered around the world, they were of the utmost importance in his life. He was quick-witted, loved limericks, eating, drinking and enjoying life and his extensive family.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Mabel; one brother, Frederick, who is 90 and lives in Essex, England; eight children, Graham and his wife Pamela of Australia, Ann and her husband John Blyth of Maleny Australia, Christine and her husband LeRoy Panek of Westminster, MD, Nicholas and his wife Melissa of New Bern, NC, James of Florida, Peter and his wife Annie of Cordova, MD, Robert and his wife Lindsay of Chestertown, MD, and John and his wife Pamela of Oak Ridge, NC; 21 grandchildren and 11 ½ great-grandchildren. He was much loved and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008 at 2:00 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Easton, MD where friends may call one hour prior to the service.

Memorial donations may be made to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586

Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

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