



## J. James Eidel

July 13, 1936 - August 26, 2022

J. James Eidel, was born in Poughkeepsie, New York on July 3, 1936, passing away in Carson City, Nevada on August 26, 2022. He is survived by his wife Alicia, children Marc and Eve as well as six grandchildren.

He received his BS from the University of Arizona and MS from UCLA in Mining and Economic Geology. He enjoyed a career in exploration mineral geology and contributed to the discovery of mines in Arizona and Australia of Copper, Molybdenum, and Nickel. He ended as principal geologist for the famous University of Illinois Champaign Urbana Department of Geology, publishing and authoring over 30 scientific articles, principally on a purposed ultra-deep drill hole project. His work with Hanna Mining co, Phelps Dodge and British Petroleum led him to the back country as far as Peru, Saskatchewan, New Guinea and Australia.

After retiring he collaborated with the University of Nevada Reno Department of Biology as a master bander for over a decade. He cofounded the Great Basin Bird Observatory, and is past president of the Lahontan Audubon. His love for the outdoors has led him to so many faraway places and also to photography, wildlife painting and writing. His recent unpublished book "In Quest of a Personal God" is certainly one of his last treasures.

To View Tribute video: [https://youtu.be/\\_xPXLuOdcgQ](https://youtu.be/_xPXLuOdcgQ)

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 31. 2:00 PM (PT)

St. Teresa Of Avila Catholic Church  
3000 N Lompa Lane  
Carson City, NV 89701

## Mass

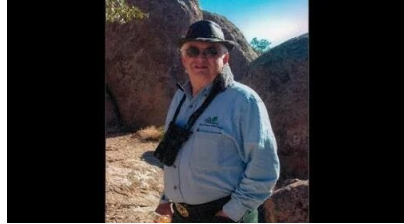
AUG 31. 3:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Autumn Funerals & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of J. James Eidel



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**Autumn Funerals & Cremations** - August 30, 2022 at 02:49 PM

DS

“ Alicia, we just learned of Jim's death. Two years late and we apologize for the delay in this communication. Our Christmas card to you two was sent back. You and I and my wife Lily met in Los Angeles at our wedding for which Jim was one of the ushers. I have pictures of you and he at the reception.

Jim and I went to high school together at Wappingers Central School in Wappingers Falls, NY. I was in the Army when Lily and I got married; we got married in L.A. because her folks had moved there from back East. Jim was at UCLA (I think) at that time so we asked him to be one of the ushers. We haven't seen either of you two since.

Jim and I were very good buddies in high school. We talked by phone a couple years ago and we always promised each other that we would visit, but unfortunately we never did.

We hope you are well

My phone number is 415-902-4519. Please call if you feel like it.

David and Lily Sage



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David Sage - January 30, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ J. James Eidel

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November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ J. James Eidel

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November 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM

DP

“ Dear Alicia, Eve, Mark, Mallory and Family, Bill and I send you all our heartfelt condolences in the shock news of the passing of Jim.... As you know, Alicia, our eldest daughter is named after you so you are always a part of our family. Working at the Melanesian in Lae for the short time in early 1970, gave me an opportunity to meet your family - and you guys were in fact my touchstone of sanity during this crazy time while I was waiting for Bill to come up to New Guinea to officially propose. Thank you for being that essential survival point. It has been lovely to keep in touch over the past decades, charting your movements and your progress. Jim could never be kept down - he had such a wonderfully broad range of interests that he maxed life to the full. You only have to look at his broad smile in these photos and you can see that he loves life - and spreads that love to all those around him. He especially becomes more alive when there are children around. Alicia, how lovely it was to meet you and Jim when we travelled to the States or Canada to see our daughter, Corinne. Thank you for doing this; little did we know we were saying goodbye. Mallory, it has been lovely coming into your orbit and knowing you have been adored by two special grandparents. Very proud of where you are at. Please know our home is your home when you come to Australia - those New Guinea links are strong. We especially loved the footage of New Guinea. May Alicia continue to rule over the brood of beautiful young men and women, so these special genes carry on improving the calibre of future generations. With much love, Bill and Di Perkins



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**Di Perkins** - September 02, 2022 at 12:42 AM

SD

“ The Dobler branch of the Eidel family sends their prays to Alicia and the entire family. My father Ron Dobler enjoyed talking with his cousin Jimmy during the past few years - they are together again.

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**Steve Dobler** - August 30, 2022 at 07:06 PM