James Peter Batestas

December 2, 1932 ~ February 4, 2018

Our beloved, husband, father, grandfather, James P. Batestas (Jim), 85, passed away on February 4, 2018 surrounded by his family after a long and difficult battle with the complications associated with dementia. He was born December 2, 1932 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Helen and Peter Batestas.

Jim graduated from South High School in 1949. He attended the University of Utah and then later served honorably in the Utah National Guard for 8 years. Jim had a distinguished professional career as President/Owner of Batestas and Co. food brokerage, formerly Ken Kammerman Co. from 1960 through 1996 when he retired.

In 1952, Georgina L. Kammerman entered his life, shortly after they were married, August 14, 1954. They spent 63 years of devoted marriage to one another. His adoration, love, and commitment to her throughout his life was admirable. Rarely did you see Jim without Georgia. Jim enjoyed taking frequent European trips with Georgia to France, Italy, Greece, and England. Some of their most cherished, memorable times were spent with family and friends at their home in La Quinta, California and their condo in Sun Valley, Idaho.

Jim was very proud of his Greek heritage and was a member of the Greek Orthodox Church. He was an avid Utah Jazz fan in their earlier days, later becoming a diehard and devoted season ticket holder to University of Utah football. Jim had a penchant for the finer things in life, foreign cars, fine food, tailored suits, and Italian leather shoes. He personified class and style. He loved culture, art, history and music; especially classical music and Sinatra. Jim was a true gentleman through and through. He possessed a quick wit and a beguiling charm. Jim's devotion to his wife, Georgia will forever endure. The love and guidance he showed to his children and grandchildren will forever be appreciated. Above all, Jim loved and cherished his family. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. May his memory be eternal.

He is survived by his loving wife, Georgia Batestas; son, James Batestas; daughters, Christine B. Adams (Web), Michelle Stevens (Tally), grandchildren; Tally Jr., Nichole, Coleson, Lulu, and his beloved grandpup, Gidget. Preceded in death by his parents Helen and Peter Batestas; sister, Eugenia Kappas.

The family would like to express gratitude and appreciation to The Ridge Senior Living and their staff along with Brighton Hospice for the care and concern shown to Jim over the past months.

Graveside services will be held Friday, February 9, 2018, 1 pm with visitation one-hour prior at Larkin Sunset Lawn, 2350 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. A celebration gathering will follow at the Salt Lake Country Club, 2400 Country Club Drive, from 3 to 5pm.