

James A. Bonin -- Born October 1, 1930. Born to Eternal Life August 25, 2005 after a brave fight with leukemia. Beloved husband of Dorothy (nee Coon). Devoted father of David (Deborah), Christopher (Jacqueline), John (Shelley) and Anne (David) Grotkin. Loving grandpa to Michael, Steven, Rachel, Charlie, Daniel, Sophie, Rebekah and Katie. Preceded in death by parents Anton and Priscilla of Manitowoc, and sisters Bernice and Violet. Brother of Hildegarde, Charlotte, Mary Ellen, Donald (Janet), Richard, Tom (Bonnie) and Judith. Son-in-law of Ruth Egelhoff. After serving in the Navy during the Korean War, Jim earned an electrical engineering degree from Marquette University, followed by a masters degree from the University of Wisconsin. Jim was a member of the Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit Honor Society), the Marquette University Athletic Board, and numerous other honor societies. Jim was a member and president of Triangle Fraternity as well as its KSR Alumni board. Jim taught electrical engineering at Marquette University in the 1950's, and served on the Civil Defense Agency. Later, Jim joined Delco Electronics (formerly AC Spark Plug) on the eve of the space age. Over the years, he helped design, build and test many of the guidance and navigation systems used in military defense, moon exploration and civil airline navigation. The pinnacle of his career was working on inertial guidance systems for the Apollo spacecraft which landed men on the moon. Later he retired to enjoy a life of family, friends, travel and gardening. Jim was a steward of the environment and loved hunting and fishing. Visitation is at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 12700 W. Howard Ave., New Berlin, on Monday, August 29 beginning at 9:30AM. Fr. Steven Amann and Fr. Bernie Sippel will concelebrate the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30AM. Interment will be at St. Adalbert's Cemetery. The Bonin family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Ronald Hart, the wonderful oncology nurses and aides of St. Luke's Patient Tower, the caring staff of Aurora VNA Zilber Family Hospice, and Father Sippel. They made his journey easier. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Leukemia Society of Wisconsin, 4125 N. 124th St., #A, Brookfield, WI 53005 would be appreciated. CHURCH AND CHAPEL