



James D. Duffey

October 16, 1936 - November 3, 2019

James D. Duffey, 83, of Boonville, Indiana passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on November 3, 2019, after a relatively short but valiant battle with ALS.

Jim was born in Lyons, Indiana on October 16, 1936 to Earl and Catharyn (Moore). A Lyons high school basketball standout, Jim played for Tony Hinkle at Butler University and then for I.S.U. Jim was married to Carolyn (Ramsey) Duffey for 60 years and was father to Kim and Gregg.

Jim loved teaching business and physical education. Jim first coached basketball (with Joe Cabel) at L&M High School in Lyons, Indiana from 1959-1970 with his teams winning sectionals in 1968 and 1969. In 1970, Jim became basketball coach at Boonville High School, winning sectionals in 1976-77 and 1977-78 and the Evansville Regional in 1977-78. In 1979, Jim became vice principal working with principal Larry Riggs; Jim was BHS principal from 1991 until he retired in 1998. His enthusiastic attitude and genuine interest in the well-being of the student body positively impacted the lives of many players and students throughout his career.

After retirement, Jim continued to stay active by riding his bicycle and playing golf. Jim also continued playing basketball well into his 70s and was on the gold medal Senior Games team in 2007. He was also inducted into the

Boonville High School Hall of Fame 2016 and received the White River Valley Alumni Award 2016.

Jim loved visiting with friends and family, former students, and especially former players. Jim was a wildlife enthusiast, who loved to feed and watch the deer in the back woods. Jim continued to be an avid Butler Bulldog basketball fan, attending as many games in Hinkle Field House as possible. Being movie aficionados, Jim and Carolyn were often seen at the movies almost every weekend. Jim was also known for his special Chex Mix recipe at Christmas and for his euchre card-playing skills.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife Carolyn, daughter Kim of Carmel, Indiana, son Gregg of Washington, DC; sister Sharlene (Bill) Harrah; niece Cathi (Carl) Barzilauskas of Bloomington, Indiana; nephew Patrick (Danna) Harrah of Spring, Texas; brother-in-law Gary Phipps (Sandy) of Southport, North Carolina; nieces Lisa Karcher of Redbank, New Jersey and Debbie Phipps of Providence Rhode Island; and many cousins, grand nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. CT on Thursday, November 7, 2019, at Bradley's Colonial Chapel, 1005 E. Main St., Boonville, Indiana; on Friday, November 8, 2019, from 1-8 ET at Jenkins Funeral Home in Lyons, Indiana; and on Saturday, November 9, from 12-2 ET at the L&M Gym before the funeral. Per Jim's request, his funeral will be held in the old L&M Gymnasium (now WRV Middle School gym) in Lyons, officiated by Reverend Phil Mercer, pastor emeritus—First United Methodist Church, Plano, Texas and former Lyons and Butler teammate of Jim. The funeral will begin at 2 pm ET/1 pm CT on Saturday, November 9, 2019. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greene County Foundation—Jim Duffey Basketball Fund, which was set up to benefit the White River Valley high school basketball program.

Online condolences may be made www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Lyons
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Lyons, IN 47443
(812) 384-4212
info@jenkinsfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

NOV 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ I just learned of Jim's passing. I always enjoyed seeing him with Carolyn at the Bloomfield class reunion. My heartfelt sympathy to Carolyn and family. We will all miss him. God bless...



Maynard Raggio - April 21, 2020 at 01:03 AM

DH

“ Nothing but fantastic memories of Jim and Carolyn traveling to every Rose-Hulman football game, rain or shine.

Dean Hill - November 12, 2019 at 09:49 PM

JA

“ Probably the first basketball game I ever attended was in the old Lyons (Lions) gym. I was in diapers & Jim Duffy was probably playing. My Dad coached basketball in Lyons during Jim's high school years and Jim Duffy was my first "basketball hero." My Grandparents (Tom & Flo) lived right next door to Earl & Cathryn. I have a minute or two of black & white 8 MM film during a Lyons Lions warm up before a game in the old Lyons gym if the Duffy family would like to have it. I'm not sure if Jim is shown in the footage or not.

Jim Aydelotte

Jim Aydelotte - November 06, 2019 at 06:59 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of James D. Duffey.* ”



November 06, 2019 at 04:52 PM