



James Richard Jackson

June 13, 1942 - February 21, 2024

James Richard Jackson, 81, of Evansville, formerly of Bloomfield, passed away on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, Indiana.

Born June 13, 1942 in Bloomfield, he was the son of George E and Virginia (Wildman) Jackson.

Rick retired in 1995 as the Vice President for Dayton Power and Light. He was a member of the American Legion Post 196 Bloomfield, the Elks Lodge 2120 Rochester and the Vanderburgh EMA. His hobbies included model airplanes and ham radios.

Surviving relatives include: his wife, Rita Heathcotte, whom he married January 1, 2009; one daughter, Laura D. Fitzgerald (Don); his step children, Brooke Weinzapfel (Harold "Buddy" Swift, fiancée), Britt Stemme (Brian) and Brice Heathcotte (Dr. Kimberly); step grandchildren, Jacob Weinzapfel, Jillian Dumond (Jeffrey), LTJG Joshua Weinzapfel, Jenna Weinzapfel, Kathryn Stemme, Rachel Stemme, Mark Stemme, Jules Weinzapfel, Jonah Weinzapfel, Jourdan Weinzapfel, Frances Stemme, Sam Heathcotte, Evelyn Heathcotte and a step great-grandchild, Simon Dumond.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of Life will be conducted at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield, with Rev. Don Fitzgerald officiating. Interment will follow in Walnut Grove cemetery in rural Bloomfield.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Grove Cemetery

Walnut Grove Road
1458 S. Walnut Grove Road
Bloomfield, IN 47424

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Bloomfield
421 South Seminary Street
Bloomfield, IN 47424
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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin and Sue Igo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Richard Jackson.

Kevin and Sue Igo - March 01, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Richard Jackson.



March 01, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ Always enjoyed Rick's sense of humor and his laugh. He was a lot of fun. He always greeted me as his favorite cousin. He never failed to make me smile.

Sandi Jackson

Sandra Jackson - February 29, 2024 at 04:03 PM



“ Sandi and Brian Jackson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Richard Jackson.

Sandi and Brian Jackson - February 29, 2024 at 03:56 PM

SJ

“ *Sandi and Brian Jackson purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James Richard Jackson.*



Sandi and Brian Jackson - February 29, 2024 at 03:56 PM

SH

“ *On behalf of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society (TARS), we wish to send our condolences to the family of our wonderful friend. Rick (K9EXY sk) was a cherished member and awarded our club's highest honor, the McCutchan Award. He was a true friend and great ham who will be missed greatly.*
Scott Hibbs, KD4SIR
President TARS 2023-2024

scott a Hibbs - February 29, 2024 at 03:33 PM

RJ

“ *1 file added to the album Rick Jackson*



ROBERT L JACKSON - February 29, 2024 at 10:26 AM

BJ

Rick with his new red 1958 Chevy Impala Convertible that I believe he received for his 16th birthday. RIP Cousin Rick!

Bob Jackson - March 02, 2024 at 08:52 AM

LH

“ Rick’s parents, George and Virginia, and mine, Bill and Sammy Strauser, were very good friends. They spent many happy times together, during their youth and throughout their lives. I remember Rick as a happy and playful little boy. During our teens, Rick became good friends with my boyfriend and future husband, Doyle Haywood. They shared similar interests in ham radio, and boating. They shared experiences and stories throughout the years. Rick was a groomsman in our wedding. We have always been very fond of him and are thankful for our friendship. God bless him and his family. We send our love, prayers, and condolences.

Linda Haywood - February 28, 2024 at 03:09 PM

LK

“ Luke K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Richard Jackson.

Luke K. - February 28, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Richard Jackson.



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Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - February 28, 2024 at 10:23 AM

HA

If you needed a friend to talk to, Rick was one of those. Rest in Peace Rick! See you soon !

Herbert Alvey - February 28, 2024 at 07:57 PM

CG

So enjoyed and loved Rick through the years. His wit, humor and joy encircled all those around him. Our love and prayers for the family. Cathy, Marv, Curtis and Wendy

Cathy Gilbert - March 01, 2024 at 08:56 PM

MR

I am now just learning of Rick's passing. My deepest sympathy to Rita and all of his family and friends. Rick was a lifelong friend, fellow Ham and fraternity pledge brother. One of the best...

Maynard Raggio - August 13, 2024 at 06:26 PM

DM

Time goes by so fast! I miss you dear friend. I really enjoyed our time together drinking coffee at Penny Lane or Panera. We sure did have some fun times.

Dennis Martin - February 22, 2025 at 07:34 AM