



James L. Bonifas

February 7, 1933 - June 11, 2013

James L. Bonifas, age 80, of Huntington, passed at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday (June 11, 2013) at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Family will receive friends 3 - 7 p.m. Thursday (June 13, 2013) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday (June 14, 2013) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, with one hour of visitation prior to service. Entombment will be held in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County, Indiana.

Those desiring, may make memorial contributions to the Ann E. Bonifas Scholarship at the University of Finley, Ohio, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

James was born February 7, 1933 in Decatur, Indiana, the son of Leroy and Manonna (Wertzberger) Bonifas. He graduated in 1951 from Huntington High School and received a degree in engineering at Illinois Institute of Technologies in Chicago, Illinois. He later married Barbara L. Rohm on September 16, 1956 in Huntington. She preceded him in death on October 18, 1998.

James worked from 1975-2000 as a salesman and later became Vice President of Sales for Allied Locke Industries in Dixon, Illinois. He was also a

salesman for Locke Steel Chain in Huntington, and prior worked at Model Engineering of Huntington in tool and die design. Jim was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntington and G.A.R Grand Army of the Republic. He loved woodworking and Civil War History.

Jim is survived by one son - Michael J. (Ann Marie) Bonifas of Huntington; a companion - Joyce Truitt of Fort Wayne; one grandson - Evan Bonifas and one sister - Joyce (Kermit) Jones of Fort Wayne. His wife - Barbara Bonifas and a daughter - Ann Bonifas, precedes him in death.

Cemetery Details

Gardens of Memory

11201 S. Marion Road 35
Marion, IN 46952

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **13.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
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wecare@baileylove.com
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JUN **14.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ Mike, I was sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Memories of him go way back to McCrum St. when we were little kids. The neighborhood kids always felt entertained when he was around. I never dreamt that he would become my neighbor on Flaxmill Road in later life. We always had a lot of fun when we were together. Remember the good times, especially today.

Pat Mettler

Pat Mettler - June 16, 2013 at 10:30 AM

MK

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Jim. We always enjoyed a good laugh and conversation with Jim. Our sympathies go out to the family and Joyce. We will miss Jim.

Mike & Char Knowlton



Mike & Char Knowlton - June 14, 2013 at 12:28 PM

DS

“ I was so sorry to hear of Uncle Jim's passing. I have such fond memories of him from my youth - always quick with a joke, a smile and a hug. He will be remembered with fondness and love.

Deb Suckow and Family

Deb Suckow - June 14, 2013 at 11:34 AM

MV

“ *Meagan & Garrett Vachon lit a candle in memory of James L. Bonifas*



Meagan & Garrett Vachon - June 13, 2013 at 03:50 PM

CB

“ *"My Dear Uncle Jim, I will truly miss you. What wonderful memories I have of him. He could light up a room and make a crowd know he was there(Giggle). I always looked forward to our family gathering for Thanksgiving Dinner. It was a yearly tradition at the Bonifas house and Aunt Barb would have the dining room table set to perfection and Uncle Jim was such a gracious host. A big part of our family is gone but will never be forgotten. His love of life carries on in all of us. Cheryl Bolinger and family*

Cheryl Ann Bolinger Niece of Jim Bonifas - June 13, 2013 at 03:30 PM

LA

“ *Uncle Jim was always so lively and rambunctious and fun when we were growing up. Later, he took a keen interest in my husband, children and me. Always upbeat and funny, we will remember him with a smile on our faces and love in our hearts.*

Laura Niekamp and family

Laura - June 13, 2013 at 10:24 AM

DM

“ Sorry to here of the passing of a great man and friend of the Mettler Family. I will miss our chats in my office from time to time. God's Speed Sir. Sincerely Dave Mettler



Dave Mettler - June 13, 2013 at 07:40 AM

TH

“ Tom Hoover lit a candle in memory of James L. Bonifas



Tom Hoover - June 13, 2013 at 06:57 AM

TH

I had the distinct pleasure of knowing Jim in a business relationship when I worked at CTB in Milford Indiana, I always enjoyed our time spent having lunch and discussing many things both personal and business. I considered Jim not just a business associate, but a truly good friend, I am sure he will be missed by many people. RIP my good friend, you have earned it.

Tom Hoover - June 13, 2013 at 07:01 AM

CZ

“ So sorry for your loss! Jim was a very unique man and he always had a way of making me smile. My prayers are with his family and lady friend during this time. Peace to all of you!

Christine Zahm - June 12, 2013 at 09:35 PM

CZ

“ *Christine Zahm lit a candle in memory of James L. Bonifas*



Christine Zahm - June 12, 2013 at 09:33 PM



A good man, good friend, lost touch over the years, and on my 80th birthday too. Sorry, Jim! Rest in Peace!

Jack Ade - June 13, 2013 at 10:31 PM