



## James Lee Jennings

July 27, 1938 - November 24, 2023

James Lee Jennings, 85, of Huntington, passed at 3:56 am Friday, November 24, 2023 at the Waters of Huntington.

James was born on July 27, 1938 in Markle, IN, the son of William Jennings and Deloros (Paul) Jennings. He graduated from Markle High School with the Class of 1956 and married Martha C. Smith on April 26, 1958 in Plum Tree, IN. Jim worked for the Huntington Fire Department from July 1968 - August 2000. He was the Fire Chief under the Kyle Administration from 1996 - 1999. Jim also worked in Dispatch and was a Driver for the Huntington Center on Aging. His other jobs included being a Representative for Standard Oil Company in Warren for 5 years, and he was a Wholesale Bread Rep for Sunbeam Breads in Ft. Wayne. Jim was a member of Markle Church of Christ and Northview Church of Christ and was a former member of the Huntington Exchange Club. He enjoyed fishing, wood working, camping, and traveling. He was a Coach for girls' softball for many years. Jim was a diehard Cubs fan and he traveled to Arizona for their Spring Training many times.

Survivors include his loving wife of 65 years Wife, Martha C. Jennings of Huntington, IN; Two Daughters, Rhonda Jennings (Brad) Green of Eufaula, AL, Renee (Matt) Armstrong of Huntington, IN; Sister. Marjorie (Harold) Arnold of Bluffton, IN; Two Grandchildren, Brooke Armstrong of Muncie, IN, Abriel (Kyle) Zerfas of Wabash, IN; Three Great Grandchildren, Chandler, Graham,

and Andie Zerfas of Wabash, IN; Two Step Grandchildren, Mistylee (Derek) Taylor of Ft. Wayne, IN, Ashley Armstrong of Berne, IN; Two Step Great Grandchildren, Karis and Gabe Taylor of Ft. Wayne, IN. He is preceded in death by his Father, William Ray Jennings, Mother, Deloros Jennings, Sister, Marcella Jean Cook, Sister, Mary Louise Brown, and Sister, Martha Ellen Foughty.

Visitation will be from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Thursday, November 30, 2023 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Graveside Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Friday, December 1, 2023 at Gardens of Memory Marion. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of James to the Cancer Services of Huntington County or Markle Church of Christ, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of James Lee Jennings.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

## Graveside Service

DEC **1**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Gardens of Memory  
11201 S. Marion Road 35  
Marion, IN 46952

## Entombment

DEC **1** (ET)

Gardens of Memory  
11201 S. Marion Road 35  
Marion, IN 46952

# Tribute Wall



“ Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of James Jennings.



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - November 29, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Martha you and your family have my deepest sympathy. Mary Holthaus

Mary Holthaus - December 06, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ Carol L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lee Jennings.

Carol L. - December 04, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Lee Jennings.



November 30, 2023 at 12:09 PM

MW

“ So sorry for your loss I know he will be missed. Prayers for his family.



Mary Waters - November 29, 2023 at 10:28 AM

TS

“ To Jim's family and friends my thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Terry



Terry E Scher - November 28, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Lee Jennings.



November 28, 2023 at 03:38 PM

HF

“ Helen & The Johnson Outdoors Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lee Jennings.

Helen & The Johnson Outdoors Family - November 28, 2023 at 03:38 PM

MS

“ Mark and I always adored Jim. He was a gentle soul and always smiled and was so nice. I worked at the City with Jim but knew him for many years when we met through Renee. Katlyn remembers him always supporting the girls during basketball. Enjoy that peaceful place in Heaven.

Mark & Lisa Smith - November 28, 2023 at 09:36 AM

RA

“ I am proud to have shared many times with Jim on the baseball field and the basketball court for Markle High School. He was a fair and tough competitor and always proud to be wearing the Burnt Orange and Black of the Markle Eagles. He will soar high and proud. My thoughts and sympathy for Martha and all the family.  
Ron Allred

Ronald Allred - November 28, 2023 at 12:58 AM

KH

“ kathy harper lit a candle in memory of James Jennings



kathy S harper - November 27, 2023 at 06:23 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Lee Jennings.



November 27, 2023 at 05:38 PM

AG

“ Jim was always a great friend. He we always be remembered, and certainly be miss by a great many people. Our sympanty to all his family.

Alan L Geiger - November 27, 2023 at 12:11 PM

KB

“ I will always remember going to the softball games and thinking Uncle Jim was a professional softball player!

kim banta - November 27, 2023 at 11:34 AM

DS

“ Dave and Linda Smith express their deepest condolences.



dave smith - November 27, 2023 at 11:33 AM

RP

“ Ron Vicki Pearson lit a candle in memory of James Jennings



Ron & Vicki Pearson - November 27, 2023 at 08:54 AM

SK

“ Shirley Kiefer lit a candle in memory of James Jennings



Shirley M Kiefer - November 26, 2023 at 06:53 PM

KA

“ As a youngster I enjoyed watching Uncle Jim play fastpitch softball in Markle for Heller Stone, Erie Stone, and perhaps some others.

Kent Arnold - November 26, 2023 at 06:20 PM

JC

“ Sending prayers for Jim, Martha and the rest of the family. It was an honor to serve as Jim's Deputy Chief on the fire dept.



Jeffry D Caley - November 26, 2023 at 09:19 AM

TF

I will always cherish the times I spent with Jim & Martha. He loved his family and loved the Chicago Cubs. What a great man. He was a christian. Save a place in heaven for me. TOM Fisher

Tom Fisher - November 27, 2023 at 07:24 PM