



James A. LeStarge Sr.

December 22, 1950 - October 4, 2021

James A. LeStarge, Sr., 70, of Huntington, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at 2:01 pm Monday, October 4, 2021 at his residence.

James was born on December 22, 1950 in Chicago, IL, the son of Charles LeStarge, Sr. and Helen (Meike) LeStarge. He graduated from Monticello High School in Monticello, Wisconsin. James worked at General Motors, in Facilities Support, retiring after 36 years of service. He was a member and Retiree of UAW Local 2209 and a member of the American Legion Post 160. He enjoyed riding his Harley, watching the Cubs and Bears, and shooting Pool in Leagues. He loved spending time with his grandkids and great grandkids and hanging out at the Legion with his friends.

Survivors include his Two Daughters, Kelly J. (Scott A.) Coe of Fort Wayne, IN, Randi L. (Anthony) Brooke of Bremen, IN; Son, James A. (Hallie Kruckeberg) LeStarge Jr. of Fort Wayne, IN; Fiancé, Gail I. Miller of Huntington, IN and her children, Robin I. (Brant) Driscoll of Huntington and Rachel A. Allred of Ohio; Two Brothers, Charles J. (Jane) LeStarge of Cape Coral, FL, Ronald J. (Donna) LeStarge of Monroe, WI; Sister, Margaret L. (Chuck) Goldstein of Roselle, IL; Thirteen Grandchildren; Five Great Grandchildren; and his former wife, Joyce E. Rawlins. He is preceded in death by his Father, Charles James LeStarge, Sr., Mother, Helen Marie LeStarge,

and Aunt, Dorothy (George) Frontzak.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 4:00 pm Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at Bailey-Love Mortuary. Face masks are required during all services.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of James to the Wounded Warriors Project or the Make a Wish Foundation, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of James A. LeStarge, Sr.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
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Service

OCT 19. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - October 15, 2021 at 05:55 PM

JE

he always made me smile

jennifer - October 16, 2021 at 09:21 PM

MG

worked with Jim at GM, good guy!

melvin Gillespie - October 19, 2021 at 07:22 AM

KA

Will miss you greatly my dear friend

Karla - October 19, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ *I would like to Thank all of my dad's family and friends who came to celebrate his life. He is going to be missed by so many.* ”



Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 20, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ My dad, what can I say about this amazing man? Everyone who knew him would say he was the most generous man with advise. He would say it just the way it was. No holding back. He was Kind, thoughtful (most of the time unless he forgot) I could go on And on. Those who knew him well already know all the wonderful things about him. What nobody ever seen was his sensitive side. I’ve only seen this man cry twice in my life. The first time was when we were at Riley hospital for our son Tanner and the Doctor came in and told us that he had cancer. How the heck can an 18 month old have cancer. As my dad wrapped his arms around Scott, my mom, Tanner and myself he said we got this together. He’s tough he has LeStarge in him, he will kick this cancers ass. Tanner went through 4 1/2 years of horrible treatments. He is know 27 and doing great. The second time was when he came to our house to tell us that the Doctor told him that he had kidney cancer and it wasn’t good. It was in the bones. We all cried. All we could say was we will be with him every step of the way. He was the Bravest, strongest man I know. He kept so much in to protect us kids, but we knew. We would hang out with him almost everyday, cooking for him, mowing, cleaning. Whatever he needed Jimmy, Randi, and I had his back. His friends have been great. Some would come visit, others would call. He claims he hated the phone, we all knew he loved all the calls. Thank you to all his friends who kept checking in on him all the way to the end. My uncle keeps telling me He did it his way. Dad did everything that way. I will love you and miss you so much and tell we are together again Dad 🥺



Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 18, 2021 at 09:50 AM

CO

Hi Kelly, I just heard of your father's passing and wanted to share my condolences. I only knew your father from my place of work, but he was one of my favorite customers. He always made me laugh and I could tell he was a great man. So sorry for your loss.

Courtney - November 13, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James A. LeStarge Sr..*



October 17, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James A. LeStarge Sr..*



October 16, 2021 at 11:45 AM

MC

“ *Margaret & Chuckie, Jane & Chuck purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James A. LeStarge Sr..*



Margaret & Chuckie, Jane & Chuck - October 15, 2021 at 11:36 AM

RF

“ Jim was a good team mate. He always had a smile on his face. I would always kid him about CUBS and he would wear that CUBS with pride. RIP Jim

Ron Fritzke - October 15, 2021 at 09:32 AM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 17, 2021 at 10:15 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James A. LeStarge Sr..



October 15, 2021 at 09:03 AM

ED

“ Erika Drew lit a candle in memory of James A. LeStarge Sr.



Erika Drew - October 14, 2021 at 07:11 PM



Thank you Erika!!

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 17, 2021 at 04:40 PM

MM

“ I really want to tell the story about the Raccoons but I think I will keep that one to myself. So hears my 2nd choice.
I remember one time we went out for Friday night fish fry. Jim ordered a beer and our Waitress told him she would need to see an I.D.
Then she left to get our drink order.
Jim mumbled some choice words. Then I said if she wants to see an I.D. I will make you one. So I took out an old business card turned it over and on the Blank side made up the funniest I.D. I could think of.

*First I Wrote the letters ID real big in the center
Then in one corner I wrote Name: Ass Wipe
Then In the other corner I wrote Age: Old Fart
Then in the 3rd corner I drew a stick man picture. I made sure the stick man had Jim's famous mustache. And of course I wrote Indiana in the Final corner.*

Now the reason I wrote his name down as Ass Wipe is because he had been giving my dad some crap. I mean if you know Jim he was really giving my dad some crap. Finally my dad looked at him and said " Ass Wipe"! And everybody lost it. To hear my dad say anything like that was a hoot.

I don't think I ever heard Jim laugh so hard. So naturally all of us were calling Jim Ass Wipe for the day.

When our waitress finally brought Jim his Beer and he had to show her his ID she just busted up laughing.

She took that homemade ID all over the Bar showing every single person. By the time we left as always Jim was the most popular guy in the place.

Jim used that fake ID for years until one time he must have left it at one of his stops or someone else kept it and if that is true than I am sure where ever the ID is someone is having as much fun as Jim had with it for all those years.

We will miss you big time. Especially at Thanksgiving Dinners.

This story is from Marian McIntyre (almost sister in-law) Almost in-

law is how our family introduced Jim to all of our friends.

Marian McIntyre - October 11, 2021 at 08:05 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 12, 2021 at 11:14 PM

RJ

“ *My condolences, he was one of the good guys.*

Randy James - October 10, 2021 at 10:02 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 12, 2021 at 11:13 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 12, 2021 at 11:13 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 12, 2021 at 11:16 PM

AI

“ *We rode our bikes in several fundraisers. Shared lots of laughs and cocktails. My sincere condolences to the family.*



Aimo - October 09, 2021 at 11:26 AM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 12, 2021 at 11:14 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 17, 2021 at 05:45 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 17, 2021 at 07:24 PM

TO

“ *I've known Jim for over 30 years we've golfed and bowled and shared a few beers together and shared bad karaoke at the legion I considered him a good friend he will be missed Tom Owen*



Tom Owen - October 08, 2021 at 03:37 PM



Thank you Tom!

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 12, 2021 at 11:14 PM



Thank you Tom

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 17, 2021 at 05:45 PM



Thank you Tom

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 17, 2021 at 07:23 PM

KG

“ Jim was a friend to all. I met him at GM and got to know him shooting pool, riding Harley’s and drinking beer. He loved the Cubies and Bears (even though the Colts kicked the Bears ass in a Super Bowl) 🤔 and lived just long enough to see the Cubs in the World Series!

I will miss the pool leagues, poker runs and just everyday bantering back and forth. He loved his and Gail’s kids, grandkids and great grandkids.

I hope he’s sitting somewhere right now, drinking a ice cold Bud Light and watching his teams winning.

You will be missed by many Jim!

Kevin Galbreath - October 07, 2021 at 11:09 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 12, 2021 at 11:14 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 17, 2021 at 07:23 PM

TO

“ Jim was the 1st person I met when I started at GM We headed off right away and became great friends There was a new game in the block and it was so grateful to have a great friend like Jim We'll play pool together for years I'm gonna Miss you my brother Yeah back in the day Eminem were a couple of the wild boys and lucky we lived this long Laugh out loud. Rest In apeace my friend.

Tonyvonesh - October 07, 2021 at 07:49 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 12, 2021 at 11:14 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 17, 2021 at 05:46 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 17, 2021 at 07:22 PM

BK

“ I remember him when I first hired in here. 🙏🙏🙏 Good Person

Brenda King - October 07, 2021 at 07:56 AM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 12, 2021 at 11:15 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 17, 2021 at 05:46 PM

CP

“ No matter when or where you saw Jim he always greeted you with a smile and a laugh!!! He always looked out for you in a big brother way because Jim had a heart of gold!!! You will be missed my buddy ❤️ Cathy & Scott Poolman

Cathy Poolman - October 07, 2021 at 12:25 AM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 17, 2021 at 05:46 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 17, 2021 at 07:23 PM

RB

“ I just heard you had moved on Jim. I have not seen you for awhile. Well buddy, save me a seat.....I am probably not far behind.

Robert Barker - October 06, 2021 at 06:29 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 12, 2021 at 11:15 PM



Our sympathy to all the LeStarge families. We will always have good memories of living on Crestview Street in Janesville. The Fick Families.

Sharon Fick - October 15, 2021 at 05:24 PM



Sending our sympathy to all the LeStarge families. We will always have good memories of living on Crestview street in Janesville. From all the Fick Families.

Sharon Fick - October 15, 2021 at 05:26 PM



Thank you

Kelly LeStarge Coe - October 17, 2021 at 05:47 PM