



## James M. Wertenberger

May 11, 1934 - April 27, 2016

James M. Wertenberger, age 81, of Huntington, died at 9:20 a.m. Wednesday (April 27, 2016) at his home.

Visitation will be from 4 - 7 p.m. Friday (May 6, 2016) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday (May 7, 2016) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Rev. Nancy Rosinski officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Entombment will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials are to the Leelanau Conservancy or a charity of the donor's choice, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Jim was born on May 11, 1934 in Jackson, Michigan, the son of Morris and Florence (Pangborn) Wertenberger. He graduated from Richmond High School in 1952 and from Indiana University in 1956, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He married Jean W. Wildermuth on June 16, 1956; she preceded him in death on November 9, 2011. In 1964, he founded Wertenberger Tire in Huntington, where he worked for over 50 years. Jim was involved in various civic boards, committees, and organizations serving the community of Huntington and was a member of Trinity United Methodist

Church. He enjoyed golf, sailing, photography, history, nature, and traveling with his wife.

Survivors include a son - Jeff (Denise) Wertenberger of Huntington; a daughter - Judy Wertenberger of Fort Wayne; a brother - Tom Wertenberger of Denver, Colorado; and two grandchildren - Eric Wertenberger of Los Angeles, California and Lindsay Wertenberger of Arlington, Virginia. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a brother, Morris Wertenberger Jr.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Cemetery

1700 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAY 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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MAY 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of James M. Wertenberger*



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - May 05, 2016 at 09:54 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James M. Wertenberger.*



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May 06, 2016 at 07:49 PM



“ *We weren't able to get together often since our family moved to the west coast, but I always looked forward to seeing my Uncle Jim. He was funny and sharp. I remember playing board games with him and visiting him when he was in Palm Desert. He always seemed to be traveling, and in general simply making the most of his time on Earth. I will miss him.*

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**Mary Ann Wertenberger-Hart** - May 06, 2016 at 07:05 PM

BB

“ We remember when Jim and Jack were changing tires on the sidewalk by Johnny's Drive In...what a wonderful business he grew from there. Huntington has lost a good man!  
Our sympathy to your family,  
Bill & Carol Byrd

Bill & Carol Byrd - May 06, 2016 at 05:59 PM

DK

“ We enjoyed our time with Jim up here at The Homestead in Glen Arbor, Michigan. He enjoyed his time here so much and always reached out to say hello. We will miss him! Diane Kemp

Diane Kemp - May 06, 2016 at 04:17 PM

SR

“ Shari Regan sends hugs and love to Jeff and Judy, and to Lindsey and Eric, and grieves the loss of her "second father" Jim Wertenberger.



Shari Regan - May 06, 2016 at 01:54 PM

SN

“ Simeon North lit a candle in memory of James M. Wertenberger



Simeon North - May 05, 2016 at 10:17 PM

ED

“ *Ed and Harriet Dewald express our sympathy to Jeff, Denise and family. Jim and Jean were long time friends of ours. We have many great memories of them while in Huntington. We send our love to you all.*

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**Ed and Harriet DeWald** - May 05, 2016 at 02:00 PM

BL

“ *25 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - May 05, 2016 at 09:51 AM

CL

“ *Sorry for your loss! Carolyn Land & Marvin*

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**Carolyn Land** - May 01, 2016 at 08:08 AM

OW

“ Jim has been a loyal customer of mine ever since I plumbed his Worthman-built home in 1972. Shortly after meeting him, I was in need of tires, and was unhappy with the service & tires I received in Fort Wayne, so decided to try Jim. Although it's a long trip to the south side of Huntington, I've continued to be Wertemberger's customer now for over 40 years due to the honest, & intellectual advice received, quality workmanship by the employees, personal attention given by the owners, and quality tires they've sold me at competitive prices. With Jim spending less time at the store over the past few years, Jeff and Judy have provided the same service and product that Jim gave everyone, so I continue to be their loyal customer as well.

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**Otto Bergman (aka WGP)** - April 30, 2016 at 01:17 PM

TB

“ Terry Burris lit a candle in memory of James M. Wertemberger



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**Terry Burris** - April 30, 2016 at 11:31 AM

TB

“ Terry & Rebecca Burris lit a candle in memory of James M. Wertemberger



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**Terry & Rebecca Burris** - April 30, 2016 at 11:27 AM

TT

“ We have great memories of sailing and traveling with Jim, a warm and generous friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. To and Kaye Tyler

Thomas Tyler - April 29, 2016 at 09:15 AM

DD

“ Dawn Downs lit a candle in memory of James M. Wertenberger



Dawn Downs - April 29, 2016 at 08:35 AM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. You have my sympathies.

Dawn Downs - April 29, 2016 at 08:34 AM

DW

“ So sorry for your loss... I had the pleasure of getting to know Mr and Mrs Wertenberger a few years back when the Mrs. Was receiving therapy at a local nursing center... What great people they both were! Again, so sorry for your loss.

Dawn Whitacre - April 28, 2016 at 09:27 AM

RT

“ Our thoughts are with you.



Rhonda & David Kattau Nashville TN - April 28, 2016 at 05:08 AM

MH

“ Jeff, so sorry to hear of your dads passing. I have great memories of waiting on him at Johnnys as well as selling Girl Scout cookies to all the guys at Wertenberger tire. I know that my dad always thought highly of him and enjoyed the time that he worked there long ago. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Missy (Keiser) Hammond*

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**Missy Hammond** - April 27, 2016 at 10:44 PM

BL

“ Sorry for your loss. Brent and Lisa Louthan.



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**Brent Louthan** - April 27, 2016 at 08:47 PM