



## James R. Wiley

April 10, 1936 - October 5, 2011

James R. Wiley, age 75, of Huntington, passed at 8:09 p.m. Wednesday (October 5, 2011) at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Jim was born April 10, 1936, in Lancaster Township, Huntington County, the son of I. H. and Mary (Alexander) Wiley. He graduated from Lancaster Township High School in 1954 and Huntington (College) University in 1960. He received a Master of Education from St. Francis University in 1967 and went on to earn a degree in Secondary Administration and Supervision from Ball State University. Jim was a veteran serving with the United States Army 101st Air Borne Division. On September 7, 1958, he was united in marriage to Janet L. McClurg at the Markle Church of Brethren.

Jim retired in 1996, after 36 years in education, with the Huntington County Community School Corporation serving as Assistant Principal, Athletic Director and Physical Education Teacher. In his spare time, he coached Junior League, Little League and Pony League Baseball for over 11 years. After retirement, Jim volunteered as an Escort for Lutheran Hospital for 10 years.

Jim was a member of The Chapel where he served as an Elder for 6 years. He was a member of the Huntington County Retired Teachers Association and Indiana Retired Teachers Association. Jim was inducted into the Huntington County Sports Hall of Fame and named Outstanding Educator in 1974. His

hobbies included golfing and fishing and he loved spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years - Janet L. Wiley of Huntington; one son - Philip J. Wiley of Huntington; one daughter - Ann (Steve) Newell of Augusta, Michigan; one brother - Jerry (Alice) Wiley of Huntington; three sisters - Carol Zurcher of Huntington, Nancy Wiley of Fort Wayne and Marilyn (Ken) Pientka of Middleton, Wisconsin; and four grandchildren - Danielle Wiley, Brett Wiley, Katelyn Newell and Kelly Newell.

Visitation will be 2 - 8 p.m. Saturday (October 8, 2011) at Bailey-Love Mortuary. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday (October 9, 2011) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with one hour of visitation prior to the service. Pastor Rick Hawks will officiate. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington County. V.F.W. Post #2689 will provide the Military Graveside Rites.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or Love, INC of Huntington in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

# Cemetery Details

## Lancaster Cemetery

5559 S. 300 W.  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
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wecare@baileylove.com  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of James R. Wiley



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jan & Family, Our hearts go out to you but we know Jim suffered enough & is in a much better place in heaven. We did so enjoy having you for neighbors in the park in Winter Haven, reminds us of Jim helping paint our place and you both were always so kind to us - will miss you both. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all - love, Hank & Betty Price

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**Hank & Betty Price** - November 03, 2011 at 10:50 AM



“ Mr. Wiley was my favorite teacher at Salamonie! I remember that he always called me by name and was seemingly smiling much of the time. He helped me with my golf game and gave me some much needed confidence too. When I ran in to Jim at the golf course, or community event, he always had something friendly to say. My heart felt condolences go out the family and friends of Mr. Jim Wiley.  
Mark Laymon, Warren.

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**Mark E. Laymon** - October 24, 2011 at 11:23 AM

PF

“ My entire family would like to send our sympathy to the entire family. Jim was a great guy and was very proud of his entire family. Treasure those memories, they last a life time.  
From: David, Pam & Derick Fields  
Kris & Julie Cossairt



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**Pamela Fields** - October 18, 2011 at 08:59 AM

JG

“ My deepest sympathy to the Wiley family. I grew up knowing Jim and the family from church and school. Jim was a great teacher and the whole family great people.  
Jeanette (Will) Goeglein

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**Jeanette Goeglein** - October 13, 2011 at 06:06 PM

GE

“ Some of my fondest memories are from our days officiating football games together. Jim was such a solid man and team member and a great Christian mentor for me when I was a young husband and father.  
I feel honored to have known Jim and he will be missed. My sympathies to all of his family and friends.

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**Gary Eberhart** - October 13, 2011 at 09:06 AM

SB

“ Jim was a honorable, compassionate, christian man whom I admired all the years I've known him, he will be greatly missed by all. My heart cries out for Janice and family I know what she is going through. God will be there for you, I know he is still there for me and my family.  
Sandra Brindle, Laura Westfall, Dawn Ferrell



Sandra Brindle - October 10, 2011 at 12:44 PM

FK

“ We sure appreciated our times with Jim and Jan ! Much Love ~  
Fred and Peggy Kendall

Fred and Peggy Kendall - October 09, 2011 at 03:16 PM

RB

“ We are sending our deepest sympathy to the family.  
Richard and Cynthia Bonham and Rose Ann Carroll Family

Richard and Cynthia Bonham - October 09, 2011 at 12:40 PM

JK

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family at this time.

Joyce Hinen and Joe Knott

Joyce Hinen and Joe Knott - October 09, 2011 at 07:09 AM

BL

We are so saddened to learn of Jim's passing. He was one of my teachers growing up in Warren. His kind smile and gentleness made our Junior High Days a little easier knowing that he was there. What a positive influence he had on me, as well as so many other students. Our sympathies go out to you and your family.

Becky and Larry Lance - October 16, 2011 at 09:24 PM

RB

“ *Mr Wiley coached me in pony league baseball.He was a kind and patient man.He gave me confidence in myself and my abilities when i needed it most..He made a difference in my life which is the true measure of a man and his life. Bob (Bobby) Bowers*

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**Robert Bowers** - October 07, 2011 at 06:45 PM

BZ

“ *Bob And Deb Zurcher lit a candle in memory of James R. Wiley*



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**Bob and Deb Zurcher** - October 07, 2011 at 01:51 PM

NW

“ *Nancy Wiley lit a candle in memory of James R. Wiley*



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**Nancy Wiley** - October 07, 2011 at 11:25 AM

KG

“ *Phil , Linda and I are deeply sorry for your family's loss. i have known Jim since he was my sixth grade teacher at Lancaster. We had many good time officiating together. He was a great friend. I know you and your family will miss him, remember he will come to you in your dreams and you will talk. I am sorry I will be unable to attend tomorrow and not sure about Sunday as family events move forward. But remember he will always be my friend and in my thoughts.*

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**Kevin Goodnight** - October 07, 2011 at 10:11 AM

KG

“ *Jim and Bob Carter used to sit in their car selling candy bars and keeping score at Salamonie games. They always gave me a candy bar.*



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**Kevin Goodnight** - October 07, 2011 at 10:07 AM

VM

“ *Nancy,  
You have our sympathy at the loss of your brother.  
Val and Sadie McIntire*

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**Val McIntire** - October 07, 2011 at 08:15 AM

BR

“ *Brenda lit a candle in memory of James R. Wiley*



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**Brenda** - October 07, 2011 at 06:40 AM

CZ

“ *Carol Zurcher lit a candle in memory of James R. Wiley*



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**Carol Zurcher** - October 06, 2011 at 07:12 PM



Shirley  
Bailey

*Nancy emailed me last night that Jim had passed away. I remember Jim playing basketball in high school & he was a pretty good player. Lancaster did real good in the 1950's winning their games. I know Jim is with God in heaven & waiting for his family! God bless all of you!*

*Shirley (Crawford) Bailey*

**Shirley Bailey** - October 06, 2011 at 07:56 PM



Shirley  
Bailey

*Carol, I hope everyone are all doing as good as all of you can.. I won't be able to go to Huntington this weekend. I live in Elkhart, IN*

**Shirley Bailey** - October 06, 2011 at 08:00 PM

MP

“ *Marilyn Pientka sent a virtual gift in memory of James R. Wiley*



**Marilyn Pientka** - October 06, 2011 at 05:46 PM

MP

“ *Marilyn Pientka lit a candle in memory of James R. Wiley*



**Marilyn Pientka** - October 06, 2011 at 05:46 PM

LB

“ Janet, Jim was a favorite basketball star of mine in the days gone by. We have followed his educational career from a distance since then. Our deepest sympathies to you and your family! Sincerely,  
Marlyn and Lois (Geiger) Byrd

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**Lois (Geiger) Byrd** - October 06, 2011 at 03:02 PM