



## James Edward Crewes

March 21, 1931 - September 19, 2020

James Edward Crewes, 89, passed away peacefully at the Franciscan St. Francis Hospice House in Indianapolis, the morning of September 19, 2020. Jim was born on March 21, 1931 to James A. and Marie Crewes. He loved the outdoors and was conferred the rank of Eagle Scout in 1945. A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, Jim graduated from Howe High School, where he excelled in golf and was a high school city champion. He would continue to be an avid golfer throughout his life. Jim served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a graduate of Franklin College, Class of 1955. Jim joined his uncle and father in the family typewriter business and later took over as owner of Indiana Typewriter & Supply Corporation, retiring in 2016.

Jim married Shirley Ann Teal in 1961. They enjoyed 54 delightful years together. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Patricia and his beloved wife, Shirley. Jim is survived by three nephews, Steve Shonkwiler (Janet), Norman Shonkwiler (Jean) and Jeff Shonkwiler (Dee); two nieces, Leslie Duket (Todd) and Sheila Acosta (Gus); and his “honorary” family members, Kris, Lisa, Sara, Melissa and Katie Feldhake.

Visitation will be held on October 9, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. with a service immediately following at 4:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Indianapolis Humane Society; Franciscan St. Francis Hospice House, 8414 Franciscan Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46237; or to the Alzheimer’s Association.

# Events

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**OCT**   **Visitation**                      03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel  
5377 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN, US, 46219

**OCT**   **Memorial Service**    04:00PM

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# Comments

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“ It’s a strange memory that came up this morning, but I remember as a kid a couple of our favorite tricks to play on our Uncle Jim. The first was to get him to first read a Dr. Seuss book to us and then a normal book. He was so tongue tied after Dr. Seuss (If I ran the Circus worked best) that he could barely get the words out on the second book. The second trick involved his Pontiac Grand Prix, I think it was a '62 but it might have been a '64. It had a big engine and a “super” gear. While he was stopped at a stop sign we would slip the shifter from Drive down into “Super”. He usually caught us but sometimes didn’t or just pretended he didn’t. He’d barely step on the gas and smoke the tires pulling away. Both of these would make us roar with laughter and he would always intentionally allow himself to “fall for it” over and over to our delight.

- Jeff Shonkwiler

Jeff Shonkwiler - October 09 at 03:02 PM

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“ Just wanted to share, if it wasn't for Uncle Jim, my 3 brother's and I wouldn't be here. He met my father in college, and liked him so much. He figured he would just have him marry his sister.  
Uncle Jim was the "cool" Uncle. We all looked forward to seeing Jim & Shirley when visiting our Grandparents. From mini golf to Monopoly or poker, he took us to see Star Wars when it came out in 1976.  
I have many fond memories of the time spent in Indianapolis. It will always have a special place in my heart.  
Leslie Duket (Shonkwiler)

Leslie Duket - October 08 at 12:33 PM

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“ I have some very fond memories of Jim and Shirley. They were like my second parents. My heart is happy that they are finally together in Heaven. Such an amazing loving couple. I was blessed to have had them in my life.

Conni Kirkham



Conni Kirkham - October 04 at 08:38 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Edward Crewes.



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