



James "Jim" Carl Birdwell

September 17, 1943 - August 28, 2024

James "Jim" Carl Birdwell,

Age 80, passed away peacefully Wednesday evening, August 28, 2024. He was born September 17, 1943, in Indianapolis, to the late Leonard Ray and Margie (Hudspeth) Birdwell. Jim was a 1961 graduate of Franklin Central High School and received his BS degree from Indiana Central (now University of Indianapolis) in 1970. He was employed at Navistar (International Harvester) for 30 years, retiring in 1999.

Jim was an avid sports fan, following the Indy 500, Colts, Pacers, and Fever. He enjoyed fishing, especially on Lake Okeechobee in Florida and Big Canon in Ontario. Jim loved being with family and friends for holidays and get-togethers, and enjoyed playing pinochle, Aggravation, and dominoes. He was an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church for over 40 years.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Phyllis (Alstott); daughter, Karen Jean (Brian Messer) Birdwell; son, Keith Ray (Diane) Birdwell; his greatest love, pride, and joy, granddaughter, Alexis Renee Birdwell; sister, Linda (Larry) Edwards, Kokomo, IN; sisters-in-law, Karen (Jerry) Roesener, New Palestine, IN, and Gloria Muhlhauser, Greenwood, IN; and many nieces and nephews and their families.

The Celebration of Life service will be held at 12 noon on Monday, September 9, 2024 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 Shelby Street, Indianapolis, with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church &

School or Lutheran High School of Indianapolis. Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Lutheran Church
6111 Shelby Street
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Celebration of Life

SEP 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We send our deepest sympathy to Phyllis and the kids. Jim was a good man and coworker. RIP Jim!

Bob and Tona Canter

Robert Canter - September 06, 2024 at 12:42 AM

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“ We will miss Jim and his enjoyable personality and great sense of humor. Our condolences to Phyllis, Karen and Keith - and the entire family.



Monte Meier - September 04, 2024 at 02:41 PM

RC

“ Loved playing pinochle with Jim. Will miss him. He gave so much.

Robert Cook - September 04, 2024 at 01:34 PM

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“ Thankful to have spent a lot of time in my childhood at the Birdwell house. What an incredible dad and guy! So loved by so many. Sending much love and prayers to the Birdwell family

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Angela Horsley - September 03, 2024 at 05:55 PM

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“ *A good friend and co-worker, Jim was a true gentleman RIP Birdwell. Condolences to the Birdwell Family.*

Steven Willett - September 03, 2024 at 05:28 PM