



James M. Rayhill

December 12, 1933 - February 27, 2020

James M. Rayhill, 86, of Indianapolis, passed away February 27, 2020. He was born December 12, 1933 in Washington, Indiana to the late Harry and Dullie Baldwin Rayhill. Jim was a 1951 graduate of Washington High School and attended Indiana University. Jim was proud to serve his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict in Bordeaux, France. He married the love of his life, Nancy S. Rayhill on May 5, 1962, and she preceded him in death on February 19, 2020. Jim was a very loving and compassionate husband, father and friend. He had worked for the railroad, Allison's Transmissions, and was the owner/salesman of Brookville Road Auto Sales. Jim was a singer in various church choirs, enjoyed gardening, bird watching, fishing, and traveling, especially to Myrtle Beach. He loved animals, cars and Nascar racing.

Visitation will be Monday, March 9, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11: 00 a.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street.

Jim is survived by his son, Jeff (Karen) Dula; daughter, Jill Majors; grandchildren, Jessica (Kendall) Luttrell, Jenna Dula and Ashleigh Majors; great-grandson, Remy Luttrell; sisters, Joyce Vietz, and Janice Wampold; and brother, Don (Noelle) Rayhill.

Jim was a 22 year cancer survivor. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Oak Grove Cemetery

9484 East 700 South
Cannelburg, IN 47519

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NR

“ Jim was a great brother to Don and brother-in-law to me. He and Don had some great fishing trips together.

Noel Rayhill - March 09, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear about Uncle Jimmy's passing. He was such a kind, gentle man with a tremendous sense of humor. My fondest memory of Uncle Jimmy is when my mother took us to Indiana for a visit. We had a wonderful time catching fireflies, eating the most delicious vegetables from Uncle Jimmy's garden, and swimming at Aunt Ruth's. My mother looked up to Uncle Jimmy and treasured her big brother. Blessings to Jeff, Jill and the entire family.
Leslie Wampold Corry

Leslie Corry - March 09, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of James M. Rayhill.



March 04, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ I have so many wonderful memories of Jimmy. When Tom and I visited Ruthie and Mel, he was over every day to visit. He was so good to Ruthie after Mel died. We were so grateful. I rode to Loogootee with him for Richie’s burial. He gave me a guided tour. We last saw him after he and Nancy moved part time to Texas. I’m so glad we got to visit before Tom passed. Love to your family, Jeannie Strange, Linda and Mary Ruth

Jeannie Strange - March 02, 2020 at 06:56 PM

PE

My Uncle Jim is my mom’s youngest brother and I have so many wonderful memories of him when I was growing up and then as an adult. He was so funny and he loved to hear a good story and he loved to tell stories. He always reminded me of my grandpa (Harry Rayhill) and he laughed like him too. Uncle Jim was a down to earth, humble man who loved his family and friends. We are all very fortunate to have had him in our lives and to be the recipients of his kindness and caring. He loved sweet corn on the cob and would always know where to find the best fresh picked corn on the cob during the season. I can’t count the times I saw Uncle Jim in the kitchen making a “hoosier breakfast” of biscuits and gravy, which is still a favorite breakfast in my family. He loved his Nancy and took such amazing care of her always. He was an incredibly generous man and had a giving heart. I will always be grateful for his love, care and concern for me and my family. He will be missed very much and I cherish his memory. Much Love to Jeff and Jill and your families, Pam Vietz Ender

Pam Ender - March 02, 2020 at 09:32 PM

BV

My Uncle Jim was one of the most big hearted, kind and genuine of humans. He could tell a story and just keep you laughing much like his dad, my grandpa (HR) . I have some wonderful memories of his place in Indiana and the fun times we spent exploring on the property, swinging on the tire then running down to Aunt Ruth's to swim. Family was always important to my Uncle Jim and he just loved having people around. His Hoosier breakfast was always something to look forward to and a family favorite that we have all learned to make and pass down as a tradition and now a special memory. He was a loving family man and devoted husband to my Aunt Nancy. He will be missed by all that knew him as he touched so many lives with his big heart. I love and cherish my memories of my Uncle Jim. To his family my deepest condolences and love.

Becky Vietz

Becky Vietz - March 04, 2020 at 12:32 PM

JU

I've known Jimmy since the late 50's when I started dating Paul, they were cousins and I know spent many happy times together in Loogootee as well as Indy. I will always remember him as a kind, gentle and loving man who was so close to his Aunt Ruthie and Uncle Mel. He and Nancy lived next door to them first on Bolton and then on Vandergriff. We had many happy times together at the pool, playing baseball in the front yard and also at Cataract Lake. Together they raised two wonderful children. Jeff told me he had promised to not send Nancy to a nursing home and he kept that promise and joined her eight days later. I'm glad they are together again. You are missed Jimmy Rayhill.

judy - March 08, 2020 at 02:03 PM

JV

It is so hard to say goodbye to my wonderful younger brother Jim. I have so many wonderful memories of him, so many that it would be too hard to write them all down. Jim was the kindest and most wonderful soul on this earth. There are so many, many things I could say, but I'm heart broken that Jim is gone. God's Blessings to you Jim. Love to you from older sisterJoyce.

Joyce Vietz - March 08, 2020 at 11:32 PM

SJ

I wish I had one good Jimmy story. I am kicking myself that I didn't ask more family history questions, get garden advice from Shooshe and get to know everyone better. What I remember most about Jimmy was his kindness and love of his family. My visits to see Shooshe and Papa Mel were just a few times a year. I was always overwhelmed getting caught up to date as a kid. Jimmy walking in the door brought the pressure down with a joke or funny observation about the change in my appearance through the years. I did get a chance to visit the cemetery in 2021. I said goodbye and thanked him for being there for my grandma just like another son.

Stacey Johnson (formerly Strange)

stacey johnson - August 23, 2022 at 01:59 PM