



## James Kelsey Rule

October 12, 1955 - June 4, 2021

65, of Indianapolis, Indiana, passed away June 4, 2021. He was born October 12, 1955 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Robert Rule and Mary (O'Leary) Rule. James was a sales manager with NAPA (Genuine Parts Company) for 35 years before retiring in 2019.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Services are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

James is survived by his wife of 32 years, Margaret F. Rule; daughters, Judy E. Ent and Rachel E. Rule; grandson, Jeffrey Wright; brother, Rick Rule; and sisters, Peggy Diedrich, Marlene Beach, and Kathy White.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Indiana Donor Network, or Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation. [www.shirleybrothers.com](http://www.shirleybrothers.com)

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ I am shocked to have just no learned of Jim’s death he was and incredible person a true friend, always a hard worker and was respected and loved by many. I have many great times traveling on the road with him over the 15 years we worked together with NAPA. Jimmy, sorry I don’t know about your leaving us to until today. Thank you for being an incredible friend and true friend. Have a beer for me and keep that big laugh going.

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**John Col** - December 03, 2022 at 10:24 PM

CP

“ Jim was such a cool guy us 6 Popes looked up to. He was always welcome at our house in the neighborhood on Winthrop. Every day time our grandma Kelley saw him walking up the front walk, she'd get all happy and greet him like family. We all did! He was a special friend to my sister Debbie and our family when we growing up. There is a place in our hearts and in heaven for Jim. Our prayers and condolences are with Jim's family and friends. He will be missed!

*Cindy Pope*

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**Cindy Pope** - June 10, 2021 at 12:57 PM

MR

“ Many family parties at the lake, at the diner, Jimmy was the "life" with a great smile and good stories! A fine Irishman at that!! Lifting the while family up in prayer for much peace and confort during this difficult time 💙 Molly

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**Molly Reid** - June 10, 2021 at 09:10 AM

CP

“ *Deepest sympathy to the entire family.  
Cindy (Holtz) Parker*



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**Cindy Parker** - June 08, 2021 at 11:19 PM

RD

“ *Oh my goodness. SO many memories...a stop at the Rule house on Saturday mornings while delivering The News was never complete without Jimmy, usually wrapped in a towel after the morning shower, grabbing the ping pong paddle and ball, "C'mon, quick game up to 7."*  
*What a laugh, what a spirit! Deeply saddened and yet, I'm smiling. God's Love and mine.*

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**RICK DONAHUE** - June 08, 2021 at 11:08 PM

MD

“ *Our mothers introduced us to each other when we were six. Living by one another on Prevost, we spent a lot time together. I loved his laugh, smile and that mischievous twinkle in his eyes. Oh the fun we had!!! I offer my deepest sympathy to the Rule family from all of the Dutzys.*

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**Michael Dutzy** - June 08, 2021 at 06:24 PM

RO

“ *Jim and I could stir up some things. lots of memories very sorry to hear he is gone.He will be missed.*

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**Robert O'Neill** - June 08, 2021 at 09:38 AM

DM

“ *Dan Mullan lit a candle in memory of James Kelsey Rule*



Dan Mullan - June 07, 2021 at 10:01 PM

Rachel Rule

“ *Papa,  
you taught me how to love myself even on bad days.  
you taught me not to take shit from anyone.  
you taught me to have an imagination.  
you taught no matter how bad something may be, you'll can always  
find the good in it too.  
you taught me how even if i fall down, 6 times, i better stand up 7.  
you taught me what it means to support someone.  
you taught me how to be goofy and silly.  
you taught me love and  
you taught me how to love unconditionally.*

*Papa, you taught me everything i needed to know, besides how to  
live without you.*

Rachel Rule - June 07, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of James Kelsey Rule.*



June 07, 2021 at 01:49 PM

MP

“ I can still here his laugh! He was my first love and he was the baseline for all of my later relationships. And he was sooo cute! My sincere condolences ☐!

Michelle de Putron - June 07, 2021 at 01:13 PM

AZ

“ Jim hung around with our group of friends from Detroit. I remember him as happy, always laughing and a super sweet guy. Many of us girls had a crush on him because he was so cute! I'm very sorry to hear this sad news and my condolences and prayers go out to his Family.



Anna M. Zarro - June 06, 2021 at 05:06 PM

DD

The memories are overwhelming Anna... He was the best of friends for many years, and hell...I had a crush on him ! He and I could make each other laugh till we ...

Don Donahue - June 06, 2021 at 10:45 PM

BT

Condolences to the Rule family

Bob Turner - June 07, 2021 at 07:38 PM

PM

Horrible news! Love you Jimmy Rule - Rest in Peace!

Patrick McNamara - June 07, 2021 at 10:05 PM

RD

*Dear Peggy, Richard, Marlene, Cathy. My deepest sympathy for your family who I love deeply ❤️*

*Growing up with the Rules was truly a great privilege!!! Many wonderful memories.*

*So sorry my heart hurts for all of you 💔*

*Love always,*

*The Recca Family*

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**Rosemary Dinser** - June 07, 2021 at 10:47 PM

BB

*Rest In Peace my friend. I remember Jim , Doug Smith and myself delivering newspapers in his fathers Dodge Dart, laughing all the way. I think we were maybe 13 years old. Prayers to Jim's family from all the Bailey's.*

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**Bill Bailey** - June 09, 2021 at 11:05 AM

KA

*My JOYful brother, Jim!! What an honor to be named after our Irish Grandfather, James Kelsey O'Leary!! You certainly had so many of his wonderful traits—a delightful smile and profound exuberance to transform the energy in a room just with your presence!! Topped off with a great joke, belly laugh, and a meaningful handshake, and a loving hug..what more can you ask for!!!!*

*What delight you took in the simple things, such as the wonderment of someone eating pineapple and cottage cheese on toast, and playing a Kazoo like a professional instrument, singing your own song ad-lib when your "friend" could not be found, and so many other stories to tell...*

*Your Love and Spontaneity lives on Forever in my Heart and Soul.....Another Bright Star lights up Heaven!! Sis, Kathleen*

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**Kathleen** - June 09, 2021 at 11:02 PM

DD

*That's beautiful Kathleen ! Would you please pass condolences to the rest of your family from all the Donahues 😔  
Jimmy was truly As Good As It Gets 😇  
And yes he did have your grandfather's traits and your mother's love  
♥️*

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**Don Donahue** - June 10, 2021 at 07:25 PM

CR

*Joe Renda  
Jim is my first friend on Prevost street around 1960. Many laughs and good times with Jim . Jim's take on things were always extremely funny. What a great personality. Glad he was a Friend. The Best!!!*

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**Carol & Joe Renda** - June 10, 2021 at 07:58 PM