



James G. Varga

June 8, 1942 - July 29, 2025

James G. "Snuffy" Varga,

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Jim "Snuffy" Varga, 83, who passed away at home on July 29, 2025. He was a devoted husband to Claudia (Flatt) for almost 40 years as well as a loving father and grandfather. Born on June 8, 1942, he was the son of George Varga and Genevieve (Neland) Varga. In his youth, Jim was a proud Eagle Scout. He graduated from St. Joseph High School, attended Ball State University, then went on to serve in the United States Air Force. He served 4 years in Montgomery, Alabama as a pharmacy technician. Jim worked at AM General, for South Bend Animal Control, and went on to a full career as a rural letter carrier for the United States Postal Service. He was deeply involved with the Indiana Rural Letter Carriers Association where he held the office of State President for two years. He also served as the Legion Commander of American Legion Post #357, South Bend, Indiana where he also participated in their Honor Guard.

Jim loved to fish, read, and had a deep appreciation of history. He loved spending time with his friends and will be deeply missed by many. Jim will always be remembered for his humor, friendliness, and penchant for funny hats and costumes. He was known to dress up as a Christmas Elf yearly, spreading joy to local nursing homes.

Jim is survived by his wife, Claudia Varga; children, Anna Varga (Nick Peoni) and Sam Varga (Leisha Jenkins); stepson, Allen Misk; two grandchildren,

Lucy and Nick Peoni; and two sisters, Janet Berry (Charlie) and Joellen Varga (Tom Arden).

Visitation will be held Monday, August 4, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service at 4:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 East Washington Street.

Graveside services will be held Friday, August 22, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at Highland Cemetery, 2257 Portage Avenue, South Bend, IN 46624.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel
5377 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 357-1181
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 4. 4:00 PM (ET)

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

AUG 22. 3:00 PM (ET)

Highland Cemetery
2257 Portage Avenue
South Bend, IN 46616

Tribute Wall

HW

“ Varga,
You were the best buddy to me! You, Edley and Dan have made a huge impact on my life since the day I met y'all. Love and miss you my friend. Til we meet again. I planted a tree for you ❤️ Holly

Holly Whitaker - August 23, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James G. Varga.

August 23, 2025 at 10:58 AM

DW

“ Hi Claudia, My Beautiful Cousin I'm So Sorry About Jim. Such A Funny Man, You Have All Memories. You Have All The Friends To Lean On. You Can Lean On Me Anytime. Love You.

Debora Walls - August 05, 2025 at 12:13 PM

RC

“ Claudia, we are sending heartfelt condolences. We remember Jim as being a friendly, welcoming person. Ray and Ronne Craig

Ronne Craig - August 04, 2025 at 10:25 PM

SR

“ *Snuffy was a fun guy and good friend. I served on Honor Guard with him for a few years. We will miss your jokes. Claudia and family, you have our deepest sympathy.*
Steve and Jeri Rain



Steve Rain - August 04, 2025 at 11:29 AM

MB

“ *Great guy will always remember your friendship. Jim will be missed by All that knew him, My deepest condolences to Claudia and family!*

Matt Buczolich - August 03, 2025 at 07:30 PM

CA

“ *Carolyn A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James G. Varga.*

Carolyn A. - August 03, 2025 at 06:56 PM

JS

“ *Joan S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James G. Varga.*

Joan S. - August 03, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James G. Varga.*



August 02, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James G. Varga.

August 02, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ Love, Steve & Mary Condino purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James G. Varga.



Love, Steve & Mary Condino - August 01, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ Stones x2 and Camachos purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James G. Varga.



Stones x2 and Camachos - August 01, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Jim was the best mailman we ever had. Remembering all the fun times we had at St. Mary's. He was always so much fun. Sending you all our love and prayers. Dave and Lisa Stopczynski

Lisa Stopczynski - August 01, 2025 at 04:43 PM

BK

“ Brendan, Ami, Liam, & Kate purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of James G. Varga.



Brendan, Ami, Liam, & Kate - August 01, 2025 at 02:06 PM

BK

“ Brendan, Ami, Liam, & Kate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James G. Varga.

Brendan, Ami, Liam, & Kate - August 01, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James G. Varga.



August 01, 2025 at 01:48 PM

LP

“ Lucy and Nicky Peoni purchased the *Joyful Memory* for the family of James G. Varga.



Lucy and Nicky Peoni - August 01, 2025 at 10:02 AM

LP

“ Lucy and Nicky Peoni planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James G. Varga.

Lucy and Nicky Peoni - August 01, 2025 at 10:02 AM

SV

“ We are so sorry to her of your loss. But he will be missed by so many!!! I just had a message from him last week, wish I could have more! Thinking of you all.

Susan VanGoeye - August 01, 2025 at 09:38 AM

LJ

“ Love, Uncle Charlie and Aunt Janet purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James G. Varga.



Love, Uncle Charlie and Aunt Janet - July 31, 2025 at 08:23 PM

LJ

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