



R. James "Jim" Monkman

May 2, 1939 - December 2, 2025

R. James "Jim" Monkman, 86, of Indianapolis, passed away December 2, 2025. He was born May 2, 1939 in Osceola, Nebraska to the late Arthur C. Monkman and Adelaide E. Sanford Monkman. Jim was a graduate of Knoxville High School in Knoxville, Illinois and received his bachelor's degree in history from MacMurray College. He also attended Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary for two years. Jim proudly served in the United States Navy and married his lifelong love, Nancy Raia, in 1973. He worked for Rapid Repro Printing as a manager and technical service for 14 years.

Jim is survived by his wife, Nancy L. Raia Monkman; daughters, Jennifer Baker (Robert) and Beth Shields (Brian); seven granddaughters; one great-grandson; and sister, Mary Margaret Ashton. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kimberly A. Poland.

In lieu of flowers, Jim has asked that donations be made to St. Pauls's Episcopal Church music program (Indianapolis).

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of R. James "Jim" Monkman.*



December 13, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ *I remember taking Jim and Nancy home one year in Indy. Very kind man to talk to him. Nancy and your family are in my prayers filled with Love for All, Always. May God Bless this family with strong faith.*



Wanda K Miller - December 06, 2025 at 07:46 PM



“ *Irma Petrosino lit a candle in memory of R. James "Jim" Monkman*



Irma Petrosino - December 06, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ *MILDRED BAKER lit a candle in memory of R. James "Jim" Monkman*



MILDRED BAKER - December 05, 2025 at 06:43 PM

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He obviously loved his family and the Lord very much. My condolences to the family. - Twyla Pitman

Twyla Marie Pitman - December 06, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“*Jim was a wonderful man that my wife (Judi) and I spent wonderful times camping with many years ago and I worked with and learned from for quite a few years, he will missed
Jim & Judi Franks*

Jim Franks - December 05, 2025 at 02:59 PM