



Chief Master Sergeant James "Jim" E. Teeter, RET.

September 23, 1950 - October 28, 2011

Chief Master Sergeant James "Jim" E. Teeter, RET of Bluffton passed away at his residence as a result of an accident on Friday, October 28, 2011.

Jim was born on September 23, 1950 in Rochester, Indiana to Robert V. & Lois M. (Geahart) Teeter. He graduated from Rochester High School with the class of 1968.

Jim entered the Air Force in 1970 and served for six and half years in active duty. In the same year he married Jane E. (Cogdill) Teeter in Kewanna, Indiana. He served as the Director of Diagnostic Services at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic in Bluffton for 11 years. He retired as the Director of Outpatient Services at Parkview- Huntington Hospital, where he served for 6 years. In 1981 Jim went back in the Air Force, this time as a reservist for the 930th Tactical Group at Grissom Air Force Base in Peru, where he worked as the manager of Aerospace Medicine for the 434th Air Refueling Wing. He faithfully served for the next 27 years, retiring in 2008 as a Chief Master Sergeant, the highest rank possible to obtain in the Reserves.

Jim is survived by Jane his wife of 41 years of Bluffton along three daughters; Jennifer (Brad) Watson of Benton, LA, Jessica (Braden) Teeter-Butler & Jaclyn (Chad) Shaw both of Fort Wayne. Ten grandchildren; Aryn, Tori, Tyler, Regan, Jacob, Ryan, Sophia, Sampson, Nicholas & Ellaina. He is also survived by siblings; William D. (Marily) Teeter of China, Donna (Walt) Koebcke of Kewanna, IN, and Judy Collins of Francesville, Indiana. Just a few short months ago, Jim stood before his family at his US Air Force Retirement Ceremony, and touched everyone there with the following statement: "We are given a purpose, and once that purpose has been fulfilled, we are given a new one to pursue." Private family services have been entrusted to the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Memorial may be made in Jim's memory to the Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana through the funeral home. Friends can send online condolences to www.thomarich.com

Tribute Wall



“ Chief Master Sergeant James "Jim" E. Teeter, RET.

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Jane and family-I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers go out to each one of you during this time.##imported-begin##Kerry LaMaster##imported-end##

November 04, 2011 at 02:14 AM



“ Jane and family, we are so sorry to hear about Jim. Just wanted to let you know you are in our thoughts and prayers. I have thought about you so often Jane, even though we are many miles apart, the memories keep us together. Remember to take it one day at a time and talk about Jim and all the great memories you have of him with family and friends. My mom (Ruth) also wants you to know she is thinking of you and sending prayers your way also.##imported-begin##Linda (Talbot) Evans##imported-end##

November 03, 2011 at 08:19 PM



“ Jane and family~I am so sorry for your loss. I never got the pleasure of meeting Jim but he sure seemed like a great guy. I know you have so many special memories of him..keep those near and dear to your heart always. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Heather McKinley##imported-end##

November 03, 2011 at 06:35 PM



“ Dear Jane, Jenni, Jessica, Jaclyn and families,
Mike and I want to express our deepest sympathy wishes to you. We have such fond memories of Jim, especially the times we brought our little guys over to your home.
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love to all of you.##imported-begin##Gloria Smith##imported-end##

November 02, 2011 at 12:40 PM



“ Dear Jane and family,
My heart breaks for all of you. Always enjoyed hearing stories of the wonderful love you & Jim shared together. What wonderful memories to hold dear in your heart. I know the closeness of your family will help bring strength and peace to all of you. Lifting you up in prayers. Love, Kim###imported-begin###Kim Baker###imported-end###

November 01, 2011 at 02:33 PM



“ Jane, so sorry to hear about Jim. I haven't seen him in a very long time but he was a very nice man. I don't think I ever saw him without a smile. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.###imported-begin###Robin Major###imported-end###

November 01, 2011 at 01:28 PM



“ Jenny and family.

You, your mom and sisters are in our thoughts and prayers. Your dad was a great man.

Kristin Russell Knott###imported-begin###Kristin Russell Knott###imported-end###

November 01, 2011 at 11:37 AM



“ Jane, so sorry about Jim. Many years have passed since our time together in Peds. I was just thinking of you the other day and wondering if you still lived on Dustman and still worked at the hospital. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.###imported-begin###Judy Brown###imported-end###

November 01, 2011 at 09:09 AM



“ Jane & family; I am so sorry for your loss. I never met Jim but it sounds like he was a wonderful husband and father. May God comfort you during this difficult time. There just aren't any words that can ease your pain, so I will just say I'm sorry for this loss you all share and let you know I'm praying for your family.
Kathy###imported-begin###Kathy Bedwell###imported-end###

November 01, 2011 at 09:00 AM



“ Jane and family;##imported-begin##Kathy Bedwell##imported-end##

November 01, 2011 at 08:53 AM



“ Dear Jane & all of Jim's family,
I was stunned to get Ruth's message tonight. We're so sorry you have lost your dear husband, dad, grandpa & brother. We didn't know Jim well, but we knew he was wonderful to our dear Ruth & is beloved by all of his family. You're in our hearts & prayers. Love to All,
Bill & Vicki##imported-begin##Bill & Vicki Gupton##imported-end##

October 31, 2011 at 09:05 PM



“ Jane and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family.
Julie Frazee (Kennedy)##imported-begin##Julie Frazee##imported-end##

October 31, 2011 at 08:40 PM



“ Sorry to here about Jim.##imported-begin##Frank A Nordman##imported-end##

October 31, 2011 at 08:06 PM



“ I worked with Jim at Parkview Huntington and was fortunate to consider him a good friend. Jim and I played golf occassionaly. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Joe Rakoczy##imported-end##

October 31, 2011 at 03:56 PM



“ Dear Teeter family...We are out of town right now and just received a call from Winter that Jim passed away. We are so sad. We loved Jim and we love your family. Our words are so small and your loss is so large. Please know that we are lifting your familly up in our prayers.
With love and sympathy..
Dick and Patti##imported-begin##Dick and Patti Troxel##imported-end##

October 31, 2011 at 08:30 AM



“ Dear Jane and family,
We were greatly saddened to hear of Jim's death. Your family will be in our prayers.
Sincerely,
Bob and Barb Clyde
Kewanna###imported-begin###Bob and Barb (Bruce) Clyde###imported-end##

October 31, 2011 at 08:08 AM



“ My family and I are deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He was a wonderful man who always thought about others' needs before his own. When we worked together Jim often spoke of his wife Jane, his daughters, and their husbands and his grandchildren. He was extremely proud of all of them. I will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.###imported-begin###Steve Gagle###imported-end##

October 31, 2011 at 06:10 AM



“ Jane,
We are so deeply saddened for you and your precious family. I had always loved working with Jim at CN and PVH, and of course, you as well. Know you are all thought of at this time and I hope to give you a hug soon. Lifting you all to Our Father,
Chris Mann###imported-begin###Chris Mann###imported-end##

October 30, 2011 at 10:17 PM



“ Jane, and family; I am so very sorry for this huge loss. I always had fun conversations with Jim when I called to talk with you Jane. Had a great sense of humor. Keep your family close, and hold on tight to each other, and remember, and reflect on all of those wonderful memories. Take care, Shana###imported-begin###Shana Working###imported-end##

October 30, 2011 at 09:40 PM



“ Jane and family; my thoughts and prayers are with you all through this so difficult time. The strength and love of your family and the grace of God will help you through.###imported-begin###Michelle Evans###imported-end##

October 30, 2011 at 09:24 PM



“ Jane, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Hold your family close and their love will get you through.##imported-begin##Janet Siela##imported-end##

October 30, 2011 at 09:02 PM



“ Jane and family, So very sorry to hear of your loss. I remember the years working with Jim at PMH. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sherri Lett##imported-begin##Sherri Whiteman Lett##imported-end##

October 30, 2011 at 05:22 PM



“ Jim touched the lives of many people. He will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this sorrowful time.##imported-begin##Dorothy Ostrander##imported-end##

October 30, 2011 at 09:21 AM