



James D. Dedrick

September 26, 1932 - November 20, 2019

James D. Dedrick, 87 of Bluffton, passed away on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Jim was born on September 26, 1932 in Bluffton to James M. & Ethel L. (Bowman) Dedrick. He was a 1950 graduate of Bluffton High School and received a degree from IPFW.

Jim served our country in the United States Air Force, during the Korean War from 1950 to 1954. He was also a life member of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton, where he served as past commander for two terms and served on the honor guard. Jim was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton.

Jim and Irene M. (Dunne) were married on August 22, 1953 in Widnes, England.

He enjoyed gardening, composting and raising chickens. Jim was very active in the Legion Post #111 of Bluffton. He was self-employed as a tool and die maker, owning his own business since 1979. Jim loved walking the River Greenway.

Survivors include his wife Irene of Bluffton along with three children; Lesley Gaskill of Bluffton, David J. Dedrick and Steven S. Dedrick, all of Bluffton along with 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandsons. Jim is also survived by a brother, John Dedrick of Warren, IN. He is preceded in death by his parents and a sister Mary Collier.

Services to celebrate Jim's life will be held at 1 pm Sunday (November 24, 2019) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home with Father David Violi officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton with military honors by the United State Air Force Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton.

Calling hours will be held from 2 pm – 7 pm on Saturday and for one hour prior to the service on Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

NOV **24**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV **24**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James D. Dedrick*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 23, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ *James D. Dedrick*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *As a little boy living in Travisville, with my mom, dad, and sister lived close to the Dedrick families, great memories for a little boy Jimmie was a good man and will be missed. I am praying for your family to continue great memories and good lives. May god bless your family. John Daniels*

JOHN DANIELS - November 25, 2019 at 06:17 PM



Met Jim just one time & instantly knew why his Son & Daughters are such wonderful people

Gary Hunter - November 26, 2019 at 08:51 PM



Thanks Gary!

David Dedrick - December 04, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ *Just heard of Jim's passing. So sorry for your loss.*



Bob Zeis - November 24, 2019 at 05:32 PM



Thanks Bob!

David Dedrick - December 04, 2019 at 11:52 AM

MS

“ *To Irene and family Jim loved all of you more then life itself prayers for all of you Maudie*

Maudie Snider - November 24, 2019 at 12:40 PM



Hi Maudie ...Thanks for the talk the other night. It was good to hear from you and your memories of Dad.

David Dedrick - November 26, 2019 at 10:56 AM

JL

“ *Dear Irene, Lesley, David and Steve,
Words seem so inadequate at times like these but they're all we've got plus the memories for me, of over sixty five years of friendship.
Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.
And, though dark as it is today, time will eventually ease the pain of the moment and
replace it with the lifetime of loving memories you share of a loving husband,
father
and friend.
Much love
Jim and Barbara Lomax*

Jim Lomax - November 23, 2019 at 09:13 AM



Thanks so much Jimmy. And yes the memories are what will live on and there are so many good ones! God bless you and family.

David Dedrick - November 26, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James D. Dedrick.*



November 23, 2019 at 12:20 AM



“ 106 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 22, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of James D. Dedrick.



November 22, 2019 at 02:17 PM



“ *Tony Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of James D. Dedrick*



Tony Harris - November 22, 2019 at 01:07 PM



One of the most caring and nicest men I have ever known. RIP Jim. My thoughts and prayers to Irene, Les, Dave, and Steve. GOD Speed.

Tony Harris - November 22, 2019 at 01:10 PM



Thanks Tony...He always had good things to say about you as well.

David Dedrick - November 26, 2019 at 10:42 AM

TH

“ Tony Harris lit a candle in memory of James D. Dedrick



Tony Harris - November 22, 2019 at 01:06 PM

DS

“ James, I didn't know you long or well but I so enjoyed our conversations and your wit when you came into the gym. You were one of the toughest guys to ever grace our club. I am going to miss Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the club will be a little bit emptier and less bright without you and Irene coming in. We have all lost a big man.-
Dave Spaulding

Dave Spaulding - November 22, 2019 at 10:56 AM



He sure loved coming out to the workout gym. You made a difference in his life even though it was just for a short time. Thanks Dave.

David Dedrick - November 26, 2019 at 10:46 AM

JM

“ Jim was a blessing to our group. He will be missed . His life from football in high school to the ROMEO group was meaningful to all of us. He was a true friend. God Bless the family. Jerry Miller

Jerald Miller - November 22, 2019 at 10:40 AM



He sure talked a lot about the ROMEOS. I always thought it was so cool that you guys would get together so much after all these years. He really enjoyed that time together. Keep it up!

David Dedrick - November 26, 2019 at 10:54 AM

PN

“ Wow, what to say. He was a very nice man, funny at times, would always take time to say HI. He was a hard worker for his family. Growing up in Travisville with his family and the others in that Little burg meant we could always see one another at some point. He never had a problem with all the neighborhood kids playing in the yard. We had a blast there. He was a wonderful neighbor and a great person.

Peggy Melton Nash - November 22, 2019 at 09:21 AM



He sure loved all you guys in the neighborhood. What a great place to grow up. Thanks so much for being there for us Peggy. It meant a lot!

David Dedrick - November 26, 2019 at 10:42 AM

TE

“ Irene and family: We are out of town and, therefore, won't be able to see you at the funeral home. Please know that you all will be in our thoughts and prayers as we mourn the loss of a true patriot. -Marge and Ted Ellis

Ted Ellis - November 22, 2019 at 08:46 AM



Thanks so much Mayor Ted and Marge for your thoughts and prayers!

David Dedrick - November 26, 2019 at 10:59 AM

CS

“ Many years ago, when I worked at the Legion, he nicknamed me "Fluffy" and he never forgot it nor of course, did !! Great man!!

Cindy Stephenson - November 22, 2019 at 08:32 AM



Thanks Cindy, or should I say "Fluffy" that sounds just like Dad!

David Dedrick - November 26, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James D. Dedrick.



November 22, 2019 at 07:32 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James D. Dedrick.



November 22, 2019 at 07:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James D. Dedrick.



November 22, 2019 at 06:09 AM



“ *Ken And Jeannie Flowers lit a candle in memory of James D. Dedrick*



Ken and Jeannie Flowers - November 21, 2019 at 06:50 PM