



James "Jim" E. Masterson

September 1, 1935 - September 19, 2021

James "Jim" E. Masterson, 86 of Bluffton, passed away on Sunday afternoon, at his residence, surrounded by his family.

Jim was born on September 1, 1935 in Bluffton to Jason Jay & Elizabeth Irene (Emerick) Masterson. He worked at Sterling Casting Co. in Bluffton and retired from the City of Bluffton, electric department, working on the tree crew for 32 years. Jim enjoyed working on setting up the Bluffton Street Fair for the many years.

He loved to go fishing, to mow and enjoyed driving his red Chevy Truck. Many people remember Jim as he drove the streets of Bluffton with a fishing pole in the back of his truck. Spending time with his family was very important to Jim. On May 17, 1960 in Bluffton, Jim and Stella Ruth (West) were married. They enjoyed 56 years together before she preceded him in death on November 28, 2016.

Survivors include two sons; Terry (Linda) Masterson of Poneto and Doug (Marie) Masterson of Bluffton along with 2 grandchildren; D.J. Masterson and Terra (Chad) Morris, both of Bluffton and 6 great-grandchildren and a sister, Patricia Adams of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Stella, an infant daughter and siblings; Gene Masterson, William "Bill" Masterson, Martha Irvin, and Thomas "Tom" Masterson.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday (Sept. 24, 2021) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Burial will follow at Fairview

Cemetery in Bluffton.

Visitation hours will be 2 PM to 8 PM on Thursday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in Jim's memory to Friends of the Wells County Animal Shelter.

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

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

SEP **24**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

SEP **24**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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<http://www.thomarich.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" E. Masterson*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 23, 2021 at 04:21 PM

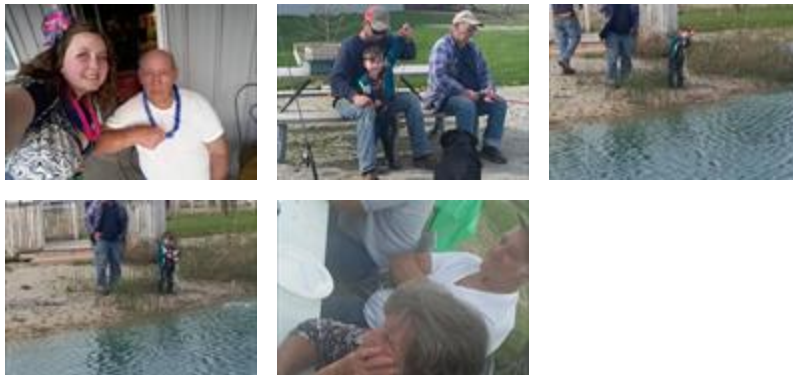


“ *James "Jim" E. Masterson*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *15 files added to the tribute wall*



Tonielle Masterson - September 24, 2021 at 08:44 AM

AW

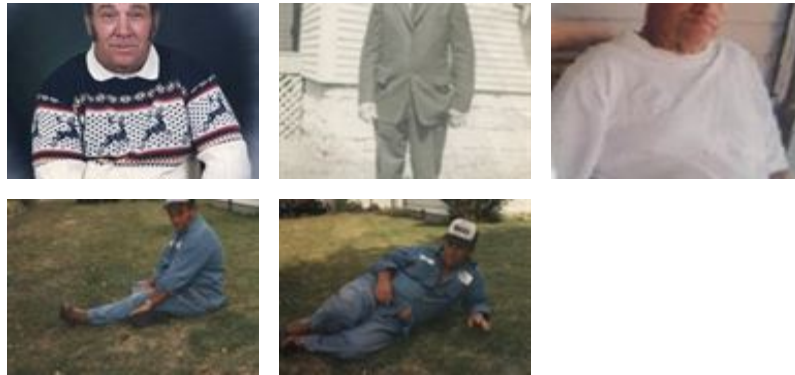
“ *I would always call Uncle Jim Pepsi Man.
Because he seemed to always have a Pepsi
when I would see him.
I Love you Uncle Jim!!!*



Angela West-Waldron - September 22, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ *53 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - September 22, 2021 at 05:42 PM

JH

“ *Joyce Huss lit a candle in memory of James
"Jim" E. Masterson*



Joyce Huss - September 22, 2021 at 02:34 PM

ST

“ Condolences to Terry & Doug Family & Friends
You were a Great Uncle ya will be Missed by Many an Loved by lots...



Stacey - September 21, 2021 at 08:40 PM

DG

“ Sorry to learn of Jim’s passing. We were city workers back in the day. Always enjoyed talking with Jim when I would run into him. The Masterson family will be in our prayers.
Dan Gerdom



Dan Gerdom - September 21, 2021 at 04:30 PM

JJ

“ Masterson Family- We are sorry to hear of the passing of your father and grandfather. He was a great neighbor for 22 years. He will be missed!

Jamie Johnson - September 21, 2021 at 01:21 PM

RW

“ THE DAY WELL COME WHEN ALL MEET BUT RIGHT U AND AUNT STELLA .ARE TOGETHER.GOD BLESS TO TERRY AND DOUG .AND THE MASTERSON FAMILY AMEM



Randy West - September 21, 2021 at 08:06 AM

LW

“ Jim was a great guy, he was always willing to stand and talk when you seen him around town. Jim will be missed by so many people. RIP Jim!!



lesia wood - September 20, 2021 at 10:03 PM

LF

“ Doug and DJ and families. I am so sorry for your loss



Lynnette Fisher - September 20, 2021 at 08:55 PM

ST

“ I will miss your so very much papa jim. I look back at all the times and days spent together fishing and hanging out at the Masterson's talking about good times and working on this and that. You showed me great patience and a calm when things seemed out of reach or control. I look back at how you was a very strong man but showed so many compassion and thoughtfulness. You always had time to listen when I needed a friend. I love you papa jim and I pray that you are looking down on us all as you stand before god holding stella's hand with a great smile filled with love and joy.

Shane Turner - September 20, 2021 at 08:14 PM

RM

“ Rose & James Marshall lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Masterson



Rose & James Marshall - September 20, 2021 at 07:03 PM

DG

“ So sorry for the families loss. Jim will be missed by ALOT.



Deb Gardner - September 20, 2021 at 02:56 PM

JH

“ Joyce Huss lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Masterson



Joyce Huss - September 20, 2021 at 02:08 PM

BC

“ So very Sorry to hear about your Dad Jim's passing Doug! May God grant you and your Family the Peace, Grace, and Comfort at this time as you Grieve your Dads loss! 🙏 So very glad I had a chance to talk to Jim about Jesus! Now he is Rejoicing with his Savior Jesus Christ in Heaven! God Bless the Masterson Family! Love, Barry and JoEllen Crosbie!
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Barry Crosbie - September 19, 2021 at 06:15 PM

PA

Terry, Doug and family. We are so sad for the passing of your father, grandfather, friend Jim. His smile will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Rest assured he is in a better place and reunited with Stella. We love all of you. Michael and Patsy Brock

Patsy - September 21, 2021 at 01:12 PM