



James Edward Krill

March 1, 1921 - March 23, 2015

James Edward Krill 94 of Fort Wayne and a former Bluffton business owner, passed away at 7:30 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2015, at his residence in Fort Wayne.

Jim was born on March 1, 1921 in Bluffton to Albert L. & Anna A. (Knox) Krill. Jim graduated from Bluffton High School and served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946. He was the owner & operator of the Chef's Inn in Bluffton from 1956 to 1976. He also worked for General Electric for 14 years, retiring in 1982. He was a member of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton.

Jim married Betty D. (Farling) Krill in Covington on Dec. 17, 1939, she preceded him in death on April 28, 2009. Surviving are three sons, James K. Krill of St. Petersburg, Fla., John D. Krill of Fort Wayne, and Tim A. Krill of Bristol; and a daughter, Steveanna Collett of Greenville, Ohio.

He is preceded in death by a brother George Krill and a sister Mary Ellen Smitherst.

As Jim requested, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Burial will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton. 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

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *James Edward Krill*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Mary Collins Zeis lit a candle in memory of James Edward Krill*



Mary Collins Zeis - March 31, 2015 at 11:33 AM



I started working at the Chef's Inn when I was 14. I really enjoyed working with Jim & Betty. Great people!! Mary Collins Zeis

Mary Collins Zeis - March 31, 2015 at 11:36 AM



“ *Kaye (Anderson) Hartman lit a candle in memory of James Edward Krill*



Kaye (Anderson) Hartman - March 27, 2015 at 09:09 AM

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“ I was a neighbor of Jim and Betty when I was growing up on the corner of Morgan & Ohio Street. I remember going to school with Tim. I remember Steveanna having a large horse. She would tie it up by the garage but sometimes she would let me walk it around when she went in for lunch. While in High School my dad and I would have breakfast at the Chef's Inn. Loved the rectangular shaped hashbrowns. I can remember Jim taking a round ball of hamburger out of a drawer and flattening it out on the grill to make sandwiches. The best was their Ham Steak Dinner. It came with either a side of raisin sauce or fruit cocktail compote. Lots of warmhearted memories of Jim and Betty. They were good people.
Tom Pett

Thomas W. Pett - March 25, 2015 at 01:09 PM

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“ We were next door neighbors to Jim and Betty when we lived on Sunset Drive in Bluffton. They were great neighbors and Jim spent a lot of time talking to our son Patrick about the yard and flowers...we have many fond memories of Jim and send our condolences to his family.

Jim and Sally Mittlestedt - March 24, 2015 at 06:39 PM