



James R. Penrod

May 11, 2017 - August 27, 2017

James R. Penrod, 86, of Bluffton passed away early Sunday morning, August 27, 2017, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Jim was born on May 11, 1931 in Wells County, Indiana to Samuel H. & Ada E. (Ebe) Penrod. He graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1949 and worked at Franklin Electric for 41 years, retiring in 1991. Jim attended Sonlight Wesleyan Church and was very active in the Bluffton Bowling Association, where he served as Secretary & Treasurer for over 50 years.

On July 29, 1967 in Wells County, Jim and Velma Elizabeth (Manley) were married. Velma preceded Jim in death on May 20, 2017.

Jim is survived by his children: Timothy Alan (Ruie) Penrod of Bluffton, IN and Diane Kay Carroll of Fort Wayne, step-children: John (Marilyn) Suman, Jr. of Shelbyville, Peggy Jean (John) Lee and Joyce (Max) Myers, both of Berne, IN, Darlene (Jerry) Garrett of Bluffton, IN, and 23 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

He is survived by a sister J. Irene Stanley of Bluffton.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter Cherri Penrod and grandson Michael Schladenhauffen along with a brother Richard W. Penrod.

A service to celebrate Jim's life will be held at 2:30 P.M. on Wednesday (August 30, 2017) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Pastor Lyle Breeding will officiate. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton. Visitation will be held from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made in Jim's memory to Sonlight Wesleyan

Church.

Jim's 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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

AUG 30. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 29, 2017 at 02:25 PM



“ *James R. Penrod*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Our heartfelt sorrow for the loss of your mother and father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Howard and Makaye Vaughn*

Howard and Makaye Vaughn - September 04, 2017 at 09:38 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Jim and my dad were long time friends. I have many memories of him visiting our home. He was a very special man. You have my deepest sympathy.*



judy Werling - August 31, 2017 at 09:06 AM

GH

“ Jim was long time friend of my dad, I've known Jim my whole life. Diane and Tim you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sweet man!
Gloria Hunt

Gloria Hunt - August 29, 2017 at 06:11 PM

BC

“ Jimmy and I would have really good talks about my Dad being the first man in Bluffton to bowl a 300! Dec 2nd 1959 Kenneth "Ping Crosbie! Also every time I saw Jimmy at the hospital he would always have a joke or 2 too tell me! He was such a Great Friend I will miss him dearly! May God bless the Family during this time of loss! :(We Love u all! Barry and JoEllen Crosbie.

Barry Crosbie - August 29, 2017 at 07:26 AM

SK

“ Tim and family Sorry to hear of your loss. Although I haven't seen him for awhile, he was one of my best friends over the 30 years I was at The Bowling Center. He was as much 'Bluffton Bowling' as anyone. Big loss for us.

Steve Kunkel - August 28, 2017 at 08:20 PM

VJ

“ I worked with Jim and Velma during the strike in 1978. Such nice people. May God comfort you all in the coming days. Valerie Wilson Jackson

Valerie Wilson Jackson - August 28, 2017 at 08:20 PM



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