

James Thompson "Jim" Reid Jr.

October 27, 1959 - December 3, 2020

James "Jim" Thompson Reid Jr. 61, of Huntington, passed away Thursday morning December 3, 2020 at Parkview Regional Hospital in Fort Wayne. Jim was born October 27, 1959 in Harris County, Texas, to James Thompson Reid Sr. and Alice (Crittenden) Reid.

Jim graduated in 1978 from Westbury High School in Houston, TX. He obtained his Bachelors Degree in Computer Science in 1989 while in the U.S. Navy. He received his Masters Degree in 1996 in Master of Science in Organizational Management from Indiana Wesleyan University, Fort Wayne, IN.

Jim was in the U.S. Navy from June 1978 to November 1989. He was an Electronic Technician 1st Class (SS).

On February 9, 1996 Jim married Tamara "Tammy" K. (Grover) Mossburg at Fairview Church of God in Yoder, IN.

Jim attended Sugar Grove Church of God in Churubusco, IN. He enjoyed spending time with family, helping others, boating and fishing, woodworking, putting puzzles together, collecting coins and stamps, and playing euchre. He loved squirrels, was a fan of James Bond, and wrote poetry for his family. He served different roles in his 31 years at BAE Systems with his last being Product Development Engineer.

Survivors include his wife Tammy K. Reid of Huntington, a daughter Angela R. (Matt) Musco of Bluffton, a nephew Kenneth Musick of TX, two nieces; Karen (Wayne) Arthur and Tracy (Jay) Saylor, both of TX, along with six great nieces

and nephews, eight great-great nieces and nephews all of TX, a stepmother Audry Reid of TX and a father-in-law Herbert Grover of Warren, IN.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Beverly Musick and Georgia Wheelock and mother-in-law Phyllis Grover.

A private service will take place on Friday, Dec. 11, 2020, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with Pastor Tim Grable officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren, IN. A public visitation will take place on Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 5pm – 8pm at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

The safety of the family and all visitors is our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing. Masks are required for visitation and for the funeral and cemetery service. During the current COVID -19 guidelines, we are only allowed a limited number of people in the building at a time. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

Friends wishing to watch Jim's service can do so from the safety of their home, utilizing a Zoom Meeting. You can login using the Zoom Meeting I.D. # 886 4427 2059 and you can login after 12:45 P.M. on Friday, December 11, 2020.

Memorials may be made to Sugar Grove Church of God, Churubusco, IN. 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

Woodlawn Cemetery - Warren

2100 E 1000 S
Warren, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

ZOOM MEETING TO VIEW THE FUNERAL SERVICE

DEC 11. 12:45 PM.

ZOOM MEETING ID # 886 4427 2059

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 11 (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



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



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 10, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ *James Thompson "Jim" Reid Jr.*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Veronica Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of James Thompson "Jim" Reid Jr.*



Veronica Rodriguez - March 04, 2021 at 03:29 PM

DH

“ Jim was a Wonderful Friend, Listener, Mentor, always willing to help others, Gifted and a Kind-hearted man. He will certainly be missed!



Tammy, may Loving Memories of your Husband bring you comfort during this sorrowful time in your life.

Angela, know that your Stepdad was so proud of you and may he always hold a special place in your heart.

Our hearts and healing prayers go out to you and your family.

May Jim Rest in Peace with our Dear Lord and his Angels. Amen!

In Sympathy and friendship,

Jan and Dana Hoopingarner

Dana & Jan Hoopingarner - December 11, 2020 at 05:42 PM

MS

“ I will always remember Jim as a man with character, intelligence and truly a great professional. More importantly, he was kind, caring and never spoke a bad word of anyone.

The presence of a husband, father and friend can never be replaced and I pray that the hole left behind will be filled with good memories and the loving support of friends and family.

I will miss him,

Mark Snow

Mark Snow - December 11, 2020 at 09:35 AM

MD

“ My favorite memory was the day Jim sent Tammy on an all day scavenger hunt on Valentines Day. I can't remember the exact details but he had a poem for her to start out and sent her off to eat breakfast, a store for a gift, DeBrands, florist, and the final destination was dinner. Each place had a special little poem that told her the next special stop. Jim called out to all of us in surrounding offices each time Tammy reached her next location. Just like in everything he did it was well thought out and from his heart.

Tammy, Jim loved you so much. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.

Molly Downing - December 10, 2020 at 10:28 PM

PK

“ I have known Jim for about 18 years, first in aftermarket, and have worked closely with Jim in Development on the REU 777X project for the last few years. All I know is, Jim treated each and every one of us with the utmost respect, no matter our title. I always knew I could count on Jim to ease my frustrations at the daily demands to meet deadlines. He always had a positive attitude, and could turn a hectic day into a great accomplishment. And even though it was against the "covid" rules to not bring in treats, he always seemed to sneak them in! With rules of course! I will miss you terribly! I will always think of you as not only a great coworker, but as a VERY good friend. Rest in peace my friend.

Peggy Kenyon - December 10, 2020 at 09:46 PM

JM

“ Having worked with Jim over the last several years I can attest to his very positive personality and endless commitment to our customers. His work ethic amazed me as there was never a task too tall for Jim. Whenever I brought an issue to Jim, he would do whatever necessary to get to resolution in short order. I greatly appreciated his drive and know the business environment was a better place because of it. Thank-you for the countless hours of helping the Quality guy, never pushing off the needs as unwarranted however asking what can I do to help. You will be greatly missed by all. My deepest condolences to your wife and family at this time.

Josh Moon

Josh Moon - December 10, 2020 at 03:42 PM

JC

“ Jim "Big Papa" Reid was a world-class human being. He was a dear friend, colleague and selfless mentor who left an indelible mark on me and the arc of my life. I share in the incredible grief now felt by his family and the countless he touched, those of whom hold the utmost gratitude for just having known Jim.

For Jim, "help" was the "default" setting. He was the consummate giver, a gentle giant that one could always count on and believe in. Despite his deep reservoir of knowledge and his outsized contributions, Jim was forever humble, so often opting to deflect much-deserved praise and recognition with his trademark humor and playful self-deprecation.

Although part of Jim's heart always resided in Texas, he was quite at home in the Midwest where no one is too good and everyone is good enough. Apropos, Jim spared the judgement and met you "where you were at". He believed that the path to love and acceptance was simple: be the first to give it. May this spirit of his live on in all of us.

God has called home one of his best. Big Papa, I hope the fish are biting up there and that there are sausages sizzling on the grill. As the Lord celebrates your triumphant return, we will celebrate your life and be missing you. Until we meet again...rest in peace, my friend.

James Colestock - December 10, 2020 at 03:07 AM

MN

“ Jim always had a kind word for everyone, even if he was having a bad day, which he hid well. He always made sure to show his appreciation of our hard work with the treats he would bring in to share with us. He was well respected and will be greatly missed! My condolences to his wife & family.

Maria Nino - December 09, 2020 at 10:12 PM

BS

“ Jim has been a great friend and colleague for over 20 years now. Early in my career he was a technical mentor for me and he helped inspire my interest in data, report building and backend system understanding. He was always helpful and generous with his time. He was a great person and will be dearly missed. My condolences to Tammy, Angela and the rest of Jim's family.

Brian Stopher - December 09, 2020 at 04:07 PM

KR

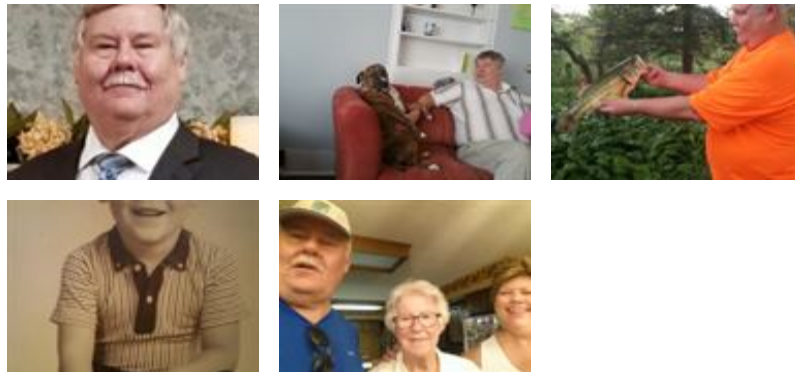
“ Kellee Rumsey lit a candle in memory of James Thompson "Jim" Reid Jr.



Kellee Rumsey - December 09, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ 101 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - December 09, 2020 at 12:20 PM

RL

“ I have known Jim for over twenty years. He was a great coworker and friend. I will always remember him for helping me with difficulty work issues and making them much easier to understand! Jim always had a smile to give. He will be missed by all.

Rita Lightner - December 09, 2020 at 11:05 AM

BS

“ Brian Stopher lit a candle in memory of James Thompson "Jim" Reid Jr.



Brian Stopher - December 09, 2020 at 09:20 AM

DT

“ Development Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Thompson "Jim" Reid Jr..



Development Team - December 09, 2020 at 08:09 AM

RP

“ Ryan Partaker purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Thompson "Jim" Reid Jr..



Ryan Partaker - December 08, 2020 at 02:44 PM

MS

“ Matt & Tricia Willard (BAE Systems) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Thompson "Jim" Reid Jr..



Matt & Tricia Willard (BAE Systems) - December 08, 2020 at 01:41 PM

MW

“ i have worked on and off with Jim for over 20 years. A common theme to the words i have seen here on his tribute wall are true with my experiences with him as well. Jim was always willing to help others and did so with kindness, respect, and a smile. Prayers to Tammy and all of Jim's family. He will be missed.

Matt Willard

Matt Willard - December 08, 2020 at 01:33 PM

SO

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I worked with Jim in aftermarket at BAE Systems he was a very nice guy always had a smile on his face Stephanie R Owens.

Stephanie R Owens - December 08, 2020 at 01:20 PM

RP

“ Jim was my mentor. He helped me through the years to learn how to pull data from Oracle and use that data to improve the business. I would not be where I am now without him. He was always willing to help and teach. He will be sorely missed. My condolences to his family. He was a great man.

Ryan Partaker - December 08, 2020 at 01:16 PM

JP

“ 5 years ago Jim and Tammy welcomed us to the neighborhood with homemade fresh cookies big smiles and warm loving hearts. We hit it off and have been close family since. You are a beautiful couple and Jim will be deeply missed. May he rest in peace and take comfort knowing his loving soul will continue to serve God and love others from afar. Jim's funny personality and glowing smile were just many great qualities about him but boy could he cook! We had some great homemade dinners, lake and boating fun to name few!

Thank you for all the love, laughs and wonderful memories we have gotten to share we will cherish them forever in our hearts. Prayers for strength and comfort to Tammy and the entire family.

Your Friends - Jen, Dave, Kaley, Kinsey and Kelsey Ponder

Jennifer Ponder - December 08, 2020 at 11:12 AM

JC

I knew Jim through his wife Tammy. Tammy and I have been friends since teenagers at church camp. We reconnected in 2005 when they came to Bloomington to visit me for a week. Jim was such a good man!! He loved the Lord! Loved his wife so dearly! My husband Chuck and I loved visiting with the both of them! We will miss Jim but we know we will see him again one day!!!

Jean Cohenour - December 09, 2020 at 11:33 AM

JP

“ Jennifer Ponder lit a candle in memory of James Thompson "Jim" Reid Jr.



Jennifer Ponder - December 08, 2020 at 10:56 AM

JP

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jennifer Ponder - December 08, 2020 at 10:55 AM

AU

“ Audry purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of James Thompson "Jim" Reid Jr..



Audry - December 08, 2020 at 07:50 AM



“ A Tear Of Love was purchased for the family of James Thompson "Jim" Reid Jr..



December 07, 2020 at 05:21 PM

RT

“ Anyone working at GE, LM or BAE knew if you had a question or needed a solution Jim was the go to guy. He put in many long hours making sure all systems were up and running or helping his customer solve a problem.

For ten years Jim was my support Lead Engineer for military and commercial programs. He had a wealth of knowledge and was willing to share and teach. Always humble, trustworthy and kind to work with.

I'm a better person for knowing Jim.

Rest In Heaven my friend.

Rebecca Thrush

Rebecca Thrush - December 07, 2020 at 04:08 PM

RT

My deepest condolence to Tammy, Angela and Jim's family. Healing thoughts to all during this difficult time.

Rebecca Thrush - December 08, 2020 at 06:42 PM

DB

My thoughts are with you and your family. Jim was a wonderful person and always a pleasure to work with. please take care during this difficult time.

Dorothy Ortu (a friend from Endicott BAE) - December 24, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Thompson "Jim" Reid Jr..



December 07, 2020 at 03:15 PM

MC

“ I remember working with Jim on several issues over the years at BAE & he always came through with a solution. He will be missed by all who came in contact with him. Jim was a great Engineer. but more importantly a fine & decent person and I am proud to have known him.

*Rest In Peace my friend.
Mike Carpenter*

Mike Carpenter - December 07, 2020 at 10:35 AM

MW

I was visiting Jim and his wife Tammy with one of there family members. They treated me just as though I was family too. I will never forget their kindness, generosity and hospitality toward me. I will forever be grateful for their friendship. We have lost a dear man and friend in Jim. My family is praying for yours and Jim's family Tammy. With love, Monica, David and Anna

Monica Wilson - December 08, 2020 at 08:27 AM

KH

“ My sympathy to you and your family. Karen

Karen Hunnicutt - December 07, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Thompson "Jim" Reid Jr..



December 07, 2020 at 08:23 AM

TS

“ I worked with Jim for many years and always respected the vast knowledge he had on so many topics. More than his professional prowess, though, Jim was always just a kind and decent person, always willing to help. My prayers are with Tammy and Jim's family. He meant much to our business but we know we've lost a friend, too.

Tim Sorg, BAE Systems

Tim Sorg - December 07, 2020 at 06:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Thompson "Jim" Reid Jr..



December 06, 2020 at 08:53 PM