



## James E. Schriver

February 23, 1941 - October 27, 2014

James E. “Jim” Schriver, 73, of Bluffton passed away at 9:31 PM on Oct. 27, 2014 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN. Jim was born February 23, 1941 in Elyria, OH, the son of the late Henry and Dorothy (Langshaw) Schriver. Jim graduated from Midview High School, Grafton, OH, in 1959 and from The Ohio State University in 1964 with a Bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology. Jim married Jayne Gaines on June 9, 1963 at Belden Methodist Church, OH. Jim was an outstanding farmer and business manager, a leader in his community, a mentor to young farmers and a voice for agriculture worldwide. He was involved in Farm Bureau, local schools, 4-H, FFA, civic organizations, Soil & Water Conservation District, Wells County Extension, and Life Community Church. He was instrumental in consolidating agricultural commodity groups’ offices and sponsoring a “Glass House” on the state fairgrounds, where consumers can conference with real farmers, overcoming the challenges of actual farm visits. Jim promoted agriculture at the state and national level as an elected (or appointed) member of several state and national boards. He was past President of the Indiana Soybean Board and was serving his second term on the national United Soybean Board, an appointment made by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Jim represented farmers locally and abroad on several trade mission trips, speaking on behalf of farmers to consumer groups. He was recognized by local and state organizations for promoting agriculture, serving as an unpaid volunteer. These awards included the Southern Wells FFA Honorary Chapter

Degree, 1984, the Indiana Soil and Water Conservation River Friendly Farmer Award, 2000, and the Distinguished Hoosier award, 2007. Jim encouraged young people to look at careers in farming and also mentored young farmers. He helped many start their farm careers providing the opportunity to gain experience, by exchanging "sweat equity" for the use of his equipment. In the past few years, Jim received great joy from transitioning operations of the family farm to his two grandsons. He was always eager to share his ideas with others. Survivors include: Wife Jayne Schriver, Bluffton, IN. Daughters Debbie (Travis) Slusher, Adel, IA. Ann (Curt) Dine, Sherrills Ford, NC. Kelly (Kevin) Schreiber, Bluffton, IN. Grandchildren: Jacob (Natalie) Slusher, Logan (Meghan) Slusher, Kaitlyn Schriver, Kyle Dine, Cameron Dine, Addison Schreiber, Harrison Schreiber and Maryn Schreiber, Great Grandchildren: Trey and Peyton Slusher. Siblings: Carol (Rodger) Carpenter, Bill (Dee) Schriver, Sally (Jim) Kocher, Don (Jane) Schriver, Hiro (Marisha) Shibuya, Paul (Kelli) Schriver, Larry (Kathy) Schriver, Randy (Jill) Schriver, Ted (Tracy) Schriver, Ken (Mary) Schriver, Ellen (Mark) Stephenson, and Brother-in-law David Gaines. Jim was preceded in death by: his Mother and Father and son Steven Jay Schriver. Visitation will be Friday October 31, 2014 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM and 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 10:30 AM at Life Community Church, 428 S Oak St, Bluffton, with pastor Chad Ringger officiating. Visitation will also be held from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM prior to the service at the Church. Interment will take place at the Stahl Cemetery, Petroleum, IN. Memorials may be made to the Wells County 4-H Association and Farm Bureau Young Farmers Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, Bluffton, IN. Online condolences may be made at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Stahl Cemetery

3191 E 700 S  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **31**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

OCT **31**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

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NOV 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Life Community Church  
428 South Oak Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-2252  
<http://www.missionoflife.com/>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



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

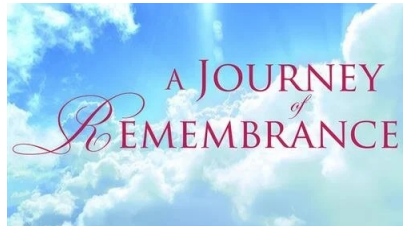


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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - November 01, 2014 at 01:34 PM



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - October 31, 2014 at 12:34 PM

GS

*Lovely. Thank you.*

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**gs** - November 01, 2014 at 05:28 AM



“ *James E. Schriver*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

DO

“ To Jayne and all of the Schriver family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time and the weeks to come. Jim will be missed in our community. He always championed the farmers and agri-business. Dave appreciated the good conversations they would have down at the station!

*Dave & Barb Oswalt*

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**Dave Oswalt** - November 02, 2014 at 06:03 AM

BG

“ Jayne and Family,  
What a shock it was to read about Jim's passing! You are in my thoughts and Prayers.

*Beryl (BJ) Gray*



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**BJ Gray** - November 01, 2014 at 07:07 PM

PS

“ My deepest sympathy to Jim's family! Jim and I grew up together in Belden Ohio! Was sad to see that he had passed away!

*Phillip Slack*

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**Phillip Slack** - November 01, 2014 at 05:22 PM

SS

“ Jayne & Family,

*We are very saddened by the loss of Jim. He was always someone we loved to see walk into Belden Church while visiting back home in Grafton. We have very fond memories of Jim and will surely miss him. May the lord strengthen you during your hour of grief and remind you that you will someday see Jim again in heaven.*

*Lee & Errolyn Sooy  
Scott Sooy & Family*

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**Scott Sooy** - November 01, 2014 at 02:27 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James E. Schriver.



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October 31, 2014 at 05:13 PM

BW

“ Jayne and family, I am so I sorry to hear of your loss. Praying that God will give you strength and carry you through these difficult days.

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**Beth Waterman** - October 31, 2014 at 04:25 PM

SP

“ Jayne - I just learned of Jim's passing and was totally shocked. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. Jim always had a smile that was contagious. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God be with you.

Randy - so sorry for the loss of your brother. Thinking of you during difficult time.

God Bless and Hugs  
Sandy Daugherty

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**Sandy Pruis** - October 31, 2014 at 04:25 PM

OJ

“ Jayne and Family,

It was sad to learn of Jim's passing. My memories go back to days at OSU in the early 60's when we worked together on the Ag Econ Club catering committee. He always had what I term as a prize winning smile and was able to use it even when things weren't going as planned. Sue and I will miss his occasional stop at our roadside market in the coming summers for melons and a brief visit.

Travis -- Thank you for letting me know about Jim's unexpected passing. Again my sincere condolences to you and all of Jim's family.

Oscar Jutte

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**Oscar W Jutte** - October 31, 2014 at 06:06 AM


SP

“ *Sandra P. purchased the Sincerest Sorrow - Peach, Orange and White for the family of James E. Schriver.*



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**Sandra P.** - October 30, 2014 at 09:39 PM

 Cheryl  
Manter  
Scare

“ *Jayne and family we are so very saddened to hear the about the passing of Jim. We are thinking of you and praying for you as your family grieves during this time. Gary just saw Jim not that long ago at IDC with Jake and Logan and I waved to him as he would go by on the Chuck wagon. He was such a nice guy and will be missed be many. If you need us for anything please let us know. Gary and Cheryl Scare*

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**Cheryl Manter Scare** - October 30, 2014 at 08:06 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of James E. Schriver.*



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October 30, 2014 at 03:06 PM

SR

“ Ann,

*I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I did not know him, but I know you are the best and your dad must have been as well. Please, let me know if there is anything I can do and look forward to seeing you soon.*

*Love  
Shirley Rhymer*

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**Shirley Rhymer** - October 30, 2014 at 03:02 PM

JR

“ *What a shock it is to see Jim's obituary today. I so enjoyed talking with him at our 55th year class reunion in August. Please know that Jim and the whole family are in my prayers.*

*Joyce Rush, Class of 1959  
Deerwood, MN*

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**Joyce Rush** - October 30, 2014 at 12:51 PM

AS

“ *Thinking of you guys during this difficult time.*

*Prayers and Love,  
Michael and Aubrey Schriver*



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**Aubrey Schriver** - October 30, 2014 at 12:38 PM

JN

“ *My husband shares a birthday with Mr. Schriver, and as a child he remembers Mr. Schriver bringing him a candy bar every year on his birthday. His kindness and wisdom will be remembered fondly.*

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**Jody and Barbara Nusbaumer** - October 30, 2014 at 10:26 AM

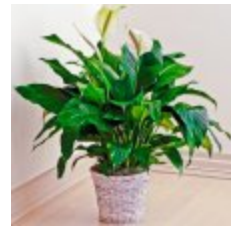
JA

“ *My condolences to the family of Jim and my prayers are with you. From a former classmate.*  
*Janet Jackson Ohmes*

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**Janet** - October 30, 2014 at 09:43 AM

MC

“ *Michelle Clark purchased the Floor Plant for Sym pathy for the family of James E. Schriver.*



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**Michelle Clark** - October 30, 2014 at 08:32 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of James E. Schriver.*



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October 30, 2014 at 12:08 AM

DS

“ To Jayne and all the family: I want to extend my heartfelt sympathies, warm thoughts, and prayers to all of you. You are a wonderful family that I knew for many years, loved talking with Jim and Jayne. The community is better off for having your family in it and for the contributions you have made. So sorry for your loss.

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**Diana Sell** - October 29, 2014 at 10:20 PM

ED

“ Jayne & Family, You have our deepest sympathy in your lost. May God be with you in the coming days. Your in our prayers, Ed & Celia Dunmoyer

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**Ed & Celia Dunmoyer** - October 29, 2014 at 08:28 PM

KA

“ Will always remember Jim and his beautiful wife Jane...their friendly, smiling faces, and always will to welcome us into their lovely home, whether for a cookout or a bible study. He will be greatly missed. Love and prayers are being sent your way.... <3  
Steve and Karen Aschliman

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**Karen Aschliman** - October 29, 2014 at 05:41 PM

JC

“ Jayne & family,  
Words cannot express our sadness at your loss ... Jim took care of our farm for over 25 years. Not only was he a good and honest farmer, he was a true and loyal friend. We're not sure, but if there are no soy beans in heaven ... there soon will be.  
Love & Prayers, John & Pat Culy

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**John & Pat Culy** - October 29, 2014 at 05:40 PM

RS

“ *The Shriver Family, It has been my pleasure to work with Jim on the United Soybean Board. His dedication to the Soy industry will easily come to mind as long as I have the priviledge to serve. His experience and council will be sorely missed. My prayers are with all of you as you deal with this seperation from Jim. God Bless you all. Robert Stobaugh, USB Director, Arkansas*

Robert Stobaugh - October 29, 2014 at 04:28 PM

PH

“ *6 files added to the album New Album Name*



Pam Helmsing - October 29, 2014 at 03:10 PM

MK

“ *Michelle Crabbs, Jake, Amber, Ross and Kelli purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of James E. Schriver.*



Michelle Crabbs, Jake, Amber, Ross and Kelli - October 29, 2014 at 02:57 PM

NK

“ Jim was the very first person at the United Soybean Board to extend his friendship to me as a new director four short years ago. He took the time to sit with me, share his vision for the group and offer encouragement. Jim always led with his heart and was a great example of how to lead from within. I already miss my friend Jim. My condolences to Jayne and the entire family as you morn this great loss.



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**Nancy Kavazanjan** - October 29, 2014 at 02:09 PM

DK

“ I am almost without words on hearing of Jim's passing. My fiancée and I had such a nice conversation with him in Washington and Hershey earlier this year. What a wonderful, caring advocate for U.S. farmers. He will be greatly missed at the Soybean Export Council. My deepest sympathies to his family.

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**Drew KLein** - October 29, 2014 at 01:15 PM



“ Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of James E. Schriver.



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October 29, 2014 at 11:54 AM

BH

“ *Bonita H. purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Basket for the family of James E. Schriver.*



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**Bonita H.** - October 29, 2014 at 11:17 AM

SP

“ *Deepest sympathies to Debbie Slusher and all of Jim's family. My prayers go out to you all.*



*Sarah Pongres*

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**Sarah Pongres** - October 29, 2014 at 10:50 AM

SM

“ *Jane,  
Was so sad to hear of Jim's passing this morning. He was a special person. My prayers are with you and your family.*

*Love and friendship,  
Sue Ann McLaughlin*

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**Sue Ann McLaughlin** - October 29, 2014 at 10:49 AM

DM

“ *My sympathy to the family of Jim Schriver. He was a sincere leader of Indiana agriculture and I will miss seeing him at soybean board meetings.*

*Marshall Martin  
Purdue University*

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**Dr. Marshall Martin** - October 29, 2014 at 10:47 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of James E. Schriver.



October 29, 2014 at 10:25 AM



“ *Your friends - Finance PMO/LFG* purchased the *Plants-A-Plenty* for the family of James E. Schriver.



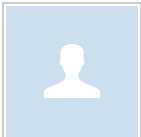
**Your friends - Finance PMO/LFG** - October 29, 2014 at 10:19 AM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of James E. Schriver.



October 29, 2014 at 09:54 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers* was purchased for the family of James E. Schriver.



October 29, 2014 at 09:48 AM

TO

“ My deepest sympathy's go out to Debbie Slusher and the entire family within this difficult time. My prayer is now and always that everyone has peace in the midst and is able to cherish/hold tight to all the wonderful memories made over the years and continues to take comfort in knowing that he IS smiling down from above.

God Bless you all -  
Telligen, Tammy Onley

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**Tammy Onley** - October 29, 2014 at 09:28 AM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of James E. Schriver.



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October 29, 2014 at 09:22 AM

SR

“ Steve and Myra Ringger - I have been working with Jim and Jayne for over 35 years with tax and related issues. He was a key client but even more than that, a friend and mentor. He will be sorely missed but trust God can fill the hole left in his absence for Jayne, the family, and all their friends. I will miss the little phrase Jim often shared when completing a phone call or an office conference - "oka doke" signifying all was accomplished. Ps 116:15 comes to mind as I think of Jim and Mt 11:28-30 when I think of Jayne and the family. We will continue to lift you up in prayer.

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**Steve Ringger** - October 29, 2014 at 09:12 AM

RJ

“ Jim will be sorely missed. His vision, wisdom and caring spirit have meant a lot to me personally and to all the staff that serve USB. My prayers are with the Shriver family.

Richard Joost - October 29, 2014 at 07:36 AM

RC

“ Rod & Brenda Clamme lit a candle in memory of James E. Schriver



Rod & Brenda Clamme - October 29, 2014 at 05:55 AM

Tammy Clark

“ Tammy Clark lit a candle in memory of James E. Schriver



Tammy Clark - October 29, 2014 at 05:00 AM

TG

“ The Mack Hall Gang purchased the Classic Symphy Dish Garden for the family of James E. Schriver.



The Mack Hall Gang - October 28, 2014 at 11:11 PM

JB

“ *Jayne and Family*  
*What a shock!!! Our prayers, love and sympathy go out to all of you at this sad time.*  
*Love, Jane and Dwight Beougher*

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**Jane Beougher** - October 28, 2014 at 11:01 PM

GF

“ *Deepest sympathies on behalf of your northern soybean farmer neighbors, the Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee. Jim will truly be missed. Gail Frahm*

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**Gail Frahm** - October 28, 2014 at 10:40 PM

IA

“ *Please accept my condolences on the loss of Mr. Jim Schriver.*

*Izumi Amano*  
*USA Poultry & Export Council Japan*

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**Izumi Amano** - October 28, 2014 at 09:30 PM

SH

“ *You will be missed Jim. You had a profound impact on so many lives; including mine. RIP my friend.*



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**Steve Hart** - October 28, 2014 at 09:30 PM

JM

“ *Jayne and family,*

*My deepest sympathy to you. Jim was not only a great family man and farmer, but also a great leader, mentor and friend. We at USB have lost a wonderful, forward thinking Board member. Jim made each and every one of us better and he will be sorely missed.*

*John Motter*

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**Joh Motter** - October 28, 2014 at 09:16 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of James E. Schriver.*



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October 28, 2014 at 09:01 PM

SG

“ *Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength Isaiah 40.31. Praying the Lord holds you and your family close . God Bless, Todd & Sharon Gibson*

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**sharon gibson** - October 28, 2014 at 07:14 PM

PC

“ I am very sorry to hear of Jim's passing.

*I met Jim at various soybean functions, and for some reason, he was one that I always made a point to talk with. I think it was his pleasant personality and always enjoyable conversations that we just seemed to click on.*

*I will miss him.*

*Again, my deepest condolences to his family.*

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**Paul Simonsen, MSR&PC Chair** - October 28, 2014 at 07:00 PM

JS

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Jane Ade Stevens** - October 28, 2014 at 04:06 PM

JS

*I know this is a commerical, but every time I see it, it makes me so proud of Jim all the farmers in the world, especially this time of the year.*

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**Jane Stevens** - October 28, 2014 at 06:20 PM

JB

“ *ON that day  
We shall put roses on roses, and cover his grave  
With multitude of white roses: and since he was brave  
One bright red ray.*

*So people, passing under T  
he ash-trees of the valley-road, will raise  
Their eyes and look at the grave on the hill, in wonder,  
Wondering mount, and put the flowers asunder*

*To see whose praise  
Is blazoned here so white and so bloodily red.  
Then they will say: “Tis long since he is dead,  
Who has remembered him after many days?”*

*And standing there  
They will consider how he went his ways  
Unnoticed among them, a still king lost in the maze  
Of this earthly affair.*

*A king, they’ll say,  
Has slept unnoticed on a forgotten hill.  
Sleeps on unknown, unnoticed there, until  
Dawns our insurgent day.*

*DH Lawrence 1916*

*We honor a man, Jim Schriver, a person of intelligence and courage  
who answered the call of farmers when they needed him most and  
did his job outstandingly well.*

*Sue and John Becherer*



John and Sue Becherer - October 28, 2014 at 11:43 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of James E. Schriver.



October 28, 2014 at 11:13 AM



“ Remember your husband, father, and grandfather loved you so much and was so proud of you all. He gave of himself to others. we will all miss his wit and forward thinking. USB has lost a valuable board member and friend. Hugs to him and you. He is now with His God.

Jim and Jan Stillman - October 28, 2014 at 11:00 AM



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMpZ0TGjbWE>

Jane Ade Stevens - October 28, 2014 at 04:06 PM



*I often think of the wonderful afternoon and evening I spent with Jim and Jayne about a year ago. Funny how you don't see someone for nearly a lifetime and then when you do it's like you've been friends forever. I guess that was one of Jim's special talents. I was hoping for another visit to, among other things, tell him that probably the most rewarding and encouraging thing was seeing one of the grandsons and his wife working together in the farm office. Obviously, they were well-taught and encouraged by Jim's wisdom and leadership; and will undoubtedly be successful following in his footsteps.*

*Jayne, the best to you. Eric Melkerson*

Eric Melkerson - October 29, 2014 at 01:45 PM

SY

*My sympathies to the Schriver family as you mourn Jim's passing.*

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**Shelley (Shoemaker) Yoder** - October 30, 2014 at 10:30 AM

PB

*Jayne & Family,*

*You have our deepest sympathy. We were so shocked to hear of Jim's death.*

*We remember the good times we had with both of you, while being on the USB Board.*

*Philip & Linda Bradshaw*

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**Philip & Linda Bradshaw** - October 31, 2014 at 08:54 AM