



## James R. Wilson

March 15, 1949 - May 30, 2021

James Robert Wilson, 72 of Ossian, passed away early Sunday morning, May 30, 2021, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

He was born on March 15, 1949 in Wabash, Indiana to Robert L. & Virginia (Gysin) Wilson. Jim graduated from Peru High School in 1967, where he played on the Tigers Varsity Football team. He started out farming with his father in Miami County, Indiana and retired from Nipsco Gas Company in 2004, after working for 34 years.

Jim enjoyed NASCAR races, tractor pulls and could fix almost anything! His favorite thing was spending time with his family and grandchildren. After retirement, Jim enjoyed volunteering at Forgotten Children International. On June 29, 1969 in Peru, Jim and Sherry R. (Smith) Wilson were married. Survivors include his wife Sherry R. Wilson of Ossian, a daughter, Michelle (Michael) Shane of Ossian and 3 grandchildren; Wesley Shane, Hannah Shane and Emma Shane, all of Ossian.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lezzley Ann Wilson. Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday (June 4, 2021) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Gary Aupperle and Kevin Nichols will officiate.

A Graveside service will take place at 3 P.M. on Friday (June 4, 2021) at the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Peru.

Calling Hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Thursday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in Jim's memory to Forgotten Children Worldwide or the Gospel Barn of 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](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. John's Lutheran Cemetery

Peru, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JUN 4. 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

JUN 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Graveside Service

JUN 4. 3:00 PM.

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery  
Peru, IN

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - June 03, 2021 at 03:21 PM

SW

*Jeff and Amy, We love this tribute video! I am sure we will look at it many times in the future. We love you two. The Jim Wilson Family*

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**Sherry R Wilson** - June 05, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ *James R. Wilson*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

JD

“ *Jim was a loving Christian man and a great guy to work with. Your family is in our prayers.*

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**Jerry&Cindy Dillon** - June 06, 2021 at 11:52 PM

SW

*Thank you, Dillon's. We are missing Jim so much but know he is happy and rejoicing in Heaven with Jesus!*

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**Sherry R Wilson** - June 08, 2021 at 08:11 PM

DG

“ Sherry, I would like to extend my condolences to you and your family for the loss of a special person in your life. God has a special place for Jim.  
Dennis Garvin

Dennis Garvin - June 03, 2021 at 01:16 PM

SW

Thank you for coming to the graveside service for Jim. I know you were good friends with Jim, Loren, Boyd, Truman, and the rest in our class. We had lots of good memories of Butler. Please pray for our family in the days ahead. We loved him dearly. God bless you!

Sherry R Wilson - June 05, 2021 at 11:06 PM

DG

“ We were grade school (Butler) buddies, we stayed over night at each others homes, played ball on the same team.  
Dennis Garvin

Dennis Garvin - June 03, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James R. Wilson.



June 03, 2021 at 10:09 AM

CW

“ So very sorry for your loss. In remembering Jim I think of a pleasant classmate with a gentle smile. Very much a gentleman-  
Sincerely, Christine (Christy) Wells

Christine Wells - June 02, 2021 at 12:33 PM

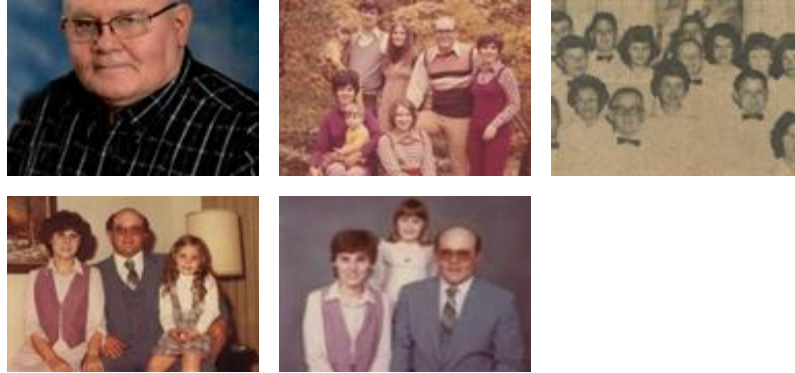
SW

*Thank you, Christy. We are missing Jim so much but know he is with Jesus.*

Sherry R Wilson - June 03, 2021 at 07:26 AM



“ 107 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 02, 2021 at 12:05 PM

SB

“ Steven Buckles purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of James R. Wilson.



Steven Buckles - June 01, 2021 at 10:03 AM

BH

“ Dear Sherry, Cathy and I were so sorry to hear about Jim's death. Jim was on of the first non-Santa Fe friends I made in first grade, and our time at Butler still hold many happy memories that Jim and you are part of. Know what you and your family are in our prayers. May God's Spirit comfort you during this time. Boyd

Boyd and Cathy Hahn - May 31, 2021 at 09:14 PM

SW

*Thank you, Boyd. Our hearts are broken but know that Jim is rejoicing in God's presence. Thanks for caring. Tell Cathy I appreciate it. Love, Sherry.*

Sherry Wilson - June 01, 2021 at 12:34 PM

LA

“ *Dear Sherry, the Maconaquah class of 1967 sends its condolences. There are individual posts on our Facebook page: MACONAQUAH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967*

Linda Bretzman Allison - May 31, 2021 at 02:22 PM

KE

*Condolences from PHS Class of 1967 in the passing of our classmate Jim Wilson . Prayers for his family 🙏🖤🐶💛*

keller - June 01, 2021 at 10:34 AM

SW

*Thank you, Linda, for posting this and to all of you responding. Jim and I have always had great memories of Butler Township and school friends at PHS and MHS.*

Sherry Wilson - June 01, 2021 at 12:39 PM

VJ

“ *Thinking of you all. May the peace of God comfort you in the days ahead. Valerie Wilson Jackson*

Valerie Wilson Jackson - May 31, 2021 at 09:40 AM

SW

*Thank you, Val. I sure appreciate your friendship. Keep us in your prayers.*

Sherry R Wilson - June 01, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James R. Wilson.



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May 31, 2021 at 09:36 AM