



## James A. "Jim" McBride

February 28, 1923 - May 27, 2011

James A. "Jim" McBride, 88, of Bluffton passed away at 4:15 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2011 at his home.

Jim was born in Bluffton, Indiana on February 28, 1923 to William W. and Korah (Roach) McBride, they preceded him in death.

Jim married Carolyn (Motz) on December 21, 1952 in Bluffton and she survives.

Jim graduated from Bluffton High School in 1942. He then studied funeral service and graduated from the Indiana School of Mortuary Science in Indianapolis. He practiced as a funeral director for 25 years with McBride & Sons Funeral Home. Jim also served as the Wells County Juvenile Probation Officer, and worked for Adams-Wells Special Services before retiring in 1985. Jim enjoyed reading , fishing , and traveling.

Jim was a World War II Veteran having served as a U.S. Navy Corpsman attached to the U.S. Marine Corps. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church where he was baptized in 1952.

Jim is also survived by his children and grandchildren that he loved and was proud of;

Two daughters, Cathy M. Sonner of Streetsboro, Ohio, Julie A. Tuttle (Rex) of Bluffton;

four grandchildren, Kara Yusko (Dan), Kate Crawford (Dan), Ryan Tuttle, and Erin Bridwell (Jack); three Great-grandchildren, Shelby Tuttle, Shawn Pezo, and Jason Crawford; one brother, William Warren McBride of Bluffton. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary McBride.

Calling hours are 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2011 at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home and one hour prior to service Friday at the church. Funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 3, 2011 at First Baptist Church with Pastor Bud Abrams officiating. Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery with Military Honors conducted by American Legion Post #111 and the U.S. Naval Honor Guard. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice and Palliative Care or First Baptist Church. Online condolences may be made at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-3850  
info@thomarich.com

## Visitation

JUN 3. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
202 W. Cherry St.  
Bluffton, IN

## Service

JUN 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
202 W. Cherry St.  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ James A. "Jim" McBride

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Carolyn, Cathy, & Julie, Jim made Bluffton what it was by the many ways he shared himself with the community. He touched so many lives whether it was family visits at your home, his time with the BHS band and color guard, his contributions to many local civic organizations, or just seeing him around town. He will be missed by many as Jim truly made a difference in so many lives. God bless you.##imported-begin##Mike Osborn##imported-end##

June 04, 2011 at 11:26 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Jim's passing. I have many good memories of Jim when I was in the Color Guard with Cathy and Julie. He was always smiling. I will be thinking of you.

Rita##imported-begin##Rita Atherton ( Miller)##imported-end##

June 03, 2011 at 05:59 PM



“ To all, I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. McBride's passing. I always thought a lot of him, even when I was on his "radar", which by the way, I usually deserved. He was a good guy to me and I truly learned a lot about life from him. I'm happy to have known him. My best regards to all of the family. Jim##imported-begin##James Bergdoll##imported-end##

June 02, 2011 at 10:33 PM



“ Carolyn and Warren--  
*Please accept my sympathy on Jim's passing. I will not forget his strong commitment to the Wells County Democrats in the years that I was also active. He was a good guy and a friend.*  
Ned###imported-begin###Ned R. Carnall###imported-end##

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June 02, 2011 at 05:12 PM



“ Carolyn,  
  
*I was so sorry to hear of Jim's passing....he was a super person & friend. I will remember him always. When I heard the news, I couldn't help but think, 3 of Bluffton's best ever died almost at the same time. Joe Emshwiller, Jr Swartz & Jim. What a great loss for the community.*

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June 02, 2011 at 04:07 PM



“ Carolyn, Cathy, Julie and families,  
*So sorry to hear about Jim. He (and the rest of you) were such a big part of my childhood, and he personally helped us so much when my own daddy died. I'm thinking they had a great big back-slapping, card-playing reunion a few days ago, and are now reminiscing about all the times they'd call their "friends" up at 5:00 in the morning and say, "Get up! We're bringing breakfast over right NOW." I know you'll miss him, but in the midst of your sorrow, I hope you can find pockets of joy to celebrate a one-of-a kind great guy...Love and prayers to you all...###imported-begin###Jill and Ben Baughan###imported-end##*

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June 02, 2011 at 01:16 PM



“ Sorry Carolyn for your loss. Thinking of you in your days of sorrow. Bill and Barb Irving##imported-begin##William Irving##imported-end##

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June 02, 2011 at 09:31 AM



“ Mrs. McBride:

*I remember you as a teacher at Poplar Grove and my Mom, Jane Reusser, knew you.*

*Please accept my sincere condolences for you and your family. My Mom had Hospice too, and they were wonderful.*

*I now live in Carlsbad, CA (N. San Diego county) and try to keep up with Bluffton via the Banner on-line. My Dad is 92, and still living on the farm. I treasure my memories of growing up and living in Bluffton.*

*My prayers are with you and your family...what a legacy you and your husband are to your family!##imported-begin##Nancy Reusser Halstead##imported-end##*

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June 02, 2011 at 01:14 AM



“ So Sorry about your loss.. Jim and Warren were the fual directors for my Mother who passed in 1973(Marguerite Dohrman), also I went to school with Julie. He was a nice person to me and my family. I have lived in Marion IN. for 16 yrs.~but continue to get the News-Banner. Again My Sympathies.. God Bless,Cindy (Dohrman) McVay##imported-begin##Cindy (Dohrman)McVay##imported-end##

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June 01, 2011 at 10:06 PM



“ Dear Carolyn and family,  
I was so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We had some good times at Poplar Grove and going to Special Olympics. He was a special man and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Colleen (Miss Colleen)Shenk##imported-begin##Colleen  
(Whittenberger) Shenk##imported-end##

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June 01, 2011 at 07:33 PM



“ (It might have helped if I'd have put in my maiden name!)##imported-begin##Cheryl Brickley Hunt##imported-end##

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June 01, 2011 at 05:30 PM



“ To the McBride family: It's always sad for me to read about someone I knew from my childhood passing away. I went to school with Cathy and Julie and my family went to the Baptist Church. I just wanted you all to know that you are in my thoughts and that I am sending my sympathies.##imported-begin##Cheryl Hunt##imported-end##

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June 01, 2011 at 05:27 PM



“ Julie and family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Pam Vanderkolk##imported-end##

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June 01, 2011 at 09:54 AM



“ so sorry for your loss, what i know of Jim he loved his grandkids. as Shelby always called him daddy pop,always had a smile on his face.he well be missed alot.Julie im so sorry praying for the family,and Carol im sorry, you and Jim was so good to me praying for you.need any thing please let me know.##imported-begin##connie hughes anderson##imported-end##

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May 31, 2011 at 07:49 PM