



James "Big Jim" S. Straley

June 10, 1946 - September 7, 2008

James Straley, 62

James S. "Big Jim" Straley, 62, Bluffton, died at 2:08 a.m. Sunday, September 7, 2008 at the V.A. Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born June 10, 1946 in LaGrange County to Gaylord and Kathryn (Myers) Straley, he attended Prairie Heights High School and worked at Franklin Electric from 1969 to 1980. He was a former U.S. Marine, serving in Vietnam. Survivors include a son, James Spencer Straley II of Bluffton; two daughters, Donita Straley and Christi Straley, both of Huntington; a brother, Richard (Barb) Straley of Warren; two sisters, Dora Davis of Bluffton and Rosella Gregg of Huntington; and a close friend for years, Deb Straley. He was preceded in death by a sister, Joan Meade.

Services will be held at noon Friday at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home with Pastor Tim McKnight officiating. Military grave side rites will be performed by American Legion Post 111 and the U.S. Marine Honor Guard. Calling hours are Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Big Jim" S. Straley*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *James "Big Jim" S. Straley*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



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October 05, 2008 at 08:33 AM



“ *Big Jim Straley has been a long time friend that beginning in the 60s in Lancaster, Huntington county. We attended the same school and had sheared many experienced many advancers together, and worked together in the oil fields in Midland, Texas. May God bless you Jim.##imported-begin##William Shultz##imported-end##*

September 12, 2008 at 10:02 AM



“ I have known Jim now for 19 years and he was the best friend anyone could ever have, he would do anything for anyone. Deb & spencer I want you to know that I'm always here for both of you no matter what time of day or night, I'm only a phone call a way, Jim I will miss you so very much and I will see you on the other side someday###imported-begin##David & Cathie Heckert###imported-end##

September 11, 2008 at 02:33 PM



“ Its a sad day for me as Big Jim was more then a friend he was a brother.
We grow up together in Lancaster as a kid I watched hem go to Vietnam and later I went in 1970 my self.
We had great times with his brother Rich. we had more fun. riding the river road and later we rode together on our Harley. There is so much we did and things happened with Jim and I.
He was and all ways been a close to me and Ill miss hem. At this time I am in Iraq now 4 years I have offten asked about hem . Now I am sad that I have not seen hem sooner. Its sad that i can't come see hem now. But I know he understand..Big Jim YOU WILL BE MISSED.
Rich Shultz (TC) 11 Sept 08###imported-begin##Richard Shultz###imported-end##

September 11, 2008 at 01:45 AM



“ Deb, Spence, I am so sorry for your loss. I know you are feeling so much more pain than me & yet I am crushed.. I loved Jim soooo much, in all my years & of all my friends, he was one of the few partners that didn't mind & even enjoyed me (a single woman)hanging around & did not see me as a threat to his relationship. That's because he knew me & he knew you Deb & he knew that we loved & respected him. God, he could make me laugh my @\$ off. I never met anyone quite like him before & I doubt that I ever will again. It was my pleasure & honor to have known him & been a part of his life. He was deeply loved & will be greatly missed. I love you guys so much & wish that I could be there for & with you. Love from Kristie Miller (Gainesville Ga.)###imported-begin###Kristie Miller###imported-end##

September 10, 2008 at 01:12 AM



“ Deb & Spencer, So sorry to hear about Jim. We all so many good times together. I'm so glad me & Jim had are good talk together. He loved the both of you so much & family friends & Brothers. Jim had a good life with all the wild & crazy that happen in his life. Jim was always there when someone needed a ride or some one needed to talk to. I know I was one of them. Jim will be sadly missed & always in our hearts forever!! Love You Always, Best Friends & Aunt Penny###imported-begin###Penny & George &Julie & Avilynn###imported-end##

September 09, 2008 at 12:32 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jim was such a sweet man and he will be missed!###imported-begin###Amber & Jared###imported-end##

September 08, 2008 at 01:48 PM