



## James "Jim" L. Blocker

July 16, 1931 - November 8, 2011

James "Jim" L. Blocker 80 of Bluffton went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday morning at 5:30 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Jim was born in Nottingham Township, Wells County, to Lester & Edith (Kleinknight) Blocker. He graduated from Rockcreek High School in the Class of 1949. He faithfully served his country during the Korean Conflict in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954. On July 27, 1957 in Columbus, Ohio he married Shirley (Norris) Blocker. They have shared the last 54 years together in marriage.

Jim retired from General Electric in 1988 after 38 years of service. During that time he also ran the family farm. After retirement he enjoyed operating the Frozen Yogurt Factory, a concession trailer that he operated at many local fairs and carnivals. He also sold real estate in Fort Wayne for Norris-Bacon Realty.

In 1996 Jim & Shirley moved to Palm Harbor, Florida. He enjoyed bowling, fishing and playing cards with friends. Over the years, Jim has been an active member of both Murray Missionary and Hope Missionary Church.

Survivors include his wife Shirley of Bluffton and children; J. Chris (wife Rhonda) Blocker of Rochester, Cheryl A. (Husband Brian) Buckland of Bluffton and Curtis (wife Heidi) Blocker of Peoria, Arizona, along with 8 grandchildren; Sgt. Brandon (wife Jessica) Blocker, U.S.M.C. of Murrieta, Ca, Ryan Blocker of Rochester, IN., Ashley (husband Lance Corp. Drew, U.S.M.C.) Yocum of Ocean Side, CA, Aaron Buckland of Fort Wayne, Aimee Buckland of Bluffton and James, Rebecca & Jaydon Blocker, all of Peoria, Arizona along with 3 great-grandchildren.

Jim is preceded in death by a brother Robert Blocker and a sister Alice

McClure.

Friends are invited to visit with Jim's family from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, November 13, 2011, at Hope Missionary Church with Pastor Gary Aupperle officiating. Memorials may be made to Hope Missionary Church or Family Hospice & Palliative Care through the funeral home. Friends can express online condolences at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 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

## Service

NOV 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Hope Missionary Church  
429 E. Dustman Rd.  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ James "Jim" L. Blocker

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Dear:Blocker Family,

*While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your loved one. Death is an enemy to mankind and who can understand it? It can and does have a devastating effect on you and your family as well.*

*Can you imagine reading a newspaper with the headline "When Death is Swallowed Up Forever....." What a wonderful time that will be. Revelation 21:4 offers this hope, it states: "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." What a comforting hope.*

*If you would be interested in learning even more, I can send you a little tract that is entitled "What Hope for Dead Loved Ones"? If you have any Questions, please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address here ([b.molina56@yahoo.com](mailto:b.molina56@yahoo.com)).*

*I offer my sincere condolences, may the God of peace be with you and your family.*

*Sincerely Yours,*

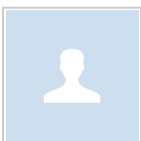
*Brandy Molina##imported-begin##Brandy Molina##imported-end##*

January 13, 2012 at 04:58 PM



“ My father & Jim were cousins. Our thoughts & prayers with your family.##imported-begin##Kathy (Blocher) Cron##imported-end##

November 15, 2011 at 02:35 PM



“ Shirley, Connie & I send our prayers and thoughts to you and your family at this time. Jim was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed.

*Sincerely, Ed & Connie##imported-begin##Ed Grabau and Connie Finlay##imported-end##*

November 14, 2011 at 09:33 AM



“ Shirley, You and Jim left a lasting impression...We re so sorry to hear about Jim s passing. We re glad that we got to meet you both. I hope we get the chance to see you again. We send our deepest sympathy. Love and Prayers.Ginny & Bill Pryor###imported-begin##Ginny And Bill Pryor###imported-end##

November 12, 2011 at 07:22 PM



“ Shirley, Sorry about Jim s passing. My prayers are with you. Lovania###imported-begin##Lovaniia Pryor###imported-end##

November 12, 2011 at 07:13 PM



“ Dear Shirley & family,  
You have my prayers and thoughts as you say good bye for now. I meet Jim when I was in my teens and was attending Murry Misssionary Church. His smile was contages. My you hold on to the memory's you have made and smile when you think of him until you see him again. Keep his joy for life and God's love with you now and forever. Amen###imported-begin##Tammy (Reidt) Saalfrank###imported-end##

November 12, 2011 at 01:14 AM



“ The kids and I wish we could be there with family. We are just glad we manage to get Brandon back to be there. We are thinking of you guys.

Love,

Jessica, Jocilyn, & William###imported-begin##Jessica Blocker ###imported-end##

November 11, 2011 at 10:58 PM



“ Jim was a great guy! He and Shirley were friends with my family! I also graduated with Curt. I will never forget the fun time our families had together on a fishing trip to Canada. That trip gave us many good laughs. Jim will be greatly missed. He was a super Christian father and grandfather. My prayers go out to the family. Take care!###imported-begin##Kathy Childress(Kathy Imel)###imported-end##

November 11, 2011 at 10:41 PM



“ So sorry about your Dad!!! Sending prayers too you and your family Curt!!! God Bless!!!!##imported-begin##Bettye Martin##imported-end##

November 11, 2011 at 10:11 PM



“ We were sorry to here about your dad, Chris. We are out of town and just found out or we would have come to the viewing. Thinking of you and your family,  
  
Christine (Hunteman) and Dan Hunt##imported-begin##Christine and Dan Hunt##imported-end##

November 11, 2011 at 08:37 PM



“ Our family was saddened to hear of Jim's death. We are so very sorry, and we pray Jesus will surround each of you with His infinite love, comfort and peace. We have such wonderful memories of your family even though we lived such a short time in Bluffton. You all have always been in our hearts, and you touched our lives in so many meaningful, beautiful ways.  
God bless you always.  
Love,  
Paul & Kathy Baker & family  
Knoxville, Tennessee##imported-begin##Paul & Kathy Baker##imported-end##

November 11, 2011 at 03:40 PM



“ James 5:16  
The prayer of a good person has a powerful effect.

*This verse will always remind us of Jim.*

*God bless and we love you.*

*Bill & Jeanie##imported-begin##Bill and Jeanie Decker##imported-end##*

November 11, 2011 at 08:41 AM



“ Shirley and Family,  
You have our sympathy in Jim's passing. We hope you are able to reflect upon the wonderful memories.  
May God bless your family during this difficult time.  
Phyllis Heiniger and  
Cynthia (Heiniger)Knueve##imported-begin##Cynthia (Heiniger) Knueve & Phyllis Heiniger##imported-end##

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November 10, 2011 at 09:54 PM



“ Cheryl & family,  
Sorry for your loss. Praying you find comfort and peace in happy memories.##imported-begin##Theresa Haneline##imported-end##

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November 10, 2011 at 07:32 PM



“ Shirley and family,  
I was sorry to hear of your loss.  
You and Jim were so good to Sheila and Doug.  
Janet##imported-begin##Janet (Settle)Farmer##imported-end##

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November 10, 2011 at 05:29 PM



“ Uncle Jim was a special family man and will be missed by all. Our prayers will be with you, Shirley, and the rest of the family.##imported-begin##Connie and Larry Sheets##imported-end##

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November 10, 2011 at 01:49 PM



“ Dear Aunt Shirley, Chris, Cheryl and Curt,

*My heart and prayers go out to you as you remember all the wonderful experiences you shared with your husband and dad. I have so many great memories of our times we spent together each summer as we "exchanged" cousins for a week....when Cheryl and I would get in trouble for playing with our soft-serve ice cream in the back seat of the car or the gigantic tupperware bowl (I remember it being at least 36" across) of home-made carmel corn at the drive-in theater in our PJ's with the seats folded down in the Rambler stationwagon. Remember when Prince decided he wanted to go back to the barn at a gallop and we both got bucked-off in the dirt? What adventures we have shared! Uncle Jim could always make us laugh and would tease us to the very end. I'm going to make some "goober slaw" in his honor. :)*

*I'm so glad we got to spend time together at our home in FL when mom and dad (Jim's brother, Bob)were visiting and Uncle Jim and Aunt Shirley came over for Thanksgiving or overnight visits. These are the memories that will keep Uncle Jim alive in our hearts.*

*I'm so sorry I can't be there to give each of you a big hug, but I'm holding all of you close in my heart.*

*Love,*

*Diana McGinty, Winter Springs FL##imported-begin##Diana McGinty, Niece of Jim and Shirley's##imported-end##*

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November 10, 2011 at 10:10 AM



“ To my dearest friend, Shirley,

*My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family in the loss of your loved one. Jim was a very good friend of mine and such a caring, christian and helpful man. I will miss him dearly. Remembering all of you in my prayers.*

*Your friend,*

*Marilyn##imported-begin##Marilyn Prather##imported-end##*

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November 10, 2011 at 10:00 AM



“ To my dearest friend Shirley,##imported-begin##Marilyn Prather##imported-end##

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November 10, 2011 at 09:51 AM



“ *Becky, Please accept my heartfelt condolences for you and your families loss. - Pete -##imported-begin##Pete Bricker##imported-end##*

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November 10, 2011 at 06:22 AM



“ *Dear Shirley:*

*There are no words to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We enjoyed you and Jim so much when we were with you here in Florida, at my sister's, Marilyn and all the times we went to the Rays ballgames, played cards etc., Jim will be missed very much by everyone. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this sad time. Sincerely,  
Nancy & Leo Ditsler, The Villages, Fl.##imported-begin##Nancy and Leo Ditsler##imported-end##*

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November 09, 2011 at 04:46 PM



“ *My wife pasted away just a year ago. He was a really great person and freind. He will be missed at our morning breakfasts. May God Bless.##imported-begin##Charles Bailey##imported-end##*

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November 09, 2011 at 02:53 PM