



James L. Garvin

July 1, 1930 - January 25, 2018

James (Jim) L. Garvin, 87, of New Castle, IN, passed away on the morning of Thursday, January 25, 2018 at The Heritage Pointe in Fort Wayne, IN surrounded by his children.

Jim was born on July 1, 1930 in New Castle, a son of the late Raymond and Opal (Bond) Garvin.

Jim was a proud veteran, serving in the Army during the 1950's where he was stationed in Germany. He was a graduate of Ball State University, receiving his Bachelors in Education while working full time. He was employed by Chrysler Corporation for 38 years before taking advantage of early retirement in the late 1980's. Through his life he was extraordinarily supportive of his children, attending sporting events, traveling to speech and debate meets, caring for them during illness or injuries and joining them on adventures such as white-water rafting, air boating, woodworking, painting and IU basketball games. During retirement Jim was active in Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity and Kiwanis. He was a member of the First United Methodist of New Castle for more than 50 years where he faithfully served the church in a variety of roles.

He was preceded in death by his cherished wife, Carolyn Joan (Ballinger) Garvin. They were married February 4, 1950 and shared 64 years of love,

faith, travel and time spent with family. His children especially remember and respect his devotion to and care for Carolyn.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Garvin and Opal (Bond) Garvin; a sister, Bonnie and a brother, Gerald.

Jim is survived by his three children, Stuart (Bev) Garvin of Indianapolis, Mark Garvin of Ft. Wayne and Jan Garvin of Lincoln, NE; his brother, Ron Garvin of Centerville, IN, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Monday, January 29, 2018 at Sproles Family Funeral Home. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition. All friends are invited to join the family at Montgomery Steakhouse in Spiceland following the graveside.

The family will receive friends from 2 – 6 pm on Sunday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the James and Carolyn Garvin Family Fund in care of the Henry County Community Foundation. The fund supports Henry County Humane Society, First United Methodist Church, Raintree Habitat for Humanity and Salvation Army of Henry County.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jim Garvin.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Jon McCutchen lit a candle in memory of James L. Garvin*



Jon McCutchen - February 07, 2018 at 04:31 PM

CL

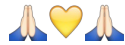
“ *I will always remember playing Catch Phrase at Christmas time with Mr. Garvin and eating Noble Romans pizza with him in New Castle. I miss him very much. My love, thoughts and prayers are with the Garvin family.*

Love, Clare Lopez

Clare Lopez - January 29, 2018 at 01:57 PM

JK

“ *Sorry for your loss. So many cherished memories! Sending love, hugs and prayers.*



Jennifer K. - January 29, 2018 at 12:06 PM

JK

“ *Jennifer K. lit a candle in memory of James L. Garvin*



Jennifer K. - January 29, 2018 at 12:01 PM

MM

“ *Stuart, Mark and Jan,*

Your former, across-the-alley-neighbors, the Morrises, have you in our thoughts. Memories of the old neighborhood along Lincoln Avenue are fond ones, and they include your mother and father, and all of the things we did as kids for which we hopefully stayed out of trouble! Best wishes,

Matt Morris

Matt Morris - January 29, 2018 at 08:51 AM



“ *Mark, I've always viewed your father as a grandfather figure. The amount of love and support your mother and father showed me was unbelievable. Mr. Garvin was a wonderful and kind man. Clint and I are extremely sorry for your loss. We are praying for you and your family. We are sending our love.*

-Clint and Lindsay

Lindsay Mathew - January 28, 2018 at 07:40 PM



“ *92 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - January 28, 2018 at 11:57 AM

CE

My dearest condolences go out to you during this time of mourning, as you and your family face the loss of your father. I wasn't fortunate enough to have the honor of meeting such an amazing man, however, he must have been a loving and caring individual to have raised such a wonderful son in Mark. I hope that you find solace in the fact that such a man must be by God's side already watching down over his family with pride. Sincerely, Chino K. Eke

Chino Eke - January 28, 2018 at 07:43 PM

ML

My family and I will all sincerely miss Jim, and we were always delighted to see him on special occasions. He was very kind to us every time we saw him, and I know he will be sorely missed by many others. He certainly did a beautiful job raising his children, and taking care of his family. My family and I offer our condolences, and will keep you all in our prayers. We pray that in this time of loss, you'll feel God's love much more and that you'll find your comfort in the presence of the Lord we pray God pours upon you, His sweet amazing grace and overflow your heart with peace as you live in His embrace.

Megan Lopez - January 28, 2018 at 07:50 PM

LM

“Our sincere sympathy in the loss of your father may precious memories sustain you in future years. We were blessed to be friends and respected his wisdom and patience and kindness. A recent visit with him was special he needed someone to talk to and I am glad I was there to share his thoughts and prayers. We are not able to be at his service, but we are praying for the family. Sincerely Lynn and Vance Meier

lynn meier - January 27, 2018 at 09:22 PM



“ Jim - Thank you for so many happy memories : sharing meals, attending church services (especially the long Easter Vigil), gardening, attending sporting events, but mostly for just sitting with me (sometimes quietly and sometimes talking),. I will remember with gratitude how you always greeted me with a warm smile. Thank you for the gift of Mark in my life, for it is an amazing gift. I am humbled by your exemplary life - kindness, compassion, integrity, character, but mainly your unfailing devotion to those you love. You took such great care of Carolyn and your children (as reflected in Stu, Jan and Mark's astonishing accomplishments). And, you inspire me to do more for my community of Fort Wayne and Allen County as you did for New Castle and Henry County. I will honor your memory by staying out of Wal-Mart and supporting local businesses. It was my honor and good fortune have known you. Until we meet again, my friend, I will miss you! Love, Marie M Kolp

MARIE KOLP - January 27, 2018 at 01:26 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James L. Garvin.



January 27, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of James L. Garvin.



January 26, 2018 at 01:20 PM

MR

“ *Jan, my sincerest condolences on the loss of your father. Reading your cousin Tom's note painted such a clear picture of the amazing man he surely was. I pray for comfort and peace to you and your family during this heart breaking time. May your parents' memories continue to surround you with their eternal love.*

Melissa Rice-Griffin - January 26, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James L. Garvin.*



January 26, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James L. Garvin.*



January 26, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ *What can you say about someone you've known your entire life. I spent so many weekends at Carlyon & Jim's house as we grew up. Carlyon was my Mom's sister & very best friend. That meant Jim would be there for every twist & turn. A thousand memories. Too many to account for here. I knew my Uncle Jim before his own kids were born. I haven't forgotten all the things Jim did for me as I grew up. He was always there. I honestly can't remember ever seeing Jim get mad. He never raised his voice in anger. I remember him showing me where he worked at the Chrysler plant. I was 10 or 11 & I thought that was the biggest place I had ever seen. I remember the house he & Carlyon first lived in; before the kids were born. I remember him walking my brother & I to the movie theater & buying us gumdrops before the show started. I can remember Uncle Jim taking me to the Armory on Grand Ave after he got out of the Army. He would help me climb up on the Tank they had out front. I remember the comfort he gave me when my parents died. There are a thousand more, but everyone in the family knows the one memory that tops them all. What kind of Uncle loans a brand new 1966 Plymouth Muscle Car to a 16 year old kid to drive to his Senior Prom. I can't imagine I would ever do something like that for my nephew. I didn't realize it at the time, but Jim taught me a valuable lesson about trust. I knew at the time, that he was really putting a lot of trust in me. There was no way I would ever disappoint my Uncle. I worried more about that car than he did. Jim was not the kind of guy that worried about much. It's probably what helped him live such a long life. He won't be forgotten.*

Love You Uncle Jim

Tom

Tom Stephens - January 25, 2018 at 10:25 PM

TT

“ Tom, June, Lee Ann, & Thorn purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of James L. Garvin.



Tom, June, Lee Ann, & Thorn - January 25, 2018 at 09:49 PM