



James "Jim" Stoops

June 30, 1948 - July 6, 2020

James "Jim" Stoops, 72, of New Castle, passed away early on the morning of Monday, July 6, 2020 at The Waters of New Castle following a brief illness.

He was born on June 30, 1948 in New Castle, Indiana, a son of the late Otis and Lacy (Hays) Stoops.

Jim graduated from New Castle High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree from Butler University. He greatly enjoyed working for the New Castle Henry County Public Library for many years. Jim was an avid reader and stayed abreast of current events. He loved his family and was a caretaker for his mom until her death.

He is survived by one brother, Bob (Betty) Stoops in Ocala, Florida, and several nieces and nephews including, Tony (Linda) Fellers of Brownsburg, Shari Fellers of Kokomo, Tammy (Scott) Gard of Mooreland, Nancy (Chris) Vermeulen and Lucille Stoops of Michigan.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Stoops, and a sister, Nancy (Stoops) Fellers.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, July 11, 2020, in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the New Castle Henry County Public Library, www.nhcpl.org. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of James "Jim" Stoops.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery

505 Bundy Ave.
New Castle, IN 47362
(765) 521-6850

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition
950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Tribute Wall

MI

“ When Josiah Sledd was a little tyke, he loved the film "Grandpa Worked on the Railroad" As soon as we got in the door of the library, he would start shouting, "Jim! You have Grandpa Worked on the Railroad. ? This went on every time we went there. Jim was always so kind to Josiah, getting the film he asked for. He was so pleasant to work with in the library. He will be missed by many.
Marcia Raab Ireland

Marcia Ann Ireland - July 14, 2020 at 07:25 PM

EW

“ Bob and Betty, I'm so sorry for your loss. Jim was always so helpful at the library. I enjoyed visiting with him when I saw him occasionally after he retired. As you know, your family has been special to me for many years and you all will be in my prayers during this difficult time.
Edna Craig Wheeler

Edna Wheeler - July 10, 2020 at 06:17 AM

NS

“ Jim Stoops worked at the New Castle Public Library for many years. The patrons loved him for his knowledge of our fiction collection. He always knew who was writing what and when they had a new book coming out. He knew all of the series, what order the titles came in and even which patrons were reading which series and what book they would want next. Jim's often dour appearance hid a wonderful sense of humor that was enjoyed by the staff. He was also noted for his ability to consume treats that staff brought in. We knew there would be no leftovers if Jim was there and we envied that he still remained thin. Jim will be greatly missed and the library staff sends thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.

New Castle Henry County Public Library Staff

New Castle Henry County Library Staff - July 09, 2020 at 11:39 AM

WL

“ Jim was a dedicated library employee for many years. He was the go-to person when you needed to find a fiction book. Patrons and coworkers alike valued his knowledge of fiction including series and what order the titles came in and which book you would want next. I was always amazed that he could walk right up to the paperback racks and pull the exact book off that you couldn't find yourself.

Jim also had a great sense of humor. He could say things with a straight face that would have everyone laughing. I particularly looked forward to his hilarious birthday cards. He will certainly be missed!

Winnie Logan - July 09, 2020 at 08:26 AM

JB

“ Jim and I have been friends a long time - since grade school. Our homes were close. I lived on Grand Avenue and he lived on 14th Street. It was just a short walk to each other's home. Sometimes we would play in the Couden Funeral Home parting lot or in the back yard behind the Historical Society. I moved to Cincinnati and then to The Villages, Florida, but we always kept in touch. I will surely miss him.

Jerry Byers - July 08, 2020 at 11:33 PM

DC

“ Long time friend that will surely be missed. We shared our love for books and reading. Rest in peace, Jim !

DIANA CONN - July 08, 2020 at 01:37 PM

EL

“ Jim was a delightful person to work with. He cared for his library patrons. His wry sense of humor always had you giggling.

elissa - July 08, 2020 at 01:27 PM

BP

“ I worked with Jim at the library. We shared many laughs and our love of books. Jim was a gentle soft spoken soul and very loyal. He loved his job. I'll never forget him. Rest In Peace my friend.

Beth Pribble - July 08, 2020 at 01:00 PM

SB

“ Jim was a joy to work with at the library. I always looked forward to the shifts we would work together; he was so witty and funny. He had an infectious smile and laugh that I will never forget. Prayers to his family and friends.

Sandy Brogdon - July 08, 2020 at 12:57 PM

PA

“ I worked with Jim at the library. He was always so kind. I hope you rest in peace my friend.

Pam Adkins - July 08, 2020 at 12:38 PM

CM

“ I worked with Jim for 20 years. He was kind and thoughtful at all times. We loved to share books and mysteries. He was a good cook. I will always miss him 😞🌸. Christian Miller

Christian Miller - July 08, 2020 at 10:40 AM