



## Kim L. Cronk

September 1, 1955 - September 7, 2020

Kim L. Cronk, 65, of New Castle, passed away unexpectedly at home on the evening of Monday, September 7, 2020.

He was born on September 1, 1955 in New Castle, Indiana, a son of Jack and Barbara (Taylor) Cronk.

Kim was a proud 1974 graduate of Shenandoah High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Ball State University in 1977. He began his law enforcement career as a Henry County Reserve Deputy in 1976 and graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in 1978. He served the citizens of Henry County as an employee of the Henry County Sheriff's Department for 38 years holding various ranks including two terms as Sheriff. He was currently serving his third term as a Commissioner and had served six years as a County Councilman. He was a founder of Henry County's 911 Emergency Response System and the Henry County EMS. Kim was the creator of the Henry County Drug Task Force. He served as the Shenandoah School Board President for 8 years and for over 20 years served on the board of NineStar Connect.

Kim was passionate about Henry County economic development and was proud of working with other leaders in bringing new jobs to the community. He was instrumental in bringing Ivy Tech College, Gillman's Home Center, Boar's

Head, Mr. Fuel Truck Stop, Love's Truck Stop & McDonald's, Crown Corporation, Renovation of the W.G. Smith Building, Henry County Expo, and the new correctional/rehabilitation center to replace the current Henry County Jail.

Earlier in his life he was a 4-H member for 10 years. He was a dog lover and food lover - especially Anderson Cracker Barrel, The Early Bird and Stacks. He loved to travel especially to Orlando, Nashville, Las Vegas, Palm Springs, and Santa Barbara. He also loved singing especially in the car.

Always responsive to those in need, Kim did anything and everything for anyone. He was kind, big hearted, and looked for joy in everything.

Those left to cherish Kim's memory include his parents, Jack and Barbara Cronk of New Castle, two daughters, Lauren Cronk of Los Angeles, CA, and Leanna Cronk (fiance': Josh Lome) of Indianapolis; former wife, mom of his daughters, and life-time friend Nila Miller-Cronk of Lebanon, a brother Jay (wife: Kim Cronk) of New Castle, several nieces, nephews, and cousins and by his canine family, Bella, Charles, and Lexi.

The Cronk family is honoring Kim's wish for no public service however they invite you to join - either by participating or watching - as a public funeral procession through town will begin at 1:00 pm Saturday, September 12, 2020. If you wish to join please arrive at Sproles Family Funeral Home between 12:00 pm and 12:50 pm. The procession will take Kim past many places that were very meaningful to him including The 4H Building, Henry County Sheriff's Office, The Courthouse, The Early Bird, IVY Tech's Campus and others before returning to the funeral home.

Processional Route:

Start Point - 1:00 pm Saturday at Sproles Funeral Home

Northbound on State Road 3

Westbound on CR 100N - (Pass-by Smith Bldg/ Expo Center @ Memorial Park)

Southbound on State Road 3

Eastbound on Broad St.

NB on 11th St.

EB on Fleming St. (Pass-by HC Jail)

SB on 12th St.

EB on Race St. (Stop @ Courthouse for final call)

NB on Main St.

EB on Broad St.

SB on 15th St. (Pass-by Early Bird)

EB on Grand Ave

SB on 18th St. (State Road 103)

WB on CR 400S

NB SR 3 (Pass-by Ivy Tech)

Return to Sproles Funeral Home and disperse.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to one of Kim's last projects, the Henry County Expo Center, PO Box 137 New Castle, Indiana 47362 or you may donate online by clicking here (<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/online-payments-and-donations/>).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Kim L. Cronk.

# Previous Events

## Public Funeral Procession

SEP **12.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



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**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - September 11, 2020 at 11:10 PM

RN

“ *Driving to work one morning, 17 years ago on a cold icy winter day, I hit a stretch of ice on the curve on Sulphur Springs road. I was able to slow down but the car slipped right off the road into deep snow. My 4 year old son Zach was in the car seat in the back and thankfully no real damage was done. Kim answered the call that morning and stayed with us (letting Zach play with his lights and siren) while we were towed out. Kim is sadly missed.*

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**Ron Neal** - September 16, 2020 at 06:03 PM

TF

“ *Tammy Fowler lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



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**Tammy Fowler** - September 12, 2020 at 08:56 PM

SS

“ Stephen R Smith lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk



Stephen R Smith - September 12, 2020 at 04:15 PM

JH

“ Jackie Howard lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk



Jackie Howard - September 12, 2020 at 03:55 PM

CS

“ God bless his family .he was a very good friend to everyone . May God bless !rest in peace he is singing with the angels

Charlie and Jewell Smith - September 12, 2020 at 11:25 AM

CS

“ Charlie And Jewell Smith lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk



Charlie and Jewell Smith - September 12, 2020 at 11:21 AM

CS

“ Prayers for the family .he wea a respectable and caring man a friend to everyone! May God bless he is singing with the angels from Jewell and Charlie Smith

Charlie and Jewell Smith - September 12, 2020 at 11:18 AM

TF

“ Terri Harvey and Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Kim L. Cronk.



Terri Harvey and Family - September 12, 2020 at 10:50 AM

ML

“ Kim's Dedication & Devotion to Henry county will sadly be missed. Sincere heartfelt condolences go out to his family.



Maria Landers - September 12, 2020 at 09:05 AM

BH

“ I send my condolences to the family and friends, I knew Kim when I was at the Sheriffs department and CD police back in the 80's and 90's, a great guy.  
Bob hayworth

Bob E Hayworth - September 12, 2020 at 08:52 AM

LK

“ Lou-Vicky (Armstrong) Koning lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk

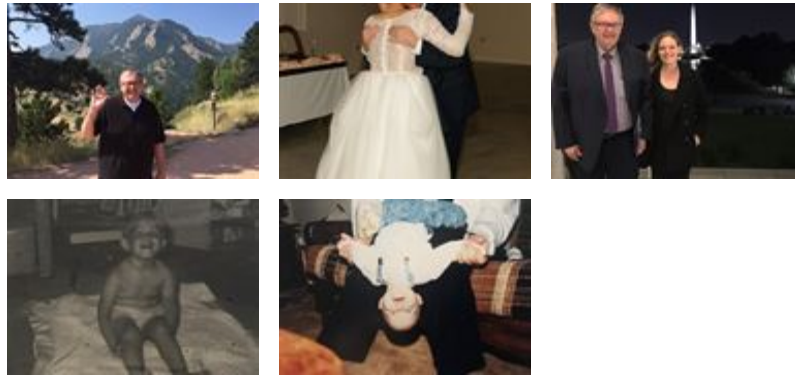


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Lou-Vicky (Armstrong) Koning - September 12, 2020 at 04:54 AM



“ 144 files added to the album LifeTributes



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Sproles Family Funeral Home - September 11, 2020 at 11:06 PM

PQ

“ I remember Kim as a toddler hanging from “Murph’s) bed and thinking there is one active kid. Prayers for the family.  
Peg and Duane Queener

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peg Queener - September 11, 2020 at 10:34 PM

NW

“ *Rest In Peace, my friend.*



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**Nancy Webb** - September 11, 2020 at 10:02 PM

PD

“ *Pattie Dowden lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



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**Pattie Dowden** - September 11, 2020 at 09:47 PM

MG

“ *Melinda Grounds lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



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**Melinda Grounds** - September 11, 2020 at 09:30 PM

RJ

“ It is with deep sorrow which we find ourselves at this time. Kim's entire life was dedicated to public service. It will be a long time before we again see such measure of devotion and dedication to the service of the people of Henry County. The community is a much better place for having known him, and he them. I will miss our political arguments, which neither one of us ever won. So long old friend, and thanks for all the good memories.

*Randy & Marcia Jones*

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**Randy & Marcia Jones** - September 11, 2020 at 08:54 PM

EP

“ Eldon Pitts lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk



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**Eldon Pitts** - September 11, 2020 at 08:47 PM

LM

“ Lisa Miller lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk



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**Lisa Miller** - September 11, 2020 at 08:12 PM

AA

“ With our deepest sympathy, the staff of the Henry County Health Department.

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**Angela Cox, Health Dept. Administrator** - September 11, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kim L. Cronk.*



September 11, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ *Marion And Kathy Adkins lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



**Marion and Kathy Adkins** - September 11, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ *Marcia Miller lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



**Marcia Miller** - September 11, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kim L. Cronk.*



September 11, 2020 at 03:33 PM

TG

“ My thoughts, prayers, and condolences to Kim’s family, friends, and colleagues.

Tracy L. Gorman - September 11, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kim L. Cronk.



September 11, 2020 at 02:31 PM

KW

“ The first memory I thought of is Kim, Nlla and Barbara at our home taking pictures of all our kids (including LeeAnna) looking beautiful for their proms that night. Prayers and thoughts go to the family from ours.



Kathy Whitmore - September 11, 2020 at 01:04 PM

MA

“ I will miss Kim. He was a good friend not only to me but my entire family. I remember when my mom passed away and we were traveling North on St Rd 3 getting ready to turn on 100N to go to St Anne Cemetery, my son saw Kim standing at attention with his hand over his heart as if to say goodbye to my mom. My son later made the comment, "it was so nice to see Kim take time from his busy schedule to see my grandma to her final resting place. " That's the kind of person he was. Thanks for everything you did for your fellow county employees.

Mandy Adams - September 11, 2020 at 12:05 PM

AM

“ Amanda lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk



Amanda - September 11, 2020 at 12:04 PM

MA

“ Mandy Adams lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk



Mandy Adams - September 11, 2020 at 11:46 AM

CR

“ Chelsey Reece lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk



Chelsey Reece - September 11, 2020 at 11:33 AM

DE

“ Diana Ewing lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk



Diana Ewing - September 11, 2020 at 11:02 AM

JU

“ Junecole lit a candle in memory of Kim L.  
Cronk



junecole - September 11, 2020 at 11:00 AM

DE

“ Diana Ewing lit a candle in memory of Kim L.  
Cronk



Diana Ewing - September 11, 2020 at 10:55 AM

DB

“ What can I say about Kim that has not been said, he will be missed  
by a lot of people with his smile God be with Kim and the family in  
this sadden time, R I P Kim

don brumley - September 11, 2020 at 09:24 AM

HL

*RIH Kim! You've been a wonderful friend on Facebook. I'll miss you!  
You've always been so kind to everyone, and you will be missed  
terribly!  
Praying for peace and comfort to all your precious family and friends!*  
🙏

Hazel Lykens - September 11, 2020 at 03:52 PM

MM

*I met Mr. Cronk 20 some years ago when I became a school bus driver at Shenandoah School Corp. and Mr. Cronk was on the school board. After 2 years driving I felt I wanted to ask for a raise but did not know how to go about doing that - not knowing what amount to ask for. I asked the school board members and the main supervision to please ride my bus with and evaluate my position. Mr. Cronk was the ONLY person that volunteer to do that. He rode the ride and went to the school board and recommended a raise. I was and always will be grateful to him for taking his time and letting me know that he thought my job was important. Mr. Cronk was a great man and I will never forget all of the times he listened when I called him and needed "direction" - he always took the time to help. Mr. Cronk I will always remember you and your kindness. Rest in peace. You will be missed. Thank you.*

Marcia Miller - September 11, 2020 at 04:20 PM

KW

“ *Kelli Wasson lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



Kelli Wasson - September 11, 2020 at 09:16 AM

BA

“ *Barbara Atkinson-addison lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



barbara atkinson-addison - September 11, 2020 at 08:55 AM

PJ

“ *Pat Jackson lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



Pat Jackson - September 11, 2020 at 08:29 AM

BY

“ *Bobbie York lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



Bobbie York - September 11, 2020 at 06:07 AM

GC

“ *Gail Cummings lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



gail cummings - September 10, 2020 at 10:36 PM

TB

“ *THERESA BARNES-MATLOCK lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



THERESA BARNES-MATLOCK - September 10, 2020 at 10:33 PM

RD

“ *Ricky Davis lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



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**Ricky Davis** - September 10, 2020 at 10:32 PM

BR

“ *Brenda Real lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



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**Brenda Real** - September 10, 2020 at 08:44 PM

VM

“ *Jack Barbara & Jay Ed & I we're sadden in read of Kim's death We have several wonderful memories showing the cattle in 4-H*

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**Vickie Manifold** - September 10, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ *Kim and I were friends growing up and going to the 4-H barn and showing cattle together and out family's were also friends ... we all was farmers back in our younger days...he will be missed ...my love goes out to the family ...*

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**Ted Jessup** - September 10, 2020 at 07:34 PM

CC

“ *Caeol Caah lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



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**Caeol Caah** - September 10, 2020 at 06:09 PM

TM

“ *Tara McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



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**Tara McDaniel** - September 10, 2020 at 05:58 PM

KA

“ *He was always kind, considerate, and caring with me. There was a time when I was a teenager and I needed him to search out justice for me. He did what he could to protect me. He reassured me, made certain I was not afraid, and even went outside of the county to secure help with what I was going through. It was a horrible time-period in my life and Kim was a warrior for me. He gave my dad the best advice he could, and talked him off the ledge. There are people walking this earth today because Kim assuaged my father's furor.*

*I am so saddened by current events and pray for the comfort of his family.*

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**Kelli Akers** - September 10, 2020 at 05:32 PM

JB

“ JODIE BROWN lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk



JODIE BROWN - September 10, 2020 at 04:41 PM

SF

He was a wonderful and caring man who will be miss by family 🙏 and friends

Susan fellers - September 10, 2020 at 07:35 PM

BM

“ I will always have special memories of Kim. He helped me so much when the building next to my shop collapsed, putting me out of business. He was always kind, caring & helpful. His service to the County & community is beyond measure. I pray for strength & peace for his family.



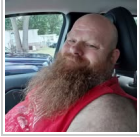
Sending my deepest condolences , sympathy, & prayers  
Barbara Meade

Barbara Meade - September 10, 2020 at 04:37 PM

PS

“ Kim whistling through the courthouse as he walked to his office, his presence, you just knew when he wasn't there, his genuine concern for all county employees, his laugh...There was not a time he didn't leave you with a "God Bless". We were blessed Kim...and you will be dearly remembered and missed.

Pam Snell - September 10, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ *Kay Cadwallader lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



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**Kay Cadwallader** - September 10, 2020 at 03:44 PM

DH

“ *I'm still at a loss for words. I pray his family knows how much he was loved. Kim was a great servant for our community, and one who would always respond to our calls for help, always there when we needed him. You will be sorely missed, Kim. Rest in peace.*

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**Delora Hartsock** - September 10, 2020 at 03:28 PM

RM

“ *So sorry for your loss, Jack, Barbara, and family.*  
*Rick McLain*



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**Rick McLain** - September 10, 2020 at 03:17 PM

TB

“ *Kim was a tremendous leader and servant in Henry County and the surrounding areas. I always appreciated being able to call or email him and have assurance he would get back with me and extend help and wisdom.*

*I am praying God's comfort and peace for his family during this time of sadness. Where there is great grief there was great love.*

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**Tanya Bennett** - September 10, 2020 at 02:09 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Walker lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



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**Debbie Walker** - September 10, 2020 at 12:30 PM

GU

“ *When I was promoted as Chief of Security at the Chrysler plant, Kim was one of the first to welcome me, gave me plenty of support, and helped me with obtaining my CCW. A gentleman, and true Christian. He will be sorely missed.*

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**Gary Uhley** - September 10, 2020 at 12:07 PM

TP

“ *Tony And Meleah Perkins lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



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**Tony and Meleah Perkins** - September 10, 2020 at 10:58 AM

JC

“ *RIP you will be missed*



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**Jackie Conner** - September 10, 2020 at 10:20 AM

JB

“ Jason E Bertram lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk



Jason E Bertram - September 10, 2020 at 10:19 AM

BC

“ I will always remember Kim for his years of service for the County. He was always willing to listen and try to help with problems. He would stop in the office and talk about things and ask if we had anything going on that we needed help with. He often mentioned his daughters or his parents. He will be sadly missed. I still look for him to open the door around 8 am and say a few words and then leave with a wave and a "God Bless"



Betsy Cedras - September 10, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ Mr. Cronk was always very kind and uplifting on Facebook. I enjoyed his many funny and/or encouraging sayings/animal gifs/beautiful scenery! Friend, Brenda Clark

Brenda Clark - September 10, 2020 at 08:41 AM

HG

“ Kim was one of my best friends. He showed great kindness to me and great support through out our times together. We shared many tough times together, particularly while we were on the Sheriffs Department. Any time I needed help and Kim was also on duty he was there for me. R.I.P. my wonderful friend and "brother" officer.

Harold Griffin - September 10, 2020 at 08:39 AM

TN

“ *Tammi Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



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**Tammi Nicholson** - September 10, 2020 at 08:26 AM

BH

“ *I was profoundly grieved to learn of Kim’s death and my deepest sympathy to the family. He will always be remembered for his kindness in a time of need for my family. My mom had just a few days to live and his help getting her to Ball Memorial to be evaluated for Hospice for home care. When the arranged ambulance didn’t arrive to pick her up, I called Kim and he showed up driving an ambulance and transported my mom for the family. He waited and then transported my mom and family back home. I feel fortunate to have known Kim and he will always be remembered for his kindness.*



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**Bonnie Hunt** - September 10, 2020 at 07:13 AM

NB

*I have known Kim since he was 18. I always thought highly of him. He was a kind and considerate man. Kim will be missed.*

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**Nancy Burk** - September 10, 2020 at 07:32 AM

TP

“ *Terri Pope lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



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**Terri Pope** - September 10, 2020 at 06:11 AM

HE

“ *Heather lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



Heather - September 10, 2020 at 06:11 AM

CP

“ *A wonderful man! RIP KIM!ALL MY PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY*



Connie Pate - September 09, 2020 at 11:09 PM

DR

“ *Kim was Don's cadet teacher his senior year in high school. We had been friends ever since. I always appreciated the work he did for our county. He will be truly missed.*

Don and Kathy Radaker - September 09, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ *My sister, Karen Dickey, worked with Kim for over 40 years and had nothing but good things to say about him. He was always keeping the employees in mind. She is devastated along with several of her friends from the Court House. (She doesn't have a Facebook account.) Rest in peace Kim.*

Carol Keith - September 09, 2020 at 09:50 PM

TM

“ *Prayer for the family RIP Kim*



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**tina morris** - September 09, 2020 at 09:48 PM

TM

“ *Tina Morris lit a candle in memory of Kim L. Cronk*



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**tina morris** - September 09, 2020 at 09:45 PM

BH

“ *Rest In Peace Kim, thank you for your services & you were a great man :( So sorry for your loss, sending prayers to his family*



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**Beverly Holwager** - September 09, 2020 at 09:25 PM