



Francis "Jim" R. Riffel

June 6, 1929 - February 9, 2025

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Francis R. "Jim" Riffel, age 95, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at Legacy Living in Jasper, Indiana.

Jim was born in Dodgeville, Iowa, on June 6, 1929, to William and Mary Jane (Beckman) Riffel. He married Joan Herzog on June 27, 1953, at St. John's Catholic Church in Burlington, Iowa. She preceded him in death on April 21, 2008.

He was a 1947 graduate of Burlington High School in Burlington, Iowa.

He was a United States Army Veteran.

Jim worked at Jasper Desk, where he had retired as General Manager after 26 years.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, and was awarded the Brute Award for his service within the parish. He was also a member of the Holy Name Society, Jasper K of C, and VFW Post #673.

He was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, St. Charles Health Campus and Memorial Hospital.

Jim enjoyed walking, exercising, bowling, fishing, reading, and big band music.

Surviving are five daughters, Mary Ann (James) Bartley, Jasper, IN, Patricia Joan Riffel, Milwaukee, WI, Kristine Marie (Kerry) Jochim, Jasper, IN, Karen Frances (Robert) Grewe, Jasper, IN, Beth Ann (Jon) Blackgrave, Jasper, IN, three grandchildren, Jenna (Tom) Davey, Brandon Jochim, and Zachary Grewe, three step grandchildren, Peyton, Kendyl, and Trey Blackgrave, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death besides his wife are three sisters and six brothers.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Francis R. "Jim" Riffel will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. The V.F.W. Post #673 will conduct military gravesite rites.

A visitation will be held from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Dubois County Right to Life, Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Tribute Wall



“ *Sending my sympathy to your whole family ...
He was a good man . May he rest in eternal
peace ...*



Marja Sonderman-Schatz - February 19, 2025 at 06:57 PM

JB

“ *My deepest sympathy & condolences to family and friends 🙏*

James Birkle - February 18, 2025 at 12:54 PM

BM

“ *Our sympathy to all the family. Uncle Jim was a man of great faith
and example to all who knew him.
Betty and Paul Mohrfeld*

Betty Mohrfeld - February 16, 2025 at 05:43 PM

JH

“ *I am so sorry for your family's loss! Your dad was such a kind and
caring man. I was his assistant at Jasper Desk years ago and
always told him whenever I saw him that he was the best boss I've
ever had. It was a privilege to work for him.*

Janice Hurst - February 15, 2025 at 03:16 PM

CK

“ Cynthia Jaent Kempf lit a candle in memory of Francis "Jim" R. Riffel



Cynthia Jaent Kempf - February 13, 2025 at 12:31 PM

CT

“ Curt & Dorothy Tyler lit a candle in memory of Francis "Jim" R. Riffel



Curt & Dorothy Tyler - February 12, 2025 at 03:23 PM

CH

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you! Your dad was a wonderful man, who put his faith, family, community and helping others first. I will always be grateful that he picked up my mother up for cancer treatments. She felt very comfortable and safe with your dad's caring hands to guide her. May the memories of a life well lived bring you comfort. Eternal rest to your dad as he joins your beloved mother.



Chris Bohnert Hinkle - February 11, 2025 at 07:46 AM

SS

“ *Sandy S Schitter lit a candle in memory of Francis "Jim" R. Riffel*



Sandy S Schitter - February 11, 2025 at 12:56 AM

SS

“ *So sorry for your loss Mary Ann and family. Your Dad was such a nice man. Prayers for all!*

Sandy S Schitter - February 11, 2025 at 12:56 AM

JK

“ *Jim was such a good man. I loved 'working' with him when he was a volunteer "Road To Recovery" Driver for the American Cancer Society. Always had a smile. My condolences to the family.*



Joan Eckerle Knies - February 10, 2025 at 03:23 PM

MS

“ *Mark And Ann Schulte lit a candle in memory of Francis "Jim" R. Riffel*



Mark and Ann Schulte - February 10, 2025 at 02:03 PM