



## **J.P. Salb M.D.**

July 8, 1928 - January 20, 2017

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

J.P. Salb, M.D, age 88 of Jasper, IN, passed on Friday, January 20, 2017, at Brookside Village in Jasper, Indiana, where he was a highly regarded and beloved family practitioner.

J.P was born in Jasper, Indiana, on July 8, 1928 to Grover and Lucille (Beckman) Salb. He was a graduate of Jasper High School where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, was awarded the Edward Rottet Memorial Trophy, and was selected for the Kiwanis Award for senior achievement. He attended Indiana University and was a dedicated "Hoosier" for life having received both his B.S. and M.D. Degrees from IU. He then enlisted in the United States Air Force as a flight surgeon achieving the rank of captain. He married Elizabeth Fierst in 1951 and they enjoyed over 50 years of marriage. She preceded him in death on February 22, 2003.

In 1956 J.P. returned to Jasper and opened his office of Family Practice. He maintained this practice until December 1985 when he assumed the position of Medical Director of Southern Railway in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1989 he was responsible for consolidating the medical departments of Southern Railway and Norfolk Western Railroad and moving those combined units to Norfolk, Virginia. He was then appointed Director of Medical Services for

Norfolk Southern Corporation, which oversaw healthcare for 27,000 employees. He served in that capacity until his retirement in 1994. During his employment he served as Chairman of the Medical Section of The American Association of Railroads and as President of the American Association of Railway Surgeons.

Upon retirement, he returned to Jasper where he served on the Board of Directors of Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. He served as Secretary of the Board and later as Chairman of the Board from which he retired in 1998.

Dr. Salb was a life member of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Practice and the Indiana State Medical Association. He was Board Certified in Family Practice.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, the Jasper Knights of Columbus, the VFW Post #673 and the American Legion Post #147.

Dr. Salb served as Chief of Staff for Memorial Hospital twice. He was Chairman of the Board of the First United Savings Bank and was Secretary of the Dubois County Board of Health. He also served on the Board of Directors of The Jasper Group, a case goods and seating manufacturing company.

In 1971 he was elected to the Silver Anniversary Team of The Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. In 1987 he was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame for his many years of service as team physician. In 2001 he was recognized by the Lincoln Heritage District of the Boy Scouts of America with the Distinguished Citizen Award. In 2009 he was selected as the Indiana University Outstanding Alumnus for the Southwest region.

An avid fisherman and hunter, J.P. spent his retirement fishing, hunting and camping with his family and close friends. He enjoyed winters in Naples, Florida, where he volunteered for Habitat for Humanity.

He is survived by his two daughters, Rebecca (Michael) Eckerle and Nancy (Mark) Morelli, and his son, John (Margaret) Salb, six grandchildren: Chris (Stephanie) Eckerle, Craig (Courtney) Eckerle, Alex Morelli, Hannah Morelli, Keri (Mike) Mertz, Kaitlyn (Jose) Celis and six great grandchildren: Emma and Charlotte Eckerle, Tristin and Garrett Favia, Jaydenn and Madalyn Mertz.

The family would like to express their warmest gratitude to Dr. Dean Beckman, and Dr. Adam Dawkins, who have continually offered comfort and care. During Dad's last year of life devoted nurses, caregivers and staff at Brookside Village and Southern Care Hospice took loving care of him, and in turn, the rest of the family. We are forever grateful for their appreciation of Dad's wit and for every kindness shown him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery. The VFW Post #673 will conduct military gravesite rites.

Friends may call from 3-7 pm, on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, IN.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the "J.P. Salb Scholarship" at the IU School of Medicine and mailed to the IU Foundation, PO Box 7072, Indianapolis, Indiana. 46207-7072 or to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **24**. 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](mailto:email@becherkluesner.com)

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **25**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church  
1029 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.P. Salb M.D.*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *I didn't know it at the time that JP was our family doctor growing up in Jasper, but his caring spirit and kind manner must have been a BIG first impression pointing me to a life in medicine. I'm sure that his skills as a fisherman matched his talented medical skills. We will all miss him...not so much the bass!*

*I've made a contribution to the JP Salb Scholarship at IU School of Medicine in his memory so that many more deserving medical students can follow his wonderful example of what it means to be a physician.*

**Dr. Greg Gramelspacher** - April 18, 2017 at 12:47 PM



“ *JP saved my life when i was 3 yrs. old. He delivered 3 of my siblings and my daughter. I have yet to find another doctor that could hold a candle to him. My prayer is for peace and comfort for the family.*

**Ann (Coble) Toby** - January 28, 2017 at 07:18 PM



“ *Thinking of your family and sending prayers your way as you say good bye to JP. Paul and I wish we could be with you today. We know that all your memories and the love of your family and friends will be great comfort to you. Still wish I could be there to hug you!*  
*Love,*  
*Paul, Tracey, Alex & Tess*

**Tracey Dangelmajer** - January 25, 2017 at 01:22 PM

JK

“ We are so sorry for your loss and are thinking of all of you. May your memories of him bring you comfort.

*Jim and Holly Kendall*

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**James and Holly Kendall** - January 25, 2017 at 05:48 AM

KS

“ The Schultheis family has fond memories of the good Dr. He took care of almost all of us, while he was practicing in Jasper. He had big smile to go along with a warm and caring spirit, and made impression on our lives that has never faded. Not to mention of him making medical house calls to check on us and leaving a couple of cans suckers for us, when he left.

*God Bless*

*Ken Schultheis on behalf of the Ed & Rosie Schultheis*

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**Ken Schultheis** - January 24, 2017 at 04:01 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. He was my doctor when I was a little girl, remember him coming to our house when I was sick. Also he delivered two of my children. He was an awesome, kind doctor!!!  
*Rebecca Merkel-Renschler*

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**Rebecca Renschler** - January 24, 2017 at 01:45 PM

MB

“ So sorry for your loss....JP was a respected doctor and man. He will be missed by everyone that knew him.

*Martha Wehr Bohnert*

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**Martha Bohnert** - January 24, 2017 at 08:35 AM

DF

“ We met and were welcomed to Jasper 38 years ago by Dr. JP Salb. He was very knowledgable and gracious as our physician who delivered our second son. We have known him since and been very impressed with his life and accomplishments. He has been and will be deeply missed in our community....we extend our deepest condolences to his family.....  
*Dr. Duane and Jane Flannagan*

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**Dr. Duane and Jane Flannagan** - January 23, 2017 at 06:18 PM

AS

“ Dear Dr. J. P. thank you for taking such good care of us. We love you.

*The Kelley Family*

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**Allison Stanley** - January 23, 2017 at 06:18 PM

SH

“ Salb Family, I'm sorry to hear of JP's passing. He was a great man. I was his first office gal, when he went into practice in the Metzger Bldg. He will be missed. Prayers and sympathy, Sarah Berger Humphrey Muncie IN  
*RIP JP*



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**Sarah Berger Humphrey** - January 23, 2017 at 12:22 PM



“ He left quite a legacy. Love and Hugs. ~Joan & Brian



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**Joan Knies** - January 23, 2017 at 11:05 AM

AS

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your Dad but rejoice that he basking in the glory of the Lord. Prayers for comfort, peace and the joys of family.

Anne & Gregg Stevenson

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Anne Stevenson - January 23, 2017 at 07:23 AM

AP

“ Love and prayers to all of you. Although I was the youngest of the Flecks, I have so many good memories of "the neighborhood." I know how much Mary Beth and Nancy enjoyed me playing with me 😊. JP was so good to us! I ate too many strawberries one day, mom called JP and he came right over with his "doctor bag" and took care of me. I feel so blessed that I have had the opportunity to visit with each of you the past few months, reminiscing our childhood. I hope you find peace knowing your dad is rejoicing in the goodness of God! Love and Blessings-Anne Therese

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Anne Poling - January 22, 2017 at 02:35 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Salb family and the community on the loss of JP. He touched so many many people- what a kind and generous man. We are sad we can't be there in person to say our good-bye. Chuck and Linda Burk

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linda - January 22, 2017 at 12:54 PM

JG

“ Heartfelt condolences to John and Boo at this most difficult time. Keeping all of you in our prayers. Janice & Richie Graf

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Janice Graf - January 22, 2017 at 09:55 AM

NB

“ Praying for your family. J.P. will always be in our memories. He delivered both our kids and was a big part of our family. Such a great doctor and an even better person. Nancy and Ken Beyke.

Nancy Beyke - January 22, 2017 at 08:56 AM

PH

“ Our sympathies to the family. Paul, Sue, Thomas & Olivia Habig

Paul Habig - January 22, 2017 at 07:47 AM

MM

“ Marsha & Tom Mcguigan lit a candle in memory of J.P. Salb M.D.



Marsha & Tom Mcguigan - January 21, 2017 at 10:41 PM

MC

“ Mary. Cooper lit a candle in memory of J.P. Salb M.D.



mary. cooper - January 21, 2017 at 06:49 PM

JL

“ *Jeff/Elaine Martin Lagro,In lit a candle in memory of J.P. Salb M.D.*



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**Jeff/Elaine Martin Lagro,In** - January 21, 2017 at 06:44 PM

RL

“ *Robert & Henrietta Leonard lit a candle in memory of J.P. Salb M.D.*



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**Robert & Henrietta Leonard** - January 21, 2017 at 03:52 PM