



## James L. Fritch

February 22, 1929 - February 17, 2020

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

James L. Fritch, age 90, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 8:05 a.m. on Monday, February 17, 2020, at home.

Jim was born in Jasper, Indiana, on February 22, 1929, to Albert and Otilia (Heldman) Fritch. He married Patricia Seger on April 19, 1952, in Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana.

Jim was a 1947 graduate of Jasper High School. He attended Georgia Tech on a scholarship, where he played basketball and baseball. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering.

He was a United States Army Veteran, serving during the Korean War.

Jim worked in the woodworking industry as a quality control manager for DMI, and retired as manager at Jasper Chemical Coatings.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, American Legion #147, V.F.W. Post #673, Jasper German Club, and the Knights of Columbus, where he was recognized as the oldest surviving 4th Degree Knight.

He enjoyed playing cards, genealogy, golfing, and most of all playing ping-pong with his family and friends.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Fritch, Jasper, IN, five children, Dave Fritch, Karen (Bill) Sermersheim, Mike (Jane) Fritch, Dan (Sara) Fritch, and Andy Fritch, all of Jasper, IN, 12 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are one sister, Viola Grewe, and two brothers, Jerome and Paul "Whop" Fritch.

A Mass of Christian Burial for James L. Fritch will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2020, in Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper, Indiana. The V.F.W. Post #673 will conduct military gravesite rights.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour before services from 9:00 a.m. until the 10:00 a.m. service time at the church on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church and/or to the Maryknoll Missionaries.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

FEB 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
950 Church Ave  
Jasper, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
950 Church Ave  
Jasper, IN



# Tribute Wall



“ *James L. Fritch*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *I loved my father-in-law very much.  
Think of him often as he impressed me so with his thirst for  
knowledge and truth. His eloquence still astounds me even when he  
was pissed at me.*

*Tracy Wright Fritch*

tracy wright fritch - March 13, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Family*



Jack's kids - February 27, 2020 at 12:16 AM



“ *Condolences and prayers from the Jack Fritch family. We're sorry  
that we didn't hear the sad news in time to attend the funeral. He  
was very kind to all of us when we visited, and we especially  
enjoyed that he shared our genealogy with us.*

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace.*

Jack Fritch family - February 26, 2020 at 10:09 PM

CB

“ Dear Pat & family,  
I was saddened when I learned that ‘Uncle’ Jim had passed away. It’s been awhile since I was able to visit and be greeted by his soft voice, smile, & welcoming hug. I wish I could be there with you to recount all the memories and fun times we had with Pat & Jim.

He rests with God now, and I’m sure there’s a card table set up with an empty chair for him to join the family & friends that are there to greet him.

Love and prayers for you all,  
Chris, or ‘Chrissie’ as he always called me, Bondy  
The oldest of Leroy & Shirley’s brood

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**Chris (Heldman) Bondy** - February 20, 2020 at 08:16 AM

DB

“ My condolences to the entire Fritch Family! Our parents were wonderful friends as their children were as well. We will miss him so. I am so sorry I am missing the service. I will light a candle here for him.

Hugs to the whole family.

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**Dean Becher** - February 20, 2020 at 07:59 AM

TA

“ My condolences to Pat (Mag’s good pal) and all the Fritchettes. Jim was a great ping pong player but I remember him as a good tennis player, and Norb said he was quite the cager as a Ramblin Wreck. Tim Alles

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**TIM ALLES** - February 19, 2020 at 10:24 AM

MK

“ *Sending my sympathy to you during this sad time. I remember talking with Jim when he would come in to Matrix to use the printer while he worked on his genealogy projects. He was always friendly and had time for a quick chat. May he rest in peace.*

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**Michelle Keller** - February 19, 2020 at 08:54 AM

CH

“ *My sympathy and prayers to the entire Fritch family. May the many memories shared comfort all of you during this difficult time.*



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**Chris Bohnert Hinkle** - February 19, 2020 at 08:51 AM

GS

“ *Wintering in the south prevents Shane and I from expressing in person our profound sorrow to "Aunt" Pat and all the Fritch(es) upon the loss of "Uncle" Jim. He and she remain a mainstay in our family. The blessing of knowing Jim and Pat and their family through the years is a treasure given to us by Jim and Pat's wondrous friendship with my own parents, and brothers and sisters. In reality this friendship now extends into a third generation. All good memories. What a blessing. we thank God for. May God grant Jim peace and rest, and may God provide strength and comfort to my last adopted "Aunt" Pat and all the Fritch(faces). Glen and Shane Sturm*

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**Glen Sturm** - February 18, 2020 at 08:15 PM

SB

“ As a next door neighbor growing up, I have known Jim nearly all of my remembered life. As an adult whenever we would meet Jim would always greet me with a "Hi Neighbor!" with a friendly smile and firm handshake.

One memory I would like to share: Nearly 40 years ago at our Wedding, Marg and I were greeting guests as newlyweds do, and Jim came up to us with that same friendly smile and firm handshake and slipped some cash in my hand and said " you two have breakfast on me in the morning!" I remember thinking, "now there is a man that is Generous with Style" it is still one of my treasured memories from that day nearly 40 years later.

*Rest in Peace Neighbor!*

*Pat, David, Karen, Mike, Dan, & Andy..... May God Bless and Comfort You!*

*Steve & Marg Buechler*

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**Steve Buechler** - February 18, 2020 at 06:25 PM

LP

“ Lisa Pugh lit a candle in memory of James L. Fritch



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**Lisa Pugh** - February 18, 2020 at 06:14 PM

NS

“ Nick And Pat Seng lit a candle in memory of James L. Fritch



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**Nick and Pat Seng** - February 18, 2020 at 02:40 PM

GM

“ We are saddened to learn of Jim’s passing while away from Jasper visiting our daughter and family. Jim was a true gentleman and one of my dad’s closest friends. They enjoyed so many great times together. I’m certain that they will catch up with each other in Heaven to renew their friendship for eternity!

*Our prayers are with Pat, Dave, Karen, Dan, Mike, Andy and their families at their time of loss. May you take consolation in knowing that Jim now lives forever with our God in complete joy and happiness!*

*Gary and Nancy Moeller*

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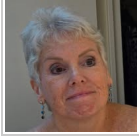
**Gary Moeller** - February 18, 2020 at 02:14 PM

BS

“ Will miss seeing him as he stopped by Matrix from time to time. He was always present at social events and will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Prayers and my sympathy as you celebrate his life!

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**Brenda Stallings** - February 18, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ *Uncle Jim will definitely be missed as he has impacted many lives! Although quite a bit of time may go by between visits, we could pick up as if we'd just seen each other yesterday when we did finally get together. Uncle Jim was always a joy to be around and what a fierce ping pong player! Always loved spending time at he and Aunt Pat's house. Prayers, love and hugs going out to the entire family!* ”



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**Angie Palko** - February 18, 2020 at 11:53 AM

PG

“ *Pat & Jane Gehlhausen lit a candle in memory of James L. Fritch* ”



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**Pat & Jane Gehlhausen** - February 18, 2020 at 11:12 AM

RG

“ *A great icon in every way. He got me started on the Fritch family tree, and I will always be grateful to him for that. Loved him dearly.* ”

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**Reen Gutsell** - February 18, 2020 at 10:34 AM

JF

“ *Joe & Mary Fromme lit a candle in memory of James L. Fritch* ”



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**Joe & Mary Fromme** - February 18, 2020 at 10:34 AM

JO

*Our sympathy to the family*

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**Joe** - February 18, 2020 at 10:40 AM

LH

*Cousin Jim was indeed a good Father and Grandfather, and we had some great times growing up together, as I was a part of his family as I went to live with them for some 9 years. I remember back when we rushed up to the Flick's Rexall Drug store to get the latest 2-3 sheets of the "latest" songs that came out, for a cost of a nickel. One of Jim's favorites was Ragtime Cowboy Joe. We both could sing, and were in the St. Joseph choir and the Vienna Boys choir had nothing on Prof. Loepker's bunch. Jim will be missed by all who knew him. Next time I see him, we can maybe make a few baskets together or hit Home Runs. Leroy Heldman, Knoxville TN*

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**Leroy Heldman** - February 18, 2020 at 01:41 PM

BK

*So very sorry to learn of the passing of a great Georgia Tech man. For many years, Jim and Mickey Sermersheim came to Atlanta several times each year to attend Tech basketball games. They were a delightful pair whom we thoroughly enjoyed seeing. We send our deepest sympathy to the entire Fritch family. Beverly Kaiser*

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**beverly kaiser** - February 19, 2020 at 05:37 PM

VO

“ *Our deepest and sincere sympathy goes out to your family at the passing of your dear husband, father and grandfather. May your memories and the love you shared bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead.*

*Your friends at the Vincennes University Alumni and Foundation Office*

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**VU Alumni and Foundation Office** - February 18, 2020 at 10:33 AM