



## James J. Sonderman

March 15, 2009

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812-482-4141 Dateline Jasper, Indiana James J. Sonderman, age 77 of Jasper, died at 8:38 a.m. Saturday (March 14, 2009) in Memorial Hospital & Health Care Center in Jasper. He was born at Jasper, Indiana on April 22, 1931 to Maurice F. and Alberta (Schellenger) Sonderman. He married Marilyn Higgins on Sept 17, 1955 St. Paul's Catholic Church at Danville, Illinois. Jim Sonderman was a U.S. Navy Veteran (Sea Bee) .

He was the founder of Furniture Suppliers Incorporated in Jasper. He served on the Board of Directors of the Dubois County Bank/Old National Bank in Jasper for 34 years, he was the 4th generation to serve on the Bank Board.

He also served on the Board of Trustee of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Jim is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Jasper Knight of Columbus, and American Legion Post # 147. Surviving,

His wife, Marilyn Sonderman.

2 daughters,

Mrs. Mark (Marja) Schatz, Siberia, IN

Mrs. Jeff (Amy) Woods, Coggon, IA

1 Son,

John Sonderman and Spouse Judy, Jasper, IN

5 grandchildren ; Melissa Schatz, Brian & Shannon Sonderman, Elizabeth & Julie Woods. Preceding him in death is 1 grandson Nathan Sonderman. 1

sister, Lois Surprenant. Funeral services for Jim Sonderman will be held at 10:00 a.m. EST, Wednesday (March 18, 2009) in St. Joseph Catholic Church with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. American Legion Post # 147 will conduct Military Grave Side Rites. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. EST Tuesday (March 17, 2009) at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper. Jasper High School Class of 1950 will have a rosary service at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary –of-the-Woods College, Terre Haute, Indiana and the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary –of-the-Woods, Terre Haute, Indiana.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James J. Sonderman*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Marja lit a candle in memory of James J. Sonderman*



Marja - June 15, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ *Marja sent a virtual gift in memory of James J. Sonderman*



Marja - June 15, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ *We only got the sad news in the mail this morning 4/08/09. We are so sad to hear of Jimmy's passing. We was one of the easest going , even tempered men I ever have known, always fair and honest. I now know why I have been thinking about jim and marilynn so much in the past 2 months, even tried to find there home on google earth. I will try to call my sissy a little later this morning. You all will be in our prayers. Tim*

Tim Higgins family - April 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Dear Amy and Marilynn, People cross the path of our lives and leave a mark that remains in our memories. Your husband and father will be remembered by me with fondness and joy. He had a deep reverence for others that showed every time I met him at St. John's Church. Our loving God welcomed him with joy and reverence as he entered eternal life. Peace to all of you. You are in my prayers. Sister Anne

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**Sister Anne Kisting** - March 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Dear Marilyn, Joyce & I extend our deepest sympathy to you & your family in Jim's passing. I enjoyed our time together on the Dubois County Bank/ONB Board. I know he will be missed by you and your family. God bless you all. Joyce & Jerry Jackle

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**Joyce & Jerry Jackle** - March 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Sonderman family: I was very saddened to hear of Jim's passing. I enjoyed working with Jim thru Fastec for over 20 years. He was without a doubt my favorite customer. It has been over 9 years since I last talked with Jim but I will always remember him. He was a hard working guy who loved his home and his family. His word was his bond, honest as they come. Please know he will be missed and I am sorry for your loss.  
Mike Marshall

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**Mike Marshall** - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ My dear Marilyn, Amy, and Sonderman family, My God's peace be with you. I was blessed to have known Mr. Sonderman through my friendship with Amy at SMWC and beyond. He was as kind and welcoming a man as I have met in my life. As I have said to Amy many times, I think her mother and father are incredibly special people, and she is a direct reflection of that. Our parents developed an immediate and lasting friendship while Amy and I were at The Woods. I know, having just lost my father last week, that his Irish eyes are smiling to be in Jim's presence again - and forever. No doubt there's going to be one heck of a party in heaven on St. Patty's Day. May God grant you some measure of peace and comfort in knowing that Jim has seen the face of God...Party on Jim and dad! With love and deep condolences,  
Katie

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**Katie O'Donoghue Ly** - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dear Amy, I am so very sorry to hear about your dad. You and your mom, and family will be in my thoughts and prayers. We're given many gifts as we go through life. Some we're allowed to enjoy for a long time, others only briefly. But each gift has the power to change us, enrich us, to make us better people. In your sadness, may there also be joy that you had such a person to love. And I know exactly what you are going through as my dad died a month ago on February 19th. May the memories of having a great father help to lift you in this sorrowful time. Love, Annie

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**Annie Bisch** - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ it has been one of my pleasures knowing jim and the sonderman family. he will be missed immensely by family and friends. please accept my deepest sympathy and God bless your family.  
LARRY

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**larry burtsfield** - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I wish to extend my deepest sympathy for your loss. Jim was an exceptional man. He will be missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

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**Kevin Fleck** - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Dear Amy and Family  
So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Let us know if we can do anything for you.  
Take Care  
The Juran's

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**Ken & Cathy Juran** - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Bernice and I are sorry for your loss.  
Bernice & Frank Berg

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**Franklin Berg** - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I was very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I will always remember his smile and positive attitude. My prayers go out to the family.

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**Steve Terry** - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Dear Marilyn and Family:  
My sincere sympathy and thoughts are with you during these difficult days.  
I am so fortunate to have had the pleasure of working with him on the Board of Trustees. He will be greatly missed by many.  
In Providence,  
Kathy

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**Kathy Lubeznik** - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Marilyn and Family, I was surprised and sorry to see of my cousin Jim's passing. I'll be sending a donation to The Woods. You have my prayers and sympathy. Love, Sarah

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**Sarah Berger Humphrey** - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Marilyn & Children.... Please accept the condolences from the Richard Lorey Family. Time has taken us apart, but memories of you and Jim are vivid. May his soul rest in peace. Dick

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**Richard Lorey** - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Marilyn and Family, Our condolences on the loss of Jim. He was a good, kind fellow. I know he will be missed. God Bless, His Cousin, Shirley (Mehringer) Heldman, and Husband, Leroy

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**Shirley&Leroy Heldman** - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *Dear Marilyn,  
My deep sympathy to you , your children and grandchildren.  
Jim was a friend, a classmate, a good man.  
He is in my prayers, as you are at this time of grieving.*

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**Paul "Buzz" Rumbach** - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM