



James "Jim" Othmar Merkley

March 26, 1956 - June 1, 2024

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

James Othmar "Jim" Merkley, age 68, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

Jim was born in Jasper, Indiana, on March 26, 1956, to Norbert and Selma (Renner) Merkley.

He was a 1974 graduate of Jasper High School and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana.

For over 50 years, Jim worked along-side his parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, and many valued employees growing the family business, Merkley & Sons Packing.

Family and friends brought joy to Jim's life. Jim had a large group of lifelong friends who gathered weekly at fish camp to cook, play cards, and attempt to solve the world's problems. Jim cherished the time he spent with his nieces and nephews when they were younger, and as they started families of their own his love was passed down to their children who treasured the time they were able to spend with Uncle Jim.

Surviving are his four siblings, Jane Greenwell, Allen (Maureen) Merkley, David Merkley, and Karen (Chester) Altmann, all of Jasper, IN, 10 nieces and nephews, 12 great nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents and his great nephew, Henry Norbert Merkley.

A Mass of Christian Burial for James O. "Jim" Merkley will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. A celebration of life will follow the burial.

Visitation will be held from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7, 2024, 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. Mass time at the church on Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church or to the wishes of the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 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

Visitation

JUN 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN

Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Patty Schroeder sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jim" Othmar Merkley*



Patty Schroeder - June 05, 2024 at 10:19 AM

JC

“ *Our Sympathy to Jim's family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. With Love, Jerry and Chris Krodel*



Jerry and Chris - June 04, 2024 at 09:44 AM

BG

“ *Our families were together often having outdoor picnics, and lots of Christmas/New Year celebrations. Lots of fun times! RIP Jim*

Bonnie Eckerle Gessner - June 03, 2024 at 05:57 PM

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“ *I knew Jim as a customer first and as a good friend later. He was a fine and honest man that could always be counted on to share a good story or two. I know he will be missed by any and all that knew him as a businessman. But he will be sorely missed as a true "good guy".
Godspeed Jim.*

Ken Kraus - June 03, 2024 at 03:04 PM