



James "Jim" Anthony Schroeder

February 9, 1947 - July 13, 2025

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James "Jim" Anthony Schroeder, 78 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at home on July 13, 2025.

Jim was born in Jasper, Indiana, on February 9, 1947 to Joseph and Esther (Fischer) Schroeder.

He was a 1965 graduate of Jasper High School. He graduated from Vincennes University in 1967 with an AD, then went on to Indiana State University where he continued to earn his BS and Master of Education.

He married his wife of 59 years, Donna Louise Pfister, on February 19, 1966, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana.

He began his teaching career at Celestine Elementary in 1969. He moved to Northeast Dubois Middle School in 1973 teaching math, history, and computer science. He was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association and the National Education Association and formerly served on the board of directors of VUJC.

Jim retired from teaching after 33 years in 2002 to focus on his role with Dubois-Pike Federal Credit Union which he and others started out of his home's basement in 1971. His positions within the credit union ranged from bank teller to CEO/CFO, and he served as the lone employee for the first ten years of its existence.

While teaching, he coached 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball at Northeast Dubois Middle School. He also both refereed and umpired games for the school corporation as well as Jasper Men's League.

He formerly served as the Financial Secretary for the Knights of Columbus where he was a 4th Degree member, a former board member, and a former Grand Knight. He also served as the Financial Manager for the Columbian Home Association.

Jim was a former head of the Democratic Party of Dubois County, avidly campaigning for both local and national seats in the 80s and 90s. In 2019 he was awarded the Circle of Corydon, a civilian award jointly issued by both the governor and the state congress.

His favorite times were spent at "the Schroeder farm" where he would sit on the porch, squirrel hunt, cut timber, and take Ranger and tractor rides with his grandchildren. He loved gardening and planting his peanuts every year following his father's footsteps. He also enjoyed playing cards, golfing, and visiting the local casinos. He loved playing sheephead with family and was always on the hunt for hot dice in craps. He had immense knowledge of World War II and loved to travel to sites from Pearl Harbor to Omaha Beach.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; four sons, Kim (Ann), Kevin, Kurt (Terra), and Keith (Amanda); nine grandchildren, Ethan, Russell, Jeb, Keegan, Brody, Emory, Parker, Maren, and Truman; four sisters Kate (Neil) Labhart, Rose Ann

(Harold) Sanders, Linda (Dave) Lambert, and Christine Prior

He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Leroy (Bernetta), Ronnie (Sue), and Charlie (Ruth); four sisters, Norma (Tom) Mehringer, Carolyn (James) Auffart, Becky Schroeder, and Cindy (Bruce) Rosbottom; and one grandchild, Kaira Elise Schroeder.

A Mass of Christian Burial for James "Jim" Anthony Schroeder will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

A visitation will be held from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, or to Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana.

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

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 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

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Tribute Wall

ML

“ Dear Donna and family, Having worked with Jim at Dubois Middle School I know that the world will be missing a good man! You have my sympathy
Margaret Lents

Margaret Lents - July 16, 2025 at 09:46 PM

GS

“ Dear Donna and family, Please accept our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Pat and George Schroeder

George Schroeder - July 15, 2025 at 09:11 AM

JS

“ Donna, So sorry that your husband passed away. He was such a good man. He will be sadly missed by the family. Prayers go out to you and your family. 🙏🙏 I know how much time he liked to spend out at the farm. God bless you and your family.



jane schroeder - July 14, 2025 at 08:30 PM

JE

“ I think we both made our European debut on the same trip and I believe that whetted our appetite to travel. You have been a great brother in law and I am proud of all you have accomplished personally and as a parent, husband and mentor.

jeanne - July 14, 2025 at 05:27 PM

RN

“ I will be forever grateful to Jim for mentoring me for 35+ years. He allowed me to explore and grow along with the credit union every step of the way and taught me his passion for the Dubois Pike FCU.

Rose Nealy - July 14, 2025 at 05:04 PM

SS

Donna, Kim and family
Our deepest Sympathies from Grace and I. It seems like yesterday that we were all in High School together. Wish you all the best.....

steve/grace stemle - July 15, 2025 at 09:18 AM

GR

Mr. Schroeder (Jim)
My favorite teachers in school in 7th grade at Dubois Elementary. He had such patience and never let you feel embarrassed if you gave the wrong answer. Made up something funny and just a great mentor to so many students. Always had a smile on his face when you walked in his classroom. Thank You!
Thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Glenda Collon Prechtel Reckelhoff - July 16, 2025 at 07:58 PM