



James J. "Jelly Bean" Kluesner

January 28, 1946 - March 30, 2021

James Joseph "Jelly Bean" Kluesner, age 75 of Dubois, Indiana, passed away at 12:06 a.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana with his daughters by his side.

Jim was born in Celestine, Indiana on January 28, 1946 to Albert and Marcella (Fromme) Kluesner. He married Donna Faye Persohn on November 12, 1977 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Schnellville, IN. She preceded him in death on May 4, 2019.

Jim served as a radio repair man for the United States Army.

He was a heavy equipment operator for many years. He later worked for 40 years as a truck driver for Cave Quarries Transit. He served on the Dubois Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years.

He was a member of St. Isidore Catholic Parish - St. Raphael's Church in Dubois, Indiana.

Jim enjoyed gardening, splitting wood, grilling, tinkering with mechanics and spending time with friends, family and especially his grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters; Kirsten (Adam) Maffenbeier , Dubois, IN, Lindsie

(Daniel) Ring, Holland, IN, six grandchildren, Ashlin Mehringer, Ayla Ring, Paxton Mehringer, Noah Ring, Jaiden Mehringer, and Jaxson Maffenbeier, four sisters; Carol (Donnie) Gutgsell, Mary Flinn, Susie (Tom) Schilling and Nancy Kluesner and four brothers; Marvin, Roger (Debbie), Herman (Lynn) and Paul Kluesner.

Preceding him in death was his wife; Donna Kluesner and one brother; Danny Kluesner.

A Mass of Christian Burial for James Joseph "Jelly Bean" Kluesner will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Dubois, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The American Legion Post #147 will perform military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021 at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Isidore Parish, the Dubois Volunteer Fire Department or a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com

Cemetery Details

St. Raphael Church Cemetery

5564 E. St. Raphael Street
Dubois, IN 47527

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - North
3221 N. Newton Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Raphael's Catholic Church
5564 E St Raphael St
Dubois, IN 47527

Tribute Wall



“ *James J. "Jelly Bean" Kluesner*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Kirsten, and the whole family,
Please accept my deepest condolences for
your loss. While I didn't know your dad long, I
could tell what a wonderful Grandpa he was
to the kids. Jimmy was a resilient man and I
certainly see that resilience in you. Hugs to you during this difficult
time.*



Rae Maffenbeier Prepster - April 05, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Kirsten and
the entire family.
Peace, Chaplain Linda Cirillo*



Chaplain Linda Cirillo - April 05, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Gary and I are very sorry for the loss of Jim. He was always a friend
to all. And he so reminded me of Grandpa Fromme. Sad he was
taken from you girls, grandkids and brothers and sisters too soon. I
am also confident he is with Donna, Danny, Aunt Marcella and
Uncle Albert.*

Julie Burress

Julie Burress - April 05, 2021 at 05:09 AM

JK

“ I am so sorry for the passing of Jim . We are keeping all of the family in our thoughts and prayers. He was Jim #1 and I was Jim #2.

James R. Kluesner - March 31, 2021 at 09:47 PM

DG

“ My deepest sympathy to the Kluesner family, especially Kirsten, with whom I worked with. I have heard good things about your Dad and I know he passed these traits on to you, Kirsten. My prayers are with you and your family.

Diane Gramelspacher - March 31, 2021 at 12:33 PM

ES

“ Ed And Becky Schmitt lit a candle in memory of James J. "Jelly Bean" Kluesner



Ed and Becky Schmitt - March 31, 2021 at 10:53 AM

DG

“ Dave And Karen Goller lit a candle in memory of James J. "Jelly Bean" Kluesner



Dave and Karen Goller - March 31, 2021 at 08:32 AM

MH

“ Our sincere sympathy to the entire Kluesner family. My husband, Mike "Moonie", was the loader man at the Quarry for about 15 years. He looked forward to loading the "Bean's" truck and talking to him every day. Jimmy would bring all kinds of treats for Mike when he came back from a run. He was a great guy to socializing with and was the best darn cook! May he enjoy eternal rest with your mother. Many, many prayers to all of you! Our hearts are just broken.



Mike and Chris (Bohnert) Hinkle - March 31, 2021 at 07:29 AM

SE

“ Thinking and Praying for the whole family. RIP Jim



Sandy Elmore - March 31, 2021 at 06:56 AM

RH

“ When I was a girl, spending nights in the Kluesner home with cousin Mary Jane, who is my age, I thought Jim, her older brother and my cousin, was so cool and handsome. He was nice to me and he did not have to be as I was this annoying brat kid. That's who Jim was. He was a good person. I believe deep in my heart that he is with God and Donna. I also believe that the Kluesner family, his extended family, and his friends will miss him terribly. May his soul Rest In Peace.

Ramona Howard - March 31, 2021 at 12:48 AM

RH

“ *Ramona Howard lit a candle in memory of James J. "Jelly Bean" Kluesner*



Ramona Howard - March 31, 2021 at 12:37 AM

LP

“ *Lindsey Potts lit a candle in memory of James J. "Jelly Bean" Kluesner*



Lindsey Potts - March 30, 2021 at 11:27 PM

KF

“ *Kathy Freyberger lit a candle in memory of James J. "Jelly Bean" Kluesner*



kathy freyberger - March 30, 2021 at 11:00 PM

VD

“ *Our deepest condolences to the daughters, their families, and the Kluesner families. Our prayers are with all of you and we hope for comfort and peace in your time of sorrow. Vincent and Denise Rita Davis. (Son of Doretha Fromme Davis*

Vincent Davis - March 30, 2021 at 07:03 PM

Julie Davidson

“ *Julie Davidson lit a candle in memory of James J. "Jelly Bean" Kluesner*



Julie Davidson - March 30, 2021 at 06:30 PM

DC

“ *Diane Carie lit a candle in memory of James J. "Jelly Bean" Kluesner*



Diane Carie - March 30, 2021 at 05:21 PM