



## James M. "Jim" Matheis

March 10, 1947 - February 29, 2020

James M. "Jim" Matheis, age 72 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 7:27 a.m. on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Jim was born in Huntingburg on March 10, 1947 to Bernard P. and Hannah L. (Kays) Matheis.

He married Wanda Ernst on March 29, 1974 in Jasper, Indiana.

Jim graduated Jasper High in 1965 and worked at the Jasper Corporation from 1965 until 1968, when he went to work as a policeman for the Jasper City Police Department. He was a firearms instructor for the police department and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He retired from the Jasper Police Department in 1988 and then worked for Jasper Rubber as a pressline manager from 1988 until he retired from there in 2010.

He was a U.S. Army Reservist. He completed basic training in 1967 and was a MPC (Military Policeman) until his honorable discharge in 1972.

He attended St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana.

He enjoyed horseback riding, particularly cross country trail riding. He was the

president of the Dubois County Saddle Club for many years, and a 4H leader for the Horse and Pony Club. He was instrumental in helping to start the 4H Shooting Sports Program, and enjoyed camping, hunting, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife, Wanda Matheis of Jasper, three sons; Chris Matheis, (Michele), South Bend, IN, Greg Matheis (Connie), Jasper, and Jeff Matheis of Jasper, five grandchildren; James, Madison, Megan, Kennedy, and Carson Matheis, four sisters; Connie Pearson (Richard), New Albany, IN, Sarah Hopf (Tom), Jasper, Jackie Lampert (Mike), Jasper, and Mary Klingel (Bob), Ireland.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Funeral services for James M. "Jim" Matheis will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, with entombment to follow in Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper. The American Legion Post #147 will conduct military gravesite rites.

A visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper.

Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 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

## Service

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James M. "Jim" Matheis*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *So Sorry Wanda and family. Have many Saddle Club Memories and watching kids at 4H Horse and Pony Shows. Good Memories. Carol and Danny Mehringer*



**Carol Mehringer** - March 04, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ *Our deepest and sincere sympathy goes out to your family at the passing of your dear husband, father, grandfather and brother. 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*

**VU Alumni and Foundation Office** - March 03, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ *Jim was an integral part of the 1965 JHS Football team and even garnered All Conference Honors. He was always hard working but a quiet, gentle giant. He will be missed by many, and our prayers go out to his family. May he RIP!*

*Mike Jones*

**Mike Jones** - March 03, 2020 at 09:17 AM

WF

“ When I was a young State Trooper in Dubois County, Jim was one of the first local city officers I met. Always enjoyed working with Jim. You knew you could count on him. Thoughts and prayers to his family. RIP Jim 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Wayne Flick - March 02, 2020 at 11:17 PM

LW

“ Jim was a big scary dude when I was a young 4Her..... but he saw in me a non quitter and someone who wanted to learn like a sponge. He taught me the CORRECT way to clip a horse and slip on a bridle. To this day I use the skills he taught me and the confidence he instilled in me. I try to share a few of those things with the non quitters and sponges i have encountered in my tenure as a 4H leader. Thank you Jim seems inadequate. Hugs and Love to Wanda, Chris, Greg, Jeff and the entire family. Bet Ole Dudly was waiting to take him home... 🐶

Laura Roberts Whitsitt - March 02, 2020 at 03:16 PM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss! Our deepest condolences to Wanda and the boys! Jim was a great friend. He will be missed!

Dennis Anne Fleck - March 02, 2020 at 02:50 PM

RF

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family during this most difficult time.  
My sincere condolences,  
Reva Baker  
Human Resources  
Jasper Rubber Products

Reva Baker - Jasper Rubber friend - March 02, 2020 at 02:46 PM

CU

“ *Carl And Beth Underwood lit a candle in memory of James M. "Jim" Matheis*



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**Carl and Beth Underwood** - March 02, 2020 at 01:12 PM

JH

“ *Jay & Rosie Henriott lit a candle in memory of James M. "Jim" Matheis*



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**Jay & Rosie Henriott** - March 02, 2020 at 12:39 PM

JA

*Such a nice man!! Our deepest sympathy to the Family!!*

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**Jay** - March 02, 2020 at 12:40 PM

KA

“ *I know of many broken hearts with Uncle Jim's passing. He sure will be missed.*

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**Kim Aull** - March 02, 2020 at 11:58 AM