



## James E. Merkel

April 5, 1935 - February 16, 2019

Dateline Jasper, IN

James E. Merkel, age 83 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 2:49 p.m. on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at home.

Jim was born in Celestine, Indiana on April 5, 1935 to William and Mary (Sander) Merkel. He married Virginia Kreilein on September 25, 1958 in Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper. She preceded him in death on May 24, 2013.

He served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957, was a member of the American Legion Post #147 in Jasper, and was a member of the N.R.A.

Jim was a lifelong farmer.

He had a strong spiritual faith and was devoted to the Divine Mercy of Jesus. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper and enjoyed contributing to local faith-based charities.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

Surviving are one son, Greg Merkel (Peggy), Jasper, two daughters, Kathy Sternberg (Dave), Jasper, and Angie Welp (Albert), Schnellville, five grandchildren, Brad, Abby and Ryan Merkel, and Megan and Rachel Sternberg, one great granddaughter, Emery Merkel, six sisters, Esther Hasenour, St. Anthony, Rita Hasenour, St. Anthony, Mel Sermersheim, Newburgh, Joan Hasenour, St. Anthony, Mag Buechlein (Ronald), Jasper, and Clarissa Patterson (Louis), West Baden, two brothers, Bob Merkel, Huntingburg, and Ron Merkel (Judy), Alfordsville.

Preceding him in death beside his wife were one sister, Sandra Stetter, and two brothers, Ambrose Merkel and Melvin Merkel.

A Mass of Christian Burial for James E. Merkel will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 22, 2019 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. The American Legion Post #147 will conduct military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper. The Holy Family Parish will pray the rosary at 2:45 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church or a favorite charity.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown  
214 East 7th Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
email@becherkluesner.com

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
950 Church Ave  
Jasper, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Merkel*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family. I still remember the family gatherings in the summer and swimming in the pond and going on 4-wheeler rides. Hold tight to your memories. God bless.*

*The Gillett Family~Craig, Christine, Matthew, Michael and Jacob*

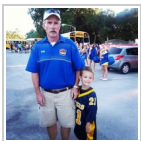
**Christine Gillett** - February 24, 2019 at 07:47 PM



“ *Our hearts will be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times spent together. We will miss your warm smile, contagious laughter, and giving heart. Love always,*

*David and Dianne Beauvois*

**Dianne Beauvois** - February 21, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ *To Greg and Peggy our deepest sympathy Michael Lannon family.*

**Michael Lannon** - February 21, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ *With our deepest sympathy, Wayne & Coleen King*

**Coleen King** - February 20, 2019 at 08:17 AM

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“ We enjoyed all our visits with Jim. He gave us many laughs and happy memories. Rest In Peace.

*Jorge & Mary Salazar*

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**Mary & Jorge Salazar** - February 18, 2019 at 09:42 PM

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“ *Chris Bohnert-Hinkle lit a candle in memory of James E. Merkel*



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**Chris Bohnert-Hinkle** - February 18, 2019 at 08:21 AM