



## James C. Mundy

September 4, 1931 - February 9, 2021

James C. Mundy, age 89 of Austin, Texas, formerly of Jasper, Indiana, passed peacefully on Tuesday morning, February 9, 2021 at Gracy Woods II Living Center in Austin, Texas.

James was born in Jasper, Indiana on September 4, 1931 to Urban and Loraine (Hoffman) Mundy.

He graduated from Jasper High in 1949, received his bachelors degree from Indiana State Teachers College, his masters from Indiana State, and his advanced certificate in Music Education from University of Illinois.

James enjoyed teaching music (band and choir) from students from grades 1-12. He taught at Catholic and public schools. When health issues surfaced for family members, he retired early from teaching and returned to Jasper, working at the Jasper Desk Company. Following the onset of dementia, James spent the final years of his life near his daughter in Austin, Texas, but always considered Jasper his home.

James was a lifelong Catholic and person of deep faith in God who kept a copy of the 10 Commandments in his wallet and his Bible near. He was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Austin Texas and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper.

He played Trumpet in a big-band style group. He loved playing the piano and leading the family in a sing-along. He enjoyed many types of music, but big band was his favorite. He enjoyed gardening, reading, camping, and taking long walks, always stopping for ice cream on the way. He enjoyed teaching his children and grandchildren, whether it be how to swim, how to fish, or driving a car. People who knew James described him as a hard worker and one of the happiest people they had ever met. He was a model of enjoying the simple pleasures in life, not attached to worldly possessions. James was a man dedicated to God and will be remembered for his wonderful smile, his joyful eyes, and for never saying anything bad about anyone.

Surviving are two children; Elizabeth "Liz" Mundy Boyd, Plainfield, IN, and Anne Mundy Klock (Bill), Austin TX, three grandchildren; Stephanie Klock Rayl (Jeremy), Cynthia Boyd, and Anna Boyd, one great-grandchild; Jace McKee, and one sister; Sharon Wilkus (Jerry), Medford, OR

Preceding him in death were his parents and an infant sister; Maria Catherine Mundy.

Due to the Covid Pandemic, a private Mass of Christian Burial for James C. Mundy will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. A celebration of James life will be held at a later date.

For memorial contributions, James would like us to help others during this time of Covid and donations can be made in his name to the St. Vincent De Paul Society, St. Joseph Catholic Church, or Capital Area Food Bank in Austin Texas at: <https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/>

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



# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Tribute Wall



“ *James C. Mundy*

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January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM

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“ As I think back over the years my brother Jim and I shared family time, what I remember most is his teasing me only as a brother does. Since Jim was 15 years older than me, my earliest memory was of my brother having to watch me, and he took me with him to “cruise” Jasper with his buddies in hopes to meet up with the girls. Well, I remember the girls fussing over Jim’s little sister (me). As I got older, I realized that I must have been great as “chick bait”. In high school he also played in a band with his friends for local dances. In college he learned how to play all instruments and used his love of music and talents to pass along to his many students over the years.

When he first started teaching at Schulte High School in Terre Haute, mom, dad and I went to the homecoming parade for ISU hoping to see his band march. I was very much surprised when he marched right past me in full fancy director’s uniform looking very handsome.

I remember feeling very proud of my big brother.

Much later when I was also teaching and we lived only 1/2 hour apart, we would visit from time to time. Out to dinner one of those times, he once teasingly introduced me to a friend as his daughter because of our age difference. They actually found it less believable that I was his sister.

Over the years I did wish that we would have been closer in age and have the opportunity to spend more time together and I’m grateful for the times when we did have opportunities to do so. My brother always had a warm and pleasant demeanor which he took through to his later years. And everyone in his final years at his senior facility always commented about his warm smile and the pleasant person he was.

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Sharon Wilkus - February 19, 2021 at 09:17 PM

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“ I first met Jim back in 2016 when my Auntt Sharon and Uncle Jerry and I were in Austin as part of a summer road trip. I liked him right away. I enjoyed singing and praying with him and his daughter Anne, as well as my aunt and uncle. I also loved his sense of humor. I still laugh every time I think about the things he said. I also found out that he and I had something fun in common: our love of big band music. I also appreciated his quiet, gentle voice which, along with all the other things I mentioned, reminded me of my grandpa. I will miss Jim very much.

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**Patrick Wilkus** - February 19, 2021 at 08:05 PM

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“ Remembering my Brother, Jim.



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**Sharon Wilkus** - February 17, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ Jimmy was my first cousin and I remember how much he loved music. I also remember his wonderful wedding day when his sister and I were in the wedding. Jimmy was especially dear to my mother Mary who was his godmother. Every time we would visit he was always happy and joyful. I remember one time I took my grandchildren to Holiday World and on the way back we stopped in Jasper and picked up Jimmy and his neighbor Georgina and had a wonderful dinner in Ireland at the chicken shack. RIP dear Jim. I know you are having fun in heaven!

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**Jeanne Steinfeld** - February 16, 2021 at 06:14 PM



*Thank you Jeanne for sharing these fun thoughts of my brother ❤️*

**Sharon Wilkus** - February 17, 2021 at 05:32 PM



*I also remember how handsome he was. He looked like Glen Ford. He could of been a movie star. In fact I watched a Glen Ford and alas Remivk movie at my friends house just a couple of days ago!*

**Jeanne Steinfeld** - February 19, 2021 at 09:10 PM



*I was trying to write Glen Ford and Lee Remick movie. Do you have a younger picture you can post of Jimmy.*

**Jeanne Steinfeld** - February 19, 2021 at 09:12 PM