



## James J. "Jim" Stenftenagel

July 24, 1926 - May 7, 2019

James J. "Jim" Stenftenagel, age 92, of Jasper, died Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 7:06 p.m. at Brookside Village Senior Living Community in Jasper, Indiana.

Jim was born on July 24, 1926, to Florian and Agnes (Blessinger) Stenftenagel. He married Flora J. Eversman on May 14, 1949, in St. Joseph Catholic Church. Jim died one week short of celebrating his and Flora's 70th wedding anniversary.

A 1945 graduate of Jasper High School, Jim then enlisted in the US Army and served with the 1386th AAF Iceland Base Command during WWII as an Administrative Specialist from 1945-47, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Returning to Jasper after service, he became a partner in the Vogler-Stenftenagel Garage. In 1953 he founded Sten's Sales and Service, selling retail lawn and garden equipment, and later expanding into motorcycles and boats. In 1969 he founded Stens Lawnmower Parts and acquired a regional distributorship for small engine parts. Stens grew into a multinational distribution company.

Jim also was instrumental and partnered in the creation of Sten's Marine, Cruise A-Way, Wooden Keg Liquors, and Eastown Lanes.

Jim and Flora were charter members of Holy Family Catholic Church, where he served as president of the Parish Council and building chairman of the new church. Later he served on the facilities management committee during the most recent church and school renovation.

Jim was a recipient of the Bruté and the Mother Theresa Service Awards for outstanding service to the parish and diocese. As a 45-year member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Jim served as the St. Vincent de Paul store president for 16 years, during which time the food pantry was initiated and store expansions were completed.

In 1994 he was awarded the Jasper High School Alumni of Distinction Award. He served a four-year term on the Jasper Utility Board. In 2016 the Jasper Friends of the Arts honored him and his wife, Flora with its Champion of the Arts Award.

He held life-long membership in the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus, and the Holy Name Society.

An avid fisherman and boater, Jim and his wife and friends made numerous trips up and down the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Flora; two sons Mark (Margaret) of Elmhurst, Illinois; Charles (Jan) of Celestine, Indiana; and two daughters Sara (Steve) Kieffner of Edgewood, Kentucky; and Mary Ellen Covino (Brian) Kluth of Golden, Colorado. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are three sisters, Doretha Schmitt and Gerry Giesler of Jasper, Jane (Tom) Eckerle of Indianapolis, and one brother, Michael (Mary Ellen) of Ft. Worth, Texas.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Margaret “Marge” Gramelspacher and Elizabeth “Betts” Egan, a brother, Edward J. Stenftenagel, and a son-in-law, Jim Covino.

A Mass of Christian Burial for James J. Stenftenagel will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, with entombment to follow at Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper. The American Legion Post 147 will conduct military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2019 at the Becher-Kluesner downtown chapel in Jasper, and from 9:00 a.m. until the 10:00 a.m. Mass time at Holy Family Catholic Church on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made to the James J. and Flora J. Endowment for Holy Family Church at the Dubois County Community Foundation, or a charity of choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAY 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
950 Church Ave  
Jasper, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
950 Church Ave  
Jasper, IN



# Tribute Wall



“ *James J. "Jim" Stenftenagel*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *We grew up as neighbors at my parents home, Ed and Sadie Brosmer. Jim and his family were successful business people who worked hard to help make Jasper a better place to live. I Remember nights Sarah and her sister would come up the hill to play kid games like "Weiner in the Soup Bowl Who Put the Punch In." Also a game called "Handy Over." We did not get together often but remembered the fun times we did have. My sister, Nancy used to work for the family in there home and also at the small store close to your home many years back. Whenever I go by there I often recall those days when we were young. May Jim rest in peace knowing he will be remembered as a true legend, businessman and wonderful husband and father. God bless his family!*



**Donna Brosmer Linette** - May 30, 2019 at 09:45 PM



“ *May God's loving presence comfort you, His perfect peace restore you, and His promise of eternal life sustain you during this time of loss. In sympathy, Fred & Lena Giles*

**Fred Giles** - May 17, 2019 at 06:03 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to all of you. Jim was a wonderful person. He was the best boss I ever had. He always showed respect for his employees. Just an amazing person that everyone will miss.

*Respectfully  
Donna Lueken Pund*

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**Donna Pund** - May 17, 2019 at 04:19 PM

JE

“ I am Jim's youngest sister by 20 years. To his surprise, I was born while he was based in Iceland during WWII. I have many fond memories of Jim since our family lived next door to him while I was growing up. Jim was a wonderful and caring big brother. He was hard-working, compassionate, honest and well-respected by everyone. Most of all, he was a great father and husband. His kind spirit will live on through all of us that he has left behind. I will miss him very much.

*Jane Stenftenagel Eckerle*

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**Jane Eckerle** - May 15, 2019 at 07:42 PM

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“ 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*

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**VU Alumni and Foundation Office** - May 15, 2019 at 10:37 AM

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“ Jim was one of the finest I have ever known, a true gentleman. I owe Jim a lot, he was a big part of my life. First as a parts supplier for my business and then as a Sten's territory manager for 12 years until I retired. He will be missed by many.

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**Donald Wineland** - May 14, 2019 at 07:44 AM