



Paul James Merkley

June 21, 1955 - March 20, 2026

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Paul J. Merkley, age 60, of Celestine, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 1:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, Indiana.

Paul was born in Jasper, Indiana, on June 21, 1965, to Herman and Elizabeth “Betty” (Sermersheim) Merkley.

He was a 1983 graduate of Dubois High School.

He was a repair specialist at Kimball International for 30 years.

Paul was a member of St. Isidore Parish – St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana.

He enjoyed participating in shooting matches, playing Poker, being outdoors, hunting, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are two children, Mitchel Merkley, Jasper, IN, and Stephanie (Shawn) Cantu, Jasper, IN, five sisters, Jane (John) Burger, Celestine, IN,

Mary (Bill) Mattingly, Evansville, IN, Becky (Randy) Ferguson, Huntingburg, IN, Aggie (Charlie) Blessinger, Huntingburg, IN, Alice (Beau) Pund, Dale, IN, and two brothers, Ed (Mary) Merkley, Jasper, IN, and Tom (Sherry) Merkley, Velpen, IN, several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Paul J. Merkley will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour before services at the church on Thursday from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Celestine Cemetery

6864 Indiana 164
Celestine, IN 47521

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAR 26. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Celestine Church
6864 Indiana 64
Celestine, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Celestine Church
6864 Indiana 64
Celestine, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Mitch and family, I am so sorry for your family's loss. Paul was always nice to me when I worked at Kimball Office. May he rest in peace. You have my deepest condolences.*

Sue

Sue Habig - March 23 at 05:18 PM

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“ *Our deepest condolences for your loss. Our thoughts, hugs, and prayers are with all of you. From Amy (Ebenkamp) McFarland and family.*

Amy McFarland - March 21 at 01:28 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Paul's death. Please know of our prayers for the repose of his soul and for the family. May he rest in the peace of Christ. From Lisa (Ebenkamp) Kutas and family*

Lisa Kutas - March 21 at 01:00 PM