



James R Klinedinst

January 1, 1956 - February 8, 2021

James Ross Klinedinst

PLYMOUTH – James Ross Klinedinst of Plymouth passed away Monday, February 8, 2021 in

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka following an illness. He was born on January

1, 1956 in Plymouth to Ross Eugene Klinedinst and Shirley (Helsel) Barber and was 65 yearsold at the time of his death.

Jim lived in the area his entire life and retired from Norfolk and Southern Railroad after 41 ½

years of faithful service as a heavy equipment operator. On March 23, 1974 he married the love

of his life, Jean Ruitter in Plymouth. He was an avid outdoorsman who especially loved fishing

and hunting. Jim also enjoyed traveling and spent the last three years wintering in Mississippi.

Jim is survived by his loving wife Jean of Plymouth; one daughter Jessica Norris (Phil Slabaugh)

of Argos; two grandchildren Nathan Norris Jr. and Sarah Norris both of Argos; his mother

Shirley Barber of California; three brothers John Klinedinst of Plymouth, Joe Baughman of

Argos, and Jay Baughman of Rochester; and two sisters Chris Lentner of

Argos and Nena Ellis

of Pennsylvania. He is preceded in death by his father Ross Eugene and one sister Lucinda

Knowlton.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 EST Saturday, February 13 at the Rannells Funeral Home,

Koontz Lake Chapel. Visiting hours will also be on Saturday from 11:00 to 1:00 EST Saturday

at the funeral home. Due to the Covid-19 state and local mandates face coverings must be worn

inside at all times and occupancy inside the funeral home is limited to 50.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel
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Tribute Wall

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“ When I was a teenager my younger though bigger brother put me on skis' behind his Girlfriends parents boat and took me whipping me around a bit to see if I would fall.

I do not know how I stayed on my feet, except at school I faired well in Gymnastics even though I could not compete. I did not have the type of timing for that sport.

Still as a Teen I moved away for a few months an a person from high school realized no one had saw me for a while and found him at his part-time job telling him he should check on me.

He did, and picked me up running down the steps I came to.

That day he saved my and my now families life.

It I now believe everyone thought I had overdosed. But my car was wrecked I could not get to work or leave. I had run out of money and food and collapsed on the floor.

I only ever tried a couple different types the following year because I for gave that boyfriend once. Within an other year I now longer forgave. I learned to be my own Powderpuff Mechanic. That was done 1 - 1, One lesson I did not study at Ivy Tech Trades.

Other wise we went fishing at the river or lake, to Cedar Point riding the Roller Coasters.

A big memory is before our dad died he had taken both Jim and I fishing in the row boat, using a Cane Pole. After a while because we were like 5&6 or 6&7 I do not remember catching something to take home but they did we became restless and Dad decided before we tipped the bout and he would half to fish both out or worse that trip ended. NO more boating.

A year or so later he died.

Christine L Klinedinst - Lentner

Social Scientist, Psychologist, Administrative Accountant

I LOVED my dad and wanted him to be proud of me.

Christine L. Klinedinst - Lentner - September 03, 2023 at 08:56 AM

KB

“ To the Klinedinst family. our thought and prayers to you. I worked with Jim for years at conrail. Klyde & Kathy Blackman

Klyde Blackman - February 18, 2021 at 06:56 AM

EP

“ Ed & Carole Loniewski & everyone at E&L Paving purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of James R Klinedinst.



Ed & Carole Loniewski & everyone at E&L Paving - February 12, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James R Klinedinst.



February 12, 2021 at 06:24 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James R Klinedinst.



February 11, 2021 at 08:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James R Klinedinst.*



February 11, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James R Klinedinst.*



February 11, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Susan M. Wieger purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James R Klinedinst.*



Susan M. Wieger - February 10, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James R Klinedinst.*



February 09, 2021 at 11:13 PM

CR

“ Jim was one of a kind. He was the same person from High School through out entire life. He was unique in that he did not let the world influence him. Rest In Peace, My Brother In Law! Until we meet again.

Cindy Ruitet - February 09, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James R Klinedinst.



February 09, 2021 at 08:01 PM

DP

“ Our prayers 🙏 for the family Jim will be missed !! We need to get a new grape stomper now. Heaven will never be the same once he gets there. Rest in peace friend,. From the Shorts

Dan and pat - February 09, 2021 at 06:18 PM

CK

“ Jim and Jean were our friends and neighbors for many years. He was a great guy full of fun and BS ! They were the neighbors that everyone wants to have. Thoughtful and helpful , never a problem. I'll keep Jean, Jess and all his loved ones in my prayers. He will be greatly missed.
Cindy King

Cindy King - February 09, 2021 at 04:46 PM

RH

So very sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ray and Sharon

Ray and Sharon Halsey - February 09, 2021 at 04:49 PM

BM

So sorry. I know how much y'all looked forward to retirement. Love and prayers

Bud and Connie Marek - February 09, 2021 at 05:50 PM

VN

Love and prayers sent your way! I have so many fun memories of "Jamie" at our Grandparents farm when we were kids. So sorry to hear of his passing. RIP James!!

Vicki Norris - February 13, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James R Klinedinst.*



February 09, 2021 at 04:42 PM