



James R. Menges

August 20, 1942 - June 23, 2012

WALKERTON-James R. Menges, 69, passed away Saturday evening, June 23rd, 2012 in North Liberty from an automobile accident. Mr. Menges was born August 20, 1942 in Michigan City, IN to Edward and Mary Louise (Miller) Menges. On August 8, 1964, he was married to Rev. Terrie Lee Trobaugh Menges, who survives. Also surviving are: three children, Elizabeth E. Menges, married to Robin E. Kawecky of Hammond, Mark O. Menges, married to Sheila D. Menges of Columbus, OH and Connie L. Menges Lustofin, married to Keith J. Lustofin of New York, NY and two grandchildren, Oliver Kumar Menges and Aaron James Menges of Columbus, OH.

Jim was a graduate of Elston High School in Michigan City. He graduated from Purdue University with a degree in English and Spanish and was active in the Purdue Exponent and Purdue radio. He earned his Master's Degree in Shakespeare from Ball State University and graduated from Railroad Conductor School, Calumet College.

Jim was and is a man of God, loving his God, wife, family, friends and fellowmen. He was a true people person and a good neighbor. He was known for a quick sense of humor and a gentle disposition. He loved music and sang in a performance group. He was the perfect role model of a husband and father. He began his career at Marion High School, Marion, IN as head of the English department. Moving to Walkerton, he worked in the family business of

Trobaugh Auto Parts Inc. for 27 years. Leaving the business, he worked for Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad, and was currently at Jos. A. Bank. He was active in the Walkerton Methodist Church for many years and has been a part of Liberty Bible Church for 14 years. Jim mentored at the South Bend Homeless Shelter, coached Little League and was an avid train enthusiast. Jim served as an EMT in Walkerton for five years. He enjoyed life to the fullest each day. His life ended here at the hands of an irresponsible driver, but his life continues in the hands of Jesus in his eternal home. No words can express how much he is missed.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) at the Walkerton United Methodist Church with Rev. Michael A. Cramer officiating. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton. Friends may call Wednesday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. ET at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel and Thursday at the church after 9:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be given to the Walkerton United Methodist Church, 1000 Georgia St., Walkerton, IN 46574.

Tribute Wall

SD

“ Our deepest sympathy to Terrie and family. We will be praying for your comfort and healing.

Shaun & Emily Denham - June 18, 2018 at 11:46 AM

CS

“ Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband and father. Although I met Jim briefly thru JosBanks, he worked with our son Brian and I am sending prayers to all of you. Michael and Cheryl Scott

Cheryl Scott - June 18, 2018 at 11:46 AM

KS

“ You have my deepest sympathy Jim had the best smile and the sweetest personality. Terri, there is nothing that can be said now to help ease your pain, except the God has a very special angel. Love and prayers to you and your family. Kim Setty

Kim Setty - June 18, 2018 at 11:46 AM

LH

“ Terri you are in our thoughts and prayers. He will be greatly missed but we will see him again one day. He was a great neighbor and so were you. Sorry we cant be there. But you are in our thoughts and prayers. Miss and Love you.

Lee and Liz Howard - June 18, 2018 at 11:46 AM

TH

“ So very sorry for your tragic loss and our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Tom and Barbara Helmingr - June 18, 2018 at 11:46 AM

SS

“ My sincere sympathy to the family. I have worked recently with Dr Robin Kaweck and would like to send my sincere thoughts and prayers at this time of loss. Thank you Lord Jesus for your comfort in their time of need.

Sherri Singleton - June 18, 2018 at 11:46 AM

CM

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you. Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Chad and Julie Meek - June 18, 2018 at 11:46 AM

JP

“ Thinking of your entire family during this terrible time of loss. So many memories...so many road trips to train shows. May God Bless you and keep you.

Jeff and Eve Patterson

Jeff Patterson - June 18, 2018 at 11:46 AM

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Connie, and for your entire family. My heart breaks for your sadness. I send my love.

Margie Herron - June 18, 2018 at 11:46 AM

SR

“ Terri so sorry to learn of Jim's awful accident and passing. I will drop you a note at a latter time. Have not seen you since college days. My prayers are with you and your family. Sandy Nelson Riffe

Sandy Nelson Riffe - April 29, 2018 at 07:54 PM

SH

“ Terrie....I don't have words....I'm sorry....Jim is missed. The Hutchins Family

Susan Hutchins - April 29, 2018 at 07:54 PM

MH

“ Terri and Family:
I am deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Jim. I still remember the first time I met Jim out at Walt and Helen's old farm house on 23. You and Jim had stopped by along with your Mom and Dad. I believe both of you were still attending Purdue at that time. My only solace is that I know Jim is back home with JESUS. A home where we all will be someday. My wife Jeanne and I will keep you in our prayers.

Michael A Hass - April 29, 2018 at 07:54 PM

RM

“ A few years ago Jim and I met at Joseph A. Bank and we connected because of the same surname. We could be distantly related. I always found him to be a very pleasant and cordial gentleman, quick with a smile or a touch of humor. It was a pleasure and privilege to have known him, however briefly. My most sincere sympathy to the family; you are in my prayers. God bless.

ronald menges - April 29, 2018 at 07:54 PM

LH

“ Will miss Jim's ready smile and wave and his always interesting observations. So grateful to know where he is and that he and Terri will be together again.

Linda Hulse - April 29, 2018 at 07:54 PM

JA

“ Mrs. Menges,
I am so sorry to hear about your husband. Although I didnt have the privaledge of meeting him, I spoke with your youngest daughter the other day. She told me what a fine man he was. Just wanted to let you know I am thinking and praying for you and your family.

Jane - April 29, 2018 at 07:54 PM

RB

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Jim ("Uncle Jim") was a wonderful friend and we are deeply saddened by his passing. We are so glad we had the privilege of knowing him. We will really miss him.

Russ, Linda, Jasmine and Chloe Bottom - April 29, 2018 at 07:54 PM

TC

“ Dear Terrie and family,
We were shocked to hear the news about your husband and his death caused by another person. The obituary is such a testimony to the life he lived and what a good husband and father he was. We will not be able to come tomorrow for his funeral as we only found out from an email from Nick about midnight Wednesday night. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and if we can do anything to help, please let us know. May God comfort you. Love & prayers,
Joyce & Terry Clark

Terry & Joyce Clark - April 29, 2018 at 07:54 PM

SF

“ Terri, I was so shocked to receive this email from Nick about the accident your husband was in. Knowing the strong person you are, God will be with you through this time of sorrow. Sorry I can not be at the funeral. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Suzanne

Suzanne Bergland Frederick - April 29, 2018 at 07:54 PM

MR

“ I didn't know Jim personally but spoke with him on the phone at work (store 880 Indianapolis downtown. We all were shocked at the sad news. May memories of Jim help you through this sad time.

Marie Reiter - April 29, 2018 at 07:54 PM