



James O. "Jim" Myers

July 7, 1933 - May 12, 2019

James O. Myers, at age 85, passed away on May 12, 2019 at Hearthstone Health Campus. He was a beloved son, and a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Jim grew up in Spencer County Indiana, graduated from Chrisney High School in 1952, and enlisted in the U.S. Army just before the end of the Korean War. He married his high school sweetheart Alice Held in 1954. While stationed in Hawaii he became a strong swimmer, and a certified lifesaver. Jim earned a BA degree in Business Administration from Evansville College and worked toward an MBA at Indiana University while clerking at Smiths Shoestore and managed a third shift assembly line at RCA. He also helped care for their children so his wife could also attend IU. He lifeguarded several summers at Lincoln State Park, taught hundreds of children to swim at Lake Lemon, and saved several drowning victims during his life. Jim helped open the Sears Store at College Mall in 1962 and retired from there after 32 years. He had a gift of gab and loved selling, especially sewing machines and vacuums, and later managed the Home Improvement Department. He liked solving "unsolvable problems" and was creative and innovative, and was an artist, story-teller and builder. He helped all three of his children build their homes. Jim was a lifetime athlete and avid outdoorsman who swam, ran, biked and hiked his entire life. He especially loved summers on his Lake Monroe houseboat, motor-homing, canoeing, archery deer hunting, fishing, camping and travel. He was persistently outgoing and friendly and enjoyed talking with anyone. For his 72nd birthday Jim parachuted from a plane. After retirement in 1992 Jim and Alice travelled the USA in their motorhome and snow skied yearly in Colorado. They later wintered in Florida where Jim hiked 109 miles around Lake Okeechobee five times, and spent lots of his endless energy helping neighbors, especially repairing homes and cleaning after hurricanes. Jim never said "no" to anyone he could help. Jim and Alice attended Sherwood Oaks Church in Bloomington. James O, Myers courageously and graciously fought a long illness against Alzheimer's, and knew each of his loved ones by name until he joined his Savior in victory. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten by his surviving wife Alice of 64 years and 9 months; his children Jeff (Robin) Myers, Brenda (Robert) Forgas and Linda Myers. Also surviving are grandchildren Dr. Lori (John) Provencher, Thomas James (Tanya) Myers, Amanda (Jake) Hyde and Susan (Michael) Tirikos, and one great-granddaughter Ava Nicole

Tirikos. He had eight brothers and sisters, two surviving: Donald Myers of Missouri and Juanita Snell of Utah.

Memorial Services will be held at 3:00pm Saturday, May 18th at Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old St Rd 37 Bloomington. Visitation will be held from 1:00pm to service time and a reception will follow until 5:00pm at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor may be made to IU Health Hospice and Alzheimer's Care. The family extends their gratitude to the loving staff at The Legacy at Hearthstone.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at <http://www.allencares.com>.

Events

MAY 18 Visitation 01:00PM - 03:00PM
Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN, US, 47401

MAY 18 Memorial Service 03:00PM
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MAY 18 Reception 03:30PM - 05:00PM
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Comments



“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing; my deepest sympathy to the entire Myers family and hugs to Brynda and Alice.

Karen Boston - May 19, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ Alice I am sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I always remenbered him as fun and outgoing!! He would take us out on the houseboat and it was SO fun some of my fondness memories with Brynda along with going to your mom's farm and getting chased by one of those big pigs!!I am thinking of you and your family love karen

Karen Martin - May 17, 2019 at 10:22 PM



“ Sending love to Mrs. Myers, Jeff, Brynda, Linda. I have so many memories with the Myers family. Jim and Alice were like my second parents. They were positive role models for their own children, me and my siblings and the neighborhood kids. Mr. Myers shared his side yard with the entire neighborhood when he installed an awesome volleyball court. We spent many hours playing there and I look back and remember how much fun we all had there. I'm sure we got loud and annoying, but I never remember any complaints about our rowdiness. I will remember him as smiling, friendly, athletic and outgoing, a loving husband and father, and a hard worker. I believe he has now joined my parents and they are reunited in thier heavenly home as neighbors once again.

Joni Morrow Carter - May 16, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ Jim was a great neighbor and good friend to everyone, never knowing a stranger. We listened to all his stories and shared memories of living in Bloomington and Indiana University Married housing. We were sorry to see Jim and Alice leave the Cove here in Florida as Jim was active in the many activities and he was sorely missed. playing Euchre and Hand and Foot, shuffle boarding, and his participation in our parties and fundraisers. Rest in peace, Jim. You are in a better place and may the Angels smile upon you. Jack and Janice Andres



Jack and Janice Andres - May 16, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ Your, Chapel of the Lake Family in Lake St. Louis. purchased the Healing Tears - All Pink for the family of James O. "Jim" Myers.



Your, Chapel of the Lake Family in Lake St. Louis. - May 16, 2019 at 01:25 PM