



James A. Crinklaw

December 15, 1931 - March 10, 2017

James A. “Jim” Crinklaw, 85, passed away on Friday, March 10 in Bloomington. Jim was born in Rockford, Illinois on December 15, 1931 to Harry C. Crinklaw and Jean-Russell (Strong) Crinklaw. He was the first of three children. He grew up in Logansport, Indiana and graduated from Logansport High School. He was a member of the Culver Summer Black Horse Troop. He attended Indiana University for two years before joining the Armed Services and served during the Korean War as an Army Medic patrolling the D.E.W. Line. He then returned to Indiana University in Bloomington where he was a member of Delta Chi and graduated in 1956. It was there that he met Ladonna Jo Higgins and they were married in the first wedding ceremony ever held at the First Baptist Church in Bloomington, officiated by Reverend Douglas Rae on June 15, 1958.

Jim and Ladonna then moved to Detroit where Jim worked for Texaco. They were transferred to Chicago and there they raised three children. In 1975, Jim opened his own General Contracting business. He was an active member of the Kiwanis Club for 20 years. In 1994 Jim retired and he and Ladonna returned to Bloomington and spent their retirement living at Eagle Point Golf Course where Jim served as a Golf Ranger. They made many good friends and enjoyed their retirement very much. Jim enjoyed gardening, reading, golf, IU basketball and Chicago Blackhawks Hockey. He liked his steak rare and enjoyed a good gin martini with two anchovy olives, no onions. Most of all he

loved his family.

He will be dearly missed by his wife Ladonna, his children: Jeannie Lindemulder (Peter Gabor), Nancy Romans (Michael) and James H. Crinklaw (Robin) and his grandchildren Kenneth Brett Wachowiak, Rachel Morgan Crinklaw, Cameron Belle Crinklaw, Drew James Wachowiak, and Mallory Anne Crinklaw.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 16th at Allen Funeral Home in Bloomington beginning at 1:00pm. Memorial Service will follow at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Shalom Community Center. Following the memorial service, a reception with light refreshments at Eagle Point Golf Resort in the Eagle's Nest Banquet Room across from the Clubhouse

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Stoner Life Group purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of James A. Crinklaw.*



Stoner Life Group - March 16, 2017 at 06:53 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James A. Crinklaw.*



March 15, 2017 at 04:18 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of James A. Crinklaw.*



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“ One of many fond memories was in the fall of 1989. November, to be exact. IU was playing Purdue in the last home football game my senior year. We were leading 15-14 in the fourth quarter. If we won the game, we would go to the Freedom Bowl in Anaheim, CA over the Christmas break. If we didn't win, I would be home for the holiday. It just so happened, Jim, Kevin, Trevor, Steve, Mike and others were going to go on a ski trip to Colorado over the week that I would expect to go to the Bowl game. Well, Mr. Crinklaw was in the stands for this IU vs Purdue game. Every time I looked up at friends in the stands, there was Mr. Crinklaw, right in the middle of the pack, with his beaming smile and he would yell to me, "Wardo - you're going skiing!" Lo and behold, as always, he was right. We lost the game and I went skiing. A wonderful alternative that has been a lifelong memory, all because he said it would be so. RIP.

Tom Ward - March 14, 2017 at 10:38 PM