

Mr. James Lyle Dillman

January 5, 1941 - March 19, 2016

James Lyle Dillman, 75, of Martinsville, passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at his residence. He was born on January 5, 1941 in Bloomington, Indiana as the son of Morris and Laura (Kerr) Dillman.

Jim graduated in 1959 from Eminence High School. Following graduation, he joined the United States Navy. Jim married his wife, Sandra (Hays) Dillman in 1960. Together they were stationed on a Naval Air Base in Kingsville, Texas. Jim later became stationed on the USS Currituck. He completed a tour of duty in the Philippines and in Japan. Jim was honorably discharged from the US Navy as a 3rd Class Petty Officer.

Jim went on to work for a General Motors dealership in 1962. His employment opportunities with G.M. dealerships led him to several different locations during his tenure. He stayed with G.M. until 1992, when he went on to follow his passion for NASCAR, which allowed him to work with a racing team. In 1994, Jim returned to G.M., where he was a Parts Manager until his retirement in 2015.

Jim was a member of Hoosier Harvest Church in Martinsville. He enjoyed fishing, Western films, Native American Culture and traveling in the West. His favorite hobby became his family. He will be remembered as a beloved husband, devoted father, and loving grandfather

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Jim is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sandra (Hays) Dillman; children, Kelly Jo (Barry) Helms, Karin Lynn Dillman, and James Kasey (Heather) Dillman; grandchildren, TJ (Angela) Powers, Cory Helms, Amanda Helms, Luke Greenwood, Brooke Greenwood, Spencer Dillman, Michael Dillman, and Libby Greenwood; brother, Steve (Sammie) Dillman; mother-in-law, Jessie Hays, and brother-in-law, Ernie (Patsy) Hays, along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother, Maurine Dillman, and father-in-law, Harley Hays.

A funeral service is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, with Pastor Chris Page officiating. Burial will follow at Carmichael Cemetery with Military Rites provided by the Monroe County Honor Guard. Family will receive friends from 4:00 – 8:00 on Monday, March 28, 2016 at the funeral home and Tuesday from 12:00 until the time of service. Memorial contributions may be made in Jim's memory to the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Visitation

MAR 29. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
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Service

MAR 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. James Lyle Dillman.*



March 28, 2016 at 01:52 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. James Lyle Dillman.*



March 28, 2016 at 12:38 PM



“ *It has been a blessing to know Jim and an honor to call him a friend. Rest in peace my friend. We will see in heaven!!*

Jerd Cameron - March 28, 2016 at 11:48 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James Lyle Dillman.*



March 27, 2016 at 06:23 PM

SM

“ Sean and Courtney Mock purchased the Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Mr. James Lyle Dillman.



Sean and Courtney Mock - March 27, 2016 at 11:12 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sandra Dillman - March 26, 2016 at 10:09 PM



Love you Dad!

Karin Dillman - March 07, 2018 at 10:37 AM

SD

“ 1 file added to the album Jim Dillman



Sandra Dillman - March 26, 2016 at 09:56 PM

DK

“ *Darrell & Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Lyle Dillman*



Darrell & Kelly - March 24, 2016 at 06:32 PM

DA

There just are not enough words to say how much we love and miss Jim. We are thanking God we got to have him & his family in our lives. Sending prayers,

Darrell - March 24, 2016 at 06:36 PM

LF

“ *Love and Prayers, Ben & Judy (Griffin) Garrett, and Family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr. James Lyle Dillman.*



Love and Prayers, Ben & Judy (Griffin) Garrett, and Family -
March 24, 2016 at 01:52 PM

TK

“ *Tonie, Rose Kerr lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Lyle Dillman*



Tonie, Rose Kerr - March 23, 2016 at 09:57 AM

JR

“ Jimmy Hailey, Greg Meredith, and Steve Ramey - RCR purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. James Lyle Dillman.



Jimmy Hailey, Greg Meredith, and Steve Ramey - RCR -
March 22, 2016 at 03:11 PM

SR

“ Jim & Sandy, have always been great people, people who you had fun with, sweated with, worked with, and rejoiced with. They raised a great family and became a member of many families. I have know Jim since 1990 back in Terre Haute and through his journey of racing and working in the business, and then back to Indy! We said a many HOT race day under the awning of the motor coach at the track in Indy! But I know one thing Jim enjoyed every minute of it! Now he's seeing all his friends and family again and the sickness and pain is gone and will not be with him no more! Sandy and Family, these days will be hard ahead but do not despair as you know you will see him again and know that now Jim is well again!



Steve Ramey - March 22, 2016 at 02:19 PM

LM

“ Love, Amanda Mock purchased the Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Mr. James Lyle Dillman.



Love, Amanda Mock - March 21, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mr. James Lyle Dillman.*



March 21, 2016 at 01:34 PM



“ *Jim Dillman was a good man and boss i enjoyed our conversations together as well as some personal moments he wil be missed rip my friend*



Mark - March 21, 2016 at 12:24 PM



Marcus Elliott: Rest in peace my long time friend. I'll see you on the other side . Say hi to Dale...

Marcus Elliott aka Hollywood - March 21, 2016 at 05:41 PM



Jim was a great friend and mentor! He taught me all I knew about the car business. I'm glad to have known such an influential person

Matt lohmilller - March 21, 2016 at 07:22 PM



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Karin Dillman - March 21, 2016 at 12:20 PM

Karin Dillman

“ 1 file added to the album *Jim Dillman*



Karin Dillman - March 21, 2016 at 12:17 PM

TP

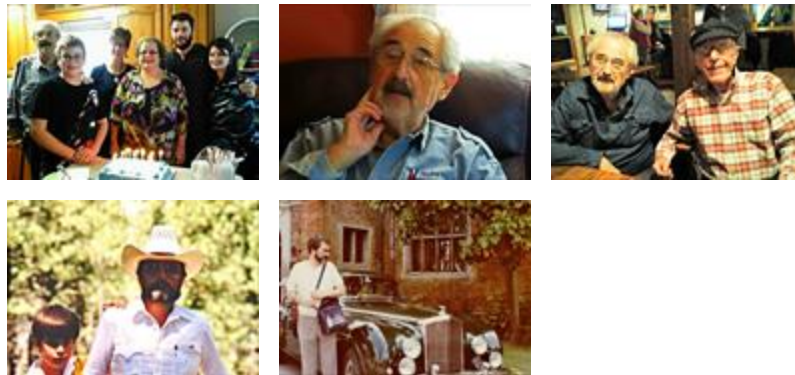
“ *Tj Powers lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Lyle Dillman*



Tj Powers - March 21, 2016 at 12:11 PM

Karin Dillman

“ 8 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Karin Dillman - March 21, 2016 at 12:01 PM

Karin Dillman

“ Karin Dillman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Lyle Dillman



Karin Dillman - March 21, 2016 at 11:54 AM

Karin Dillman

“ Karin Dillman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Lyle Dillman



Karin Dillman - March 21, 2016 at 11:53 AM

Karin Dillman

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Karin Dillman - March 21, 2016 at 11:52 AM

SB

“ *Sandra and Family, so sorry for your loss. He lived a full wonderful life, and has all of you to thank for that.*

Still, I know that doesn't make this any easier.

Condolences. Sue Drury-Boyd.



sue drury boyd - March 21, 2016 at 09:26 AM