



## James Raymond Goodman

June 2, 2021

James Raymond Goodman went to be with the Lord on June 2, 2021 succumbing to sudden, but natural causes. James lives on in the hearts of his beloved wife of 30 years, Beth Ann Goodman, daughter Connie (Kenneth) Ferguson, sons James Robert Goodman, Adam Wayne Goodman, and William Ray Goodman. James remains beloved in the hearts of his step-children Jason Stefaniak, Matthew Stefaniak, and Sarah (Adam) Thompson, his brother Eugene Goodman, and sisters Edna (Cecil) Phillips and Pamela Goodman. James has 17 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother Inez Marie Goodman.

Jim spent his working life in route sales and his charisma and outgoing nature made him beloved by the people he served. Jim was an avid weightlifter, and spent time in his later years training students at IU Bloomington in strength and conditioning. He loved Indiana Basketball, Notre Dame Football, and the Dallas Cowboys.

Despite his hulking frame, Jim's demeanor was loving and kind. He enjoyed laughing and telling stories. He had an infectious smile and a fun-loving, sometimes mischievous sense of humor. He loved being social and playing cards, especially euchre. His hearty laugh will be missed by everyone who knew him. Though not a man of great means, he was always the first person to lend a helping hand or a caring word. He was a man of faith, who did his best to passionately follow the word of Christ. He had a beautiful singing voice and could whistle like a bird sings.

Though he was brought back to the Lord sooner than expected, Jim's friends and family take comfort in knowing that he is smiling down on them from heaven. Jim's life served as a beautiful example that the pursuit of money is not important in the grand scheme of things, rather, that living life to the fullest, cherishing time with friends and family, following your heart, and pursuing your faith are a much nobler calling.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Jim was the best husband ever. I cry every day and night because I miss him so much. He was my one and only love of my life.* ”

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**Beth Goodman** - August 26, 2021 at 10:13 PM