



## James M. Hardy

August 14, 1930 - February 8, 2017

James M. Hardy, 86 of Bloomington, Indiana died Wednesday, February 8, 2017 while vacationing in Panama City Beach, Florida.

Jim was born on August 14, 1930 in Bloomington to James H. and Susan Elizabeth Hardy. He was married to Mildred "Mid" (Empson) Hardy for 62 years until her death in 2010. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and two infant sisters, Phyllis and Martha.

Jim is survived by his daughters, Pat Ayers and husband Duke of Bloomington, Brenda Hardy and Roger Kent of Bloomington, Jacki Hopkins and husband John of Ellettsville, Jeanne Breeden and husband Steve of Eminence and sons, James "Bo" Hardy and wife Vicki of Bloomington and Michael Hardy and wife Donna of Bloomington. Grandchildren are John Ayers and Debbie Dennison, Rob Ayers and wife Jennifer, Christina LaMar and husband John, Brian Staten, Ryan Swafford and wife Samantha, Tyler Ann Hopkins, C.J. Breeden and wife Jena, Cory Breeden, Makenzie Sullivan and husband Craig, J.C. Hardy, David Hardy, and Jimmy Hardy. He is also survived by 16 great-grandchildren, his sister, Lois McClung of Bloomington, and his 18 year old cat, Molly.

Jim retired from the Laborers International Union of North America Local 741 as business manager. He served in the Bloomington unit of the Indiana National Guard for over 32 years, where he retired as First Sargent.

Jim was a 50 year member of Masonic Temple Lodge #22. He was also a lifelong member of Arlington United Methodist Church. Jim enjoyed watching

sports, especially football. He was an ISHAA football official for many years. He enjoyed meeting with friends for the Wednesday "Red Leg" luncheons at the American Legion. Jim liked to camp and spend time outdoors. He enjoyed sharing stories and memories with family and friends. Jim especially enjoyed the memories he had of spending winters in Lady Lake, Florida with Mid. The family would like to thank Dr. Bomba, Dr. Rink, I.U. Healthcare Hospice, and caregivers, Tanysha and Tonya Heston and Charlene Taylor for the care they provided to Jim. A special note of gratitude to Jim's full time caregiver, Celeste "Boo Boo" Lapointe and her dog, Travis for the friendship and companionship given to Jim over the last two years.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday February 20, 2017 at Arlington United Methodist Church with Pastor Jim Roach officiating. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens, where the American Legion Honor Guard will conduct Military Graveside Rites. Friends may call at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, on Sunday February 19, from 2:00 – 7:00 and one hour prior to the service at Arlington United Methodist Church. There will be a Masonic Service at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Memorial contributions may be made to Arlington United Methodist Church or The National Federation of the Blind, in care of the funeral home. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com) .

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **19**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

FEB **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Arlington United Methodist Church  
1820 West Arlinton Road  
Bloomington, IN

## Service

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DE

“ We are so very sorry for your loss, May God Bless You and your Family and know he is celebrating at this time. Debbie and Dave Deckard

debbie - February 20, 2017 at 06:23 AM

TW

“ Tom snd Kathy and Dave and Julie Weliever purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of James M. Hardy.



Tom snd Kathy and Dave and Julie Weliever - February 19, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of James M. Hardy.



February 18, 2017 at 04:16 PM

JK

“ Jan And George Kreager lit a candle in memory of James M. Hardy



Jan and George Kreager - February 18, 2017 at 02:00 PM

RS

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I will always remember Jim. We had great times together, his toughness during negotiations. He was a good union friend that I looked up to for many years. Rudy Sparks, Retired Agent from Local 41

Rudy Sparks - February 18, 2017 at 12:43 PM

RG

“ Randy And Jackie Grimes lit a candle in memory of James M. Hardy



Randy and Jackie Grimes - February 18, 2017 at 08:52 AM

KS

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Kevin, Kim, and Lisa Shiflet.

Kevin Shiflet - February 16, 2017 at 01:42 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of James M. Hardy.



February 16, 2017 at 12:14 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James M. Hardy.*



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February 16, 2017 at 10:25 AM



“ *Bob & Margaret Barnes lit a candle in memory of James M. Hardy*



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**Bob & Margaret Barnes** - February 15, 2017 at 06:47 PM



“ *Ann Schepper lit a candle in memory of James M. Hardy*



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**Ann Schepper** - February 15, 2017 at 05:20 PM



*Jim and Mid were the dearest neighbors to us the 23 years we lived on Arlington Road. I will cherish the memories of his laughter, his wonderful banana cakes, our watching bluebirds, garden adventures and his wise words to me.*

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**Ann Schepper** - February 15, 2017 at 05:25 PM

JW

“ Jackie and Jeanne, We were sorry to see your dad had passed away. Keeping you in our prayers.

Victor & Janice Wampler



Janice Wampler - February 15, 2017 at 01:44 PM



“ I just like to say this was a awesome man and friend.He was the main reason I became a Laborer. Always fair and kept me working. Brenda,you know how I feel about your mom and dad.My prayers are with you and the family.And thank you Jim, for believing in me.

George James - February 15, 2017 at 04:55 AM

KJ

“ Jimmy was my favorite uncle. He always tried to make me laugh as he did for my grandkids and neice. They would take turns joking with each other to see who had the funiest and try to get one he didnt know. He will be greatly missed but always remember his smile!!

Kay Jackson - February 15, 2017 at 12:16 AM

MS

“ I didn't know Jim personally . But I do know Celeste . From what she has told me , I can only conclude that he was a wonderful human being . I feel the pain of his suffering through Celeste and Travis . Condolences to his family and friends . I'm sure that this world has lost a very good human being .

Myles Saruwatari - February 14, 2017 at 09:25 PM