



James Allen Lindauer

October 26, 1940 - December 7, 2024

James Allen Lindauer, 84, died peacefully on December 7, 2024. Jim was born October 26, 1940, and preceded in death by his father Walter Lindauer of Huntingburg, his mother Irene Polen and stepfather Don “Butch” Polen of Otwell. Survivors include his wife Linda and son Jeffrey Allen Lindauer (Angela) and two grandchildren Chelsie Lea and Joshua Allen. Other survivors include a half brother Sam Polen of Petersburg, two half sisters Patty Polen Ingle and Judy Polen Schnarr and stepmother, Virginia Polen.

After graduating from Otwell High School in 1958, Jim enlisted in the United States Air Force for four years and served in Texas, Mississippi, and Alaska. While serving in Alaska as a Morse Intercept Operator, he also worked at a Pepsi plant in Anchorage and picked carrots in the Matanuska Valley.

Following an Honorable Discharge, he enrolled at Oakland City College and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. While teaching and coaching basketball at West End Elementary, Jim completed a Master of Science degree and an Elementary Administration Certification from Indiana State University. Jim retired from Washington Community Schools in 1996 after serving 6 years as an elementary teacher and 24 years as principal at West End Elementary and Lena Dunn Elementary. At the time of his retirement a street near Lena Dunn Elementary was named Lindauer Drive.

Jim was active in the National and State Principal's Association, served as President and was named the District VIII Principal of the Year in 1984. He was a member of the Daviess County Child Protection Team and served several years on the Board of Trustees for the Carnegie Public Library in Washington, Indiana.

In 2005, Jim and Linda moved to Bloomington to enjoy their grandchildren. His life was blessed and full of enjoyment being near family and involved in their many events and activities as they grew up. Always active, Jim enjoyed traveling, playing tennis and golf, walking, and riding his bike.

At Jim's request, he will be cremated with a small family and friends memorial service and celebration of life at Montgomery Cemetery, Oakland City at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a gift in his memory to the charity of your choice.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Linda, Sandra and I send our prayers and good thoughts to you. I so respected Jim for his handling of the principals job. Mike Traylor*

Mike Traylor - December 20, 2024 at 01:51 PM

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“ *My wife and I have been neighbors with Jim and Linda for the past seventeen years. When we moved in the trees were small enough where Jim would be sitting on his deck and I would be in our back yard and we would talk and solve the worlds problems. Jim was also on the board of our condo association. What impressed me the most about Jim, besides being a great guy and a gentleman, was how good of shape he was in. He was always biking, walking or playing golf. We would discuss our workouts as I was a runner at the time. My wife and I are truly blessed to have gotten to know Jim and still are blessed to have Linda as our neighbor. We will continue to keep Linda and all of their family in our thoughts and our prayers. Roger and Diana*

Roger Somes - December 19, 2024 at 11:00 AM

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“ We just found out about Jim’s passing and we are truly sad. When we moved to our new house nextdoor to Jim & Linda on Dogwood Drive, they were the first ones to come over and welcome us to the neighborhood. Of course, with us being teachers in the same school system, we already knew him. Jim was a very classy guy who treated all people the same way with his sharp wit and humor. I will always remember the days when we would both mow our yards at the same time and he would ask me to come over for an ice cold beer(non-alcoholic) and sit in the shade and tell stories! We, too, will miss him.

Billie & Joe Keeler

Joe Keeler - December 15, 2024 at 03:18 PM

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“ Mr. Lindauer was my grade school principal. He was always kind, understanding and infinitely patient. I truly believe that all of us students respected him immensely and also liked him as well. I only have the fondest memories of this wonderful man. All condolences to his family.

Aaron Crosby - December 14, 2024 at 07:54 PM

JS

“ *Sending you our heartfelt condolences at this time of your great loss. My husband Steve Sandefer had the pleasure of working with Mr. Lindauer at both West End and the Lena Dunn school for many years. Steve always spoke so highly of Mr. Lindauer and clearly had the utmost respect for him. He truly was an inspirational leader whose goal was to provide educational opportunities for all the students. He was also an outstanding colleague and mentor for all the teachers and staff that worked under his direction. Mr. Lindauer was truly a gentleman who treated everyone with a warm smile and a caring spirit. May God give you comfort in your time of grief. Jean Sandefer and family*

Jean Sandefer - December 14, 2024 at 12:31 PM