



## James A. "Jim" Raines

March 22, 1943 - November 17, 2022

James A. "Jim" Raines, 79, of Bloomington passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at the Hearthstone Health Campus. He was born on March 22, 1943 in Indianapolis, Indiana, the son of George Allen and Edna Pauline (Combs) Raines. Jim was a 1961 graduate of University High School, and attended Indiana State University. He married the love of his life Kay Frost on October 21, 1966 in Switz City, Indiana, they were happily married for fifty-six years. Jim proudly served in the Indiana National Guard.

He worked for Public Service as a lineman from 1966 to 1971 in Bloomington, and in 1971 he went to work for the Bloomington Fire Department and served for twenty-eight years before retiring in 1999.

Jim was a member of Stanford Lodge #173 and the Crosley Club. He enjoyed all kinds of racing, and he loved cars and working on cars. He loved going to Jiffy Treet, and his cat of 17 years, Tony. Jim was a wonderful husband and great friend. He had three things he wanted to do in his life: he wanted to work in the pits at an Indy 500, build a street rod and build his own home. He accomplished all of them. Jim will be greatly missed.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Kay Raines of Bloomington; nieces, Michelle (Jim) Ferguson; Paula (Eric) Blodgett; Cindy (Dave) Catterlin; Pam (Dennis) Pigg; Kathie (Jeff) Gentry; Vickie Miller; Lisa (Kenny) Wilson; Bobbie (Andrew) Stipp and Julie Overman; nephews, Jeff (Dana) Young and Bill Overman; his sister-in-law, Betty Miller; and brother-in-law, Mike Overman; and many great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George Raines and Edna McVicker; his sister, Susie Young and brother-in-law Steve Young; nephew, Steve Miller and step-father, Frank McVicker.

Visitation will be held from 3:00pm to 7:00pm Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old St Rd 37 Bloomington. Memorial contributions may be made to the Monroe County Humane Association or the Pantry 279 in Ellettsville.

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](http://www.allencares.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

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“ If you were lucky enough to ride around with Jim, you would get a full tour wherever he took you. Jim knew where the interesting things were, usually off the beaten path. Almost every drive with Jim included a story from the past. My favorite stories I heard Jim tell were of his travels around the US with Kay. He would talk about all the places they'd been and the friends they knew there. My wife and I drove Hwy. 2 through Nebraska because Jim said it was one of his favorite roads - wide open spaces with no stoplights for miles and miles. It is a peaceful, glorious road. Happy travels, Jim! Thank you.

John Bodle - November 22, 2022 at 01:27 PM



Thank you John. Jim so loved those trips you two would take. You are truly a good friend to us.

Kay Raines - November 25, 2022 at 02:00 PM

LB

“ Sorry to hear Jim passed. Your in our thoughts and prayers. Larry and Cheryl Blackerby

Larry Blackerby - November 19, 2022 at 09:34 AM

BC

“ He will be missed. He was always ready to share a joke and a smile. Most of our family enjoyed watching baseball, but Jim said, "watching baseball is like watching grass grow."

Betty Miller and Cindy Catterlin - November 18, 2022 at 06:26 PM

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“ *Worked with Jim at PSI and the Fire Department, great guy. Kay brought desserts every shift we worked. Hated to see him take vacations.*

*Scott-Beverly Elkins*

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**Scott Elkins** - November 18, 2022 at 02:17 PM