



James Calvin Swihart

February 8, 1927 - June 27, 2017

James Calvin Swihart, 90, from Bloomington, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday, June 27, 2017. Son of Jack and Louise (Jensen) Swihart, James grew up in Elkhart, Indiana.

Survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Marilyn (King) Swihart, his children, the late Cecilia Swihart Brown and John and Susan Swihart, grandchildren, Chad Brown, the late Corey Brown, Campbell Swihart, Jordan Swihart and Beckett Swihart, and great-granddaughter, Olive Brown. Brother of the late Tom Swihart and his wife, Merna Swihart, survived by sister Linda and George Von Mohr, brother-in-law Bill King, and the late Le King.

A veteran of WWII, he returned to Indiana and attended Perdue University, earning first a Bachelors, then a Masters Degree in Chemistry, and later his PhD in Physics. He began his professional career at the IBM research facility in Yorktown Heights, New York, later being a Professor of Physics at U.C.Berkeley, then at Indiana University from 1966 until retiring to Emeritus in 1999.

A gathering to celebrate his life will be held at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, Indiana, on Wednesday, July 19th, from 5-8pm. Donations can be made to Wonderlab Science Museum, in Bloomington, Indiana.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

JUL 19. 5:00 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>

Tribute Wall

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Gail Watson - July 18, 2017 at 01:55 PM

GW

“ *Uncle Jim, I will miss you a lot! You were funny and so much fun to be with. You and Aunt Marilyn brought me some nice gifts from Europe when I was a child. I loved hearing your stories of being in Germany and Denmark in 1945. God bless you and rest in peace. ~ your neice, Gail Swihart Watson.*

Gail Watson - July 18, 2017 at 01:41 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of James Calvin Swihart.*



July 17, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of James Calvin Swihart.



July 05, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ Brenda and I wanted to offer our deepest condolences and prayers to Marilyn and the family and to note our fond memories of Jim and a life well lived. Jim was my valued friend and colleague in the IU Physics Department for 39 years. He helped recruit me to the faculty in 1978 and graciously assisted my teaching and research career in ways too numerous to mention.

Larry and Brenda Kesmodel

Larry Kesmodel - July 04, 2017 at 05:54 PM



I'm sorry to learn of Dr. Swihart's passing. I was secretary for the Solid State Group at IU beginning in 1967. He was a kind, brilliant man. RIP, sir.

Wanda Cromer - September 29, 2020 at 01:27 PM

SG

“ Dear Marilyn,

Laura and I would like to express our deepest condolences to you. For 32 years, I have considered Jim to be an excellent role model and one of my most treasured colleagues. He was always patient, kind, and both interesting to listen to and interested in hearing what I had to say. Beginning as an assistant professor, I welcomed the opportunity to drop by his office and seek his advice and perspective.

In recent years, it was always a joy to see him at the colloquium tea, and I was sometimes able to go to lunch with him, Don, and Terry.

I know that you and Jim were no stranger to tragedy, but Jim always seemed able to move ahead. I once expressed admiration to Jim for this quality and in typical Jim fashion he modestly shrugged off any notion that his was a special ability.

Jim was very proud of John and his musical accomplishments.

Laura and

I were glad to meet John, and hope you will extend our condolences to him and his family.

Steven and Laura Gottlieb

Steven Gottlieb - July 04, 2017 at 03:43 PM

GS

“ So sorry to hear of your Father's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Gina Wilkes Stillions

Gina Stillions - July 03, 2017 at 07:53 AM