



## James M. Venegoni

January 6, 1939 - June 29, 2025

James "Jim" Michael Venegoni, age 86, a resident of Bloomington, Indiana passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 29, 2025.

Born January 6, 1939, to Caesar and Edna Venegoni in St. Louis, Missouri, Jim grew up in Kirkwood, Missouri. He graduated from Eugene Coyle High School and attended Southeast Missouri State University. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve in Fort Leonardwood, Missouri and Fort Hood, Texas.

Jim worked for the Brown Shoe Company, Buster Brown Division, for eleven years during which his traveling territories brought him to live in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Iowa. He worked for the U.S. Shoe Company, Women's Joyce Division from 1972-1976; the United American Insurance from 1977-1991; as an independent insurance agent from 1991-2000; and for Michael Dean & Associates from 2000-2005.

He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Diana Venegoni; sons Michael (Linda) Venegoni of Kansas, David Venegoni of Oklahoma, Jason (Jennifer) Birk of Indiana, and Alex (Heather) Birk of Indiana; daughter Kris (Joe) Johnson of Georgia; grandchildren Jacob (Whitney), Matthew (Angelica), Caleb, Angela, Margaret, Michael (Kara), Henry, Rex, James, and Ava; great-grandchildren Masyn, Maddox, Rayner, Rayden, Chandler, Clara, Reagan; brothers John Venegoni and Jerry Venegoni. He is preceded in death by his

parents and brother, Joe.

Jim "Vene" was an avid golfer, regularly playing at Cascades Golf Course in Bloomington and the former IU Golf Course. He was passionate about IU football and enjoyed many years celebrating at IU tailgates. He loved watching IU basketball and spending time with his beloved dog, Max.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 11, 2025 at 10 AM at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church 2222 East Third Street, Bloomington, IN 47401, with Mass of Christian Burial immediately following at 11AM. Burial to follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Monroe County Humane Society @monroehumane.org.

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
2222 East Third Street  
Bloomington, IN 47401

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ Our hearts reach out to all of you as we remember Jim with love and great memories. God bless you all. John and Diane Venegoni family

John Venegoni - July 05, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Jim" M. Venegoni.

July 03, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James M. Venegoni.



July 03, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Our parents were friends and Jim and my brother Rich were friends. Later in life, after losing my mom and his dad, our surviving parents married and we became step siblings. I will always remember his genuine smile and kindness. Rest in peace Jim.  
Jeanette

Jeanette Connell - July 03, 2025 at 12:23 PM

RM

“ I am so sad to hear this news about Jim. He was my step dad from age 6 until age 15. I'll always remember when I got my first job he took me for pizza at Noble Romans to celebrate. He loved his profession of salesman (selling insurance), his fancy cars (I'll always remember the old yellow Lincoln, I believe) and he loved his buddies, golf, football and the office lounge. I had recently searched his name to see if he was still living in Bloomington as he crossed my mind and then received the news from his daughter Kris this evening that he had passed. May he rest in peace and continue his love for golf with friends in heaven. My deepest sympathy to Kris, Mike and David and all those who loved him dearly.



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**Robyn Morton** - July 02, 2025 at 10:15 PM

JS

“ Jim and I started our careers 2 weeks apart as Brown Shoe Co Sales trainees, sitting side by side for 2 yrs..I gave Jim my old golf clubs..he had never played the game and before long became an excellent golfer..we remained very close friends for 40 yrs...He called me Johnson, never John..RIP, Vinny.

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**John Swearingen** - July 01, 2025 at 01:17 PM

DV

*Thank you Mr. Swearingen for sharing that it's great to know!*

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**David Venegoni** - July 01, 2025 at 05:50 PM

JH

“ *James Hochgesang lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Venegoni*



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**James Hochgesang** - July 01, 2025 at 12:04 PM

JH

“ *Jim was deeply loved by our family and will be deeply missed . Our thoughts and prayers for Diana's family and Jim's children. May he rest in peace.*

*Love Jim ,Debbie and Ashley Hochgesang*

*Amy and John Goebel*

*Jordan and Megan Hochgesang*

*Hannah Hochgesang and Chad Lamar*

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**James Hochgesang** - July 01, 2025 at 12:03 PM

TB

“ *Tonya Bridwell lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Venegoni*



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**Tonya Bridwell** - July 01, 2025 at 10:55 AM