



Donald James "Jim" Vandermark

January 30, 1945 - December 26, 2015

Donald James "Jim" Vandermark, 70, of Akron, Indiana passed 7:34 pm, Saturday, Dec. 26, 2015 at his residence after a battle with cancer.

He was born on Jan. 30, 1945 in Pensacola, Florida to Orville and Helen (Grossnickle) Vandermark.

He was married on Jan. 20, 1990 in Akron at the Akron Church of God to Pamela S. Day she survives.

He owned Vandermark Heating and Plumbing of North Manchester and was head of the Park Department in North Manchester for a few years. He graduated in 1963 from Manchester High School. He then attended Manchester College and later graduated from Ball State University. He played basketball, baseball, and football in High School and football at Manchester College. Jim served his country in the U.S. Navy Seabees serving from July 30, 1969 to Jan. 18, 1972 with two tours in Vietnam. He was a member of the North Manchester American Legion. He played softball in adult leagues for many years playing third base. Jim loved to watch his sons, stepsons, and grandchildren at sporting events. He liked to watch IU, Notre Dame, Cubs, and the Colts play as well as his beloved Yankees. He enjoyed sitting at the "round table" at the coffee shop discussing many topics.

Survivors and place of residence:

Wife – Pam Vandermark – Akron, Ind.

Sons – Jared and wife Kimberly Vandermark – Shreveport, Louisiana

David and wife Donna Vandermark – Blue Springs, Missouri

David and wife Angela Madeford – Akron, Ind.

Scott and wife Tiffany Cooksey – Akron, Ind.

Kevin and wife Carrie Cooksey – Silver Lake, Ind.

Daughter – Leann and husband John Carr – Hardeeville, SC

Grandchildren – Vince Vandermark and Lorelai Vandermark

Devin, Thane, Bryce Madeford, Ian and Ella Cooksey, and Alyx, Blake, and Lillian Cooksey

Sisters - Nancy and husband Neil Tate – N. Manchester, Ind.

Judy and husband Jerry Judjahn – Glendale, Arizona

Several Nieces, Nephews, Great Nieces, and Great Nephews

Preceded in Death By:

Parents - Orville and Helen Vandermark

Time and Date of Services: 10:30 am, Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015 with military rites performed after the funeral service at the funeral home

Place of Services: Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana

Minister: Pastor JP Freeman and Rev. Dr. Tara Bidwell Hornbacker

Place of Burial: Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana

Visitation Hours: 4 pm to 8 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana

Memorial Contributions to: Wounded Warrior Fund or the Akron Church of God

Cemetery Details

Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E
Akron, IN 46910

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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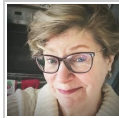
Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald James "Jim" Vandermark



Hartzler Funeral Services - December 29, 2015 at 01:37 PM



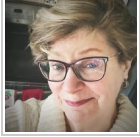
What lovely tribute to a life well-lived. Thank you for sharing with all of us. He will be missed.

Sally Tyler - December 30, 2015 at 09:16 AM

SC

“ I have struggled to find the right words with the loss of Uncle Jim. So many memories of summers spent in Indiana, of all the family and craziness, and so much love. I remember Jim making sure Grandma had fresh produce after her garden shrank. He'd always talk about bringing her some corn or some other garden goodness. Then there was the summer I was horse crazy and lived with him on the farm playing with horses and enjoying more than one hayride. It hardly seems possible that he is gone. He was loved and he will be missed.

Stephanie Creasy - December 30, 2015 at 12:11 PM



“ Sally Tyler purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald James "Jim" Vandermark.



Sally Tyler - December 30, 2015 at 10:23 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald James "Jim" Vandermark.



December 29, 2015 at 04:21 PM



“ 69 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - December 29, 2015 at 01:24 PM

SP

“ My Uncle Jim was a caring man. He always made me feel like I could do anything I set my mind to. I have wonderful memories spending every summer in Indiana with him and family. As Uncle Jim got older, he resembled my Grandfather more and more. There were a few pictures were I had to take a closer look just to make sure it was him and not Grandpa. I will miss Jim and am grateful for the time I had with him.

Stacey

Stacey Proctor - December 29, 2015 at 12:53 PM

JF

“ Jane Conley & Family lit a candle in memory of Donald James "Jim" Vandermark



Jane Conley & Family - December 29, 2015 at 09:57 AM

JW

“ Judy Walgamuth lit a candle in memory of Donald James "Jim" Vandermark



Judy Walgamuth - December 29, 2015 at 01:54 AM

SB

“ Shirley & Jim Bickel lit a candle in memory of
Donald James "Jim" Vandermark



Shirley & Jim Bickel - December 28, 2015 at 05:53 PM