



## James "Jim" Lee Bucher

August 14, 1936 - February 5, 2022

James Lee "Jim" Bucher, 85, of Akron, Indiana passed at 5:24 pm, Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 at Lutheran Hospital of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Jim was born on Aug. 14, 1936 in Akron, Ind. to the late Earl D. and Ruth May (Lukens) Bucher. He married on Sept. 23, 1956 in the Disko United Methodist Church to E. Joan Floor, who preceded him in death on Oct. 1, 2017.

He attended Beaver Dam High School. In earlier years, he worked for General Tire. He then moved to California for a short time doing contracting work. When he returned to the area, he became an Automotive Mechanical Technician. He worked for many dealers throughout the area, which included Gagnon's, Shepherd's, Petro's, and Smith's. Jim worked every day of his life.

Jim served as the Manager of the Warsaw Motor Speedway until the time of its closing. Racing was a lifetime passion and he built many race cars. He won championships at Warsaw, Kokomo, and Avila driving late model stock cars. He had been a member of several local car clubs and oversaw the 4th of July and the Warsaw Car Shows. He also served the community as a part of the Akron 4th of July Committee for many years. He and his wife enjoyed camping at Jellystone Park for many years. He was known as a regular around Akron. He could be found most days at Jonesy's Junction on his golf cart, solving the issues of the day.

He is survived by his daughters Joy L. and husband Robert L. McDonough of Rock Lake, Ind. and Amy and husband Dustin Cooper of Akron, Ind.; sons Jerry Bucher and fiancée Linda Carroll of Oswego, Ind., Jeff Bucher (Paula Platt) of Akron, Ind., and Jim Jr. and wife Mary Bucher of North Manchester, Ind.; 12 Grandchildren; 20 Great Grandchildren; and 4 Great Great Grandchildren; and siblings Myra Wade, Elbie Bucher, and Tom Bucher.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Joan, a sister Linda Utter, daughter-in-law Marilyn K. Bucher.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 am, Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana.

The interment will take place in the Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake, Indiana next to his wife.

Visitation hours will be held from 3 pm to 7 pm, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in Jim's memory to the Akron Chamber of Commerce to be used for the Akron 4th of July.

# Cemetery Details

## Silver Creek Cemetery

6504 West 1300 South  
Silver Lake, IN 46982

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **9**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
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Akron, IN 46910  
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## Funeral Service

FEB **10**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Lee Bucher



Hartzler Funeral Services - February 07, 2022 at 04:01 PM

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*We will miss Jim. Always enjoyed our time with him & his hugs. We enjoyed the picture tribute. It was meaningful to us. Especially the pictures of race car #22. Our prayers are with you.*  
Joe and Sara

Joe French - February 08, 2022 at 10:44 AM

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“ We send all of Jim's family our deepest sympathies and join you in grieving the passing of one who we all love. He may not be here to hug or talk to , but will always be in our hearts. So many great memories starting when we were little children. He was always like the the big brother I never had. The photo in the obituary was taken at our home and we, along with Myra had just had a great time visiting & reminiscing. Although we are not able to be in attendance at the service as we are out of state. We are with you in our hearts and prayers. Sincerely, cousin Patricia (Patsy) & husband Richard (Dick) Goshert currently living in Florida.



Patricia (Patsy) Goshert - February 10, 2022 at 10:42 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lee Bucher.*



February 09, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lee Bucher.*



February 09, 2022 at 11:50 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



**Hartzler Funeral Services** - February 08, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lee Bucher.*



February 08, 2022 at 02:01 PM

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“ Devon Smith purchased the *Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum* for the family of James "Jim" Lee Bucher.



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**Devon Smith** - February 08, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ 138 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - February 07, 2022 at 04:01 PM

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“ Lynette H. purchased the *Full Heart* for the family of James "Jim" Lee Bucher.



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**Lynette H.** - February 07, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lee Bucher.



February 07, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lee Bucher.



February 07, 2022 at 08:48 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lee Bucher.



February 06, 2022 at 10:03 PM



“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lee Bucher.



February 06, 2022 at 09:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lee Bucher.*



February 06, 2022 at 07:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lee Bucher.*



February 06, 2022 at 06:58 PM



“ *Jim was a great guy. I met him when he worked at Smiths. And what an amazing family. My prayers for all of you during this time and the days that follow.*

**Mel Smith** - February 06, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ *Jim & Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Lee Bucher*



**Jim & Shirley Bickel** - February 06, 2022 at 05:58 PM