



James E. Reiken

July 1, 1935 - January 7, 2024

James E. Reiken, 88, of Mentone, Indiana passed at 6:35 pm, Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 at his residence after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Jim was born on July 1, 1935 in Stringtown, Indiana (near Laketon) to the late Henry Dick and Mable Irene (Sickafus) Reiken. He was a graduate of Laketon High School. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War in the Seabees. He married Janice Weaver, they had a son Michael, they parted ways but remained friends.

He was a member of the Warsaw New Harvest Church of the Nazarene for 44 years, where he taught the peacemaker class. He worked doing missions at the Navajo Indian Bible College of New Mexico for 5 years. He also did mission work in Israel, Jamaica, Venezuela, and Jerusalem from 1995 to 2000.

Jim met his future wife while working for Zimmer Orthopedics. He worked there for 20 years. He married on April 11, 1981 to Jacksie Winterrowd Calvert, she survives. He also worked for Ace Hardware for 10 years and Rax Restaurant. They loved to go to Grace Village for Thursday Night JAM and enjoyed camping and wintering in Florida. They were very active until a car wreck in 1994. Every Sunday they ate beef kung pow and were daily regulars at Walmart to socialize and shop.

He is survived by his wife Jacksie Reiken of Mentone; step children Joyce and husband Richard Bose of Mentone and Ricky Calvert of Warsaw; 5 Grandchildren; 8 Great Grandchildren, and 1 Great Great Granddaughter; sisters Ruth Calhoun and Suzie Brown of North Manchester.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, a son Michael Dean Reiken, and 8 siblings.

No service will be held at this time.

The arrangements have been entrusted to King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the New Harvest Church of the Nazarene 1654 Fisher Ave, Warsaw, IN 46580

Tribute Wall

JE

“ I worked at the bank he went to and I really enjoyed getting to know him and his wife. He was a very special person and I loved it when he blew me kisses from the car. Very sweet person and he will be missed very much!

Jennifer - January 24, 2024 at 08:49 PM

CE

“ Celina lit a candle in memory of James E. Reiken



Celina - January 12, 2024 at 04:35 AM

MC

“ I enjoyed talking and being around Jim and Jacksie They're Both such Beautiful people inside and out Jim was such a jokester They both even surprised me a few times in helping me celebrate my birthday My Thoughts Prayers Heart and Love go out to Jacksie



Michelle Carpenter - January 11, 2024 at 06:11 PM

LE

“ Leilani/Doug lit a candle in memory of James E. Reiken



Leilani/Doug - January 09, 2024 at 01:49 AM

CH

“ Love the picture the family picked showing you with the bright , yellow, Ruler suspenders. When my husband and I attended the New Harvest Nazarene church, we loved to hear Jim sing “That Old Rugged Cross’ as he sang it , with such genuine love and faith, for God. At some events,he knew and sang parts of classic country western songs. He will be so missed. I loved his joy for the love of the Lord.

Cheryl - January 08, 2024 at 09:33 PM

DG

“ Donna Gillman lit a candle in memory of James E. Reiken



Donna Gillman - January 08, 2024 at 07:15 PM