



James J. Tibbets

May 19, 1924 - December 8, 2020

James J. Tibbets, 96, of Warsaw and formerly of Mentone passed away at Kosciusko Community Hospital on December 8, 2020. Jim was born on May 19, 1924 in Carbon, Indiana to James E. and Zillah (Baughman) Tibbets. He graduated from Brazil High School in 1943, where he played drums in the high school band. While in high school, Jim met the love of his life, Agnes Ruth (Ooley) Tibbets, who survives. They were married July 19, 1945 and were together for over 75 years.

While in high school, Jim enlisted in the United States Navy. After graduation, he attended the University of Oklahoma and then was stationed in New Orleans. He was proud to be a World War II veteran.

Jim accepted a position with Producers Marketing Association, which brought the family to Mentone, Indiana in 1953. Later he delivered fuel oil for Silveus & Bradway in Warsaw. He also served as Clerk Treasurer of the Town of Mentone.

Jim had two great passions in his life. The first was his family. The second was his music. He was a square dance caller for many years. He was a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church where he shared the gift of music as a soloist, and sang bass in the choir and various ensembles. He also participated in the Mentone Days talent shows over the years, serving as

Grand Marshall along with Agnes a few years ago.

Jim had a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ on an Emmaus Walk retreat. He and Agnes sponsored many others on their own Emmaus Walks. He was an avid Cubs fan, an avid Bears fan, and loved the Gaither Vocal Band.

He was a loyal and loving husband. As a dad, he instilled in his family a love for nature and outdoor activities. He loved to travel, to camp and hike, to fish, and especially to ride his bicycle. He attributed his longevity to a lifetime of bike riding. He was still riding his three-wheeled bike around the block just weeks before he passed. As a grandpa, Jim attended as many concerts, plays, recitals, sporting events, birthday parties and graduations as possible. He loved each of his children and grandchildren and was very proud of their accomplishments. He considered his family his greatest legacy.

Jim is survived by his wife of 75 years, Agnes, two sons, James David (Jane) Tibbets, Elkhart, IN, Daniel (Wendi) Tibbets, San Jose, CA, two daughters, Susan Kintzel and Barbara Tibbets, both of Warsaw. Also surviving are eleven grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, three step-great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded by his parents, two sisters, Mildred Cochran and Marsha Decker, a brother, Earl, and an infant sister.

Due to Covid-19 a private service will be held with interment in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, Indiana with graveside military rites being performed in honor of Jim's service to his country. A recording of the service will be available on the funeral home's Facebook page following the service.

<https://fb.watch/2nwdv3-7px/>

A future celebration of life is being planned.

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

Donations can be made in his memory to the Mentone United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Mentone Cemetery

Morgan St Jefferson Street
Mentone, IN 46539

Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Linda Gillman lit a candle in memory of James J. Tibbets*



Linda Gillman - December 14, 2020 at 08:48 PM

KD

“ *Jim was such a wonderful Christian man. I was very proud that he was my uncle. He possessed such a calm, genuine outlook on life. Jim and I were so thankful we were able to make the trip up to Warsaw in September to visit you all . We will always remember that fondly. God allowed him to celebrate 75 happy years married to Ruth, to see his children grow up into wonderful people, and to enjoy his grandchildren, great grandchildren, and more. He lived the life God gave him very well. What a legacy he is leaving his family and friends who loved him most! Sending our love, Jim and Kathy Deal*

Kathy Deal - December 13, 2020 at 09:52 AM

BT

Sweet words. Thank you, Kathy!

Barbara Tibbets - March 20, 2021 at 05:44 PM

AH

“ Susan-I saw that your dad had passed way-it is difficult to lose a parent but as you mourn, treasure your memories and celebrate a life well lived. I will always remember the gardens filled with gladiolus every summer as a kid growing up in Mentone. Peace and comfort to all of your family.
Ann Rush Harding

Ann Rush Harding - December 11, 2020 at 09:02 PM

AK

“ Agnes, Susan, Barbara. Dave and Dan, I'm sad to hear of Jim's passing, I know you all will miss him. He had a great voice, he sang at my Mother's funeral. In 2019 I would see the two of them and the Central Park Concert in the summer. Cherish your memories and remember he'll be watching for you when it's your time to join him.
Alice

Alice Keirn - December 11, 2020 at 05:04 PM

BT

Thank you for your support and kind words, Alice.

Barbara Tibbets - March 20, 2021 at 05:44 PM

MB

“ MAX A BLACKBURN sent a virtual gift in memory of James J. Tibbets



MAX A BLACKBURN - December 10, 2020 at 08:31 PM

CS

“ Sending my sympathy to all of you... Calleen (Gibble) Sausaman

Calleen Sausaman - December 10, 2020 at 01:59 PM

BT

Thank you, Calleen. Your friendship is one of my favorite childhood memories!

Barbara Tibbets - March 20, 2021 at 05:43 PM