



# James N. Mahle

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**J**ames N. Mahle, age 75 of Batesville, died Friday, February 15, 2013 at St. Francis Hospital in Indianapolis. Born July 25, 1937 in Dayton, Ohio, he is the son of Josephine (Nee: Ruz) and James C. Mahle. He married Mary Jo Walke June 29, 1968 at St. Louis Church in Batesville. Jim was a pilot for Hillenbrand Industries 39 years before retiring. He was a member of St. Louis Church, Knights of Columbus Council #1461, the Civil Air Patrol, Experimental Aircraft Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, a volunteer for the Wright-Patterson Aero Space Museum during his retirement and the Cincinnati Germania Society. While Jim had many interests, he was very passionate about flying and his German heritage. A corporate pilot for nearly forty years, Jim also had his own airplane. When he wasn't flying he was happily tinkering, repairing, improving on it or hanging out with other aviation enthusiasts. A member of the Cincinnati Germania Society, he was a regular attendee of not only their yearly festival, but the two other annual German festivals held in Cincinnati enjoying the food, drink, music and merriment. After retiring and all those years of traveling, he still liked to travel and he and Mary Jo took memorable trips to the British Isles, Thailand and of course Germany, which he said "he'd go back again without hesitation." Jim also loved to be with friends. For thirty years, Jim and Mary Jo have hosted a Labor Day block party for their neighbors complete with food and fireworks. Never completely letting go of the little boy in him, he loved fireworks and in his opinion any occasion was a good time for them. Along with German fare, he also had a fondness for spicy foods. His homemade chili would sometimes provoke a contest or a dare to see who could eat the most before the heat became too intense. Jim was also a fan of old movies and the Turner Classic Movie Channel. Two of his favorites sayings were "spare no expense" and "it only costs a little more to fly first class." He is survived by his wife Mary Jo; daughter Sara Drabik of Cincinnati, Ohio; son Robert Mahle of Mt. Vernon, Ohio and one grandchild. He



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is preceded in death by his parents. Visitation is Wednesday, February 20th, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Thursday, February 21st at St. Louis Church with Rev. Randy Summers officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family requests memorials to Phi Beta Psi Sorority Cancer Research or St. Louis School.



## Tribute Wall

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MT

**Mari Mckittrick Tekulve** posted:

Mahle family, I express my deepest sympathies to you. Jim was a man among men, always kind, friendly and wonderful to all he knew and touched. God will be with him and you as well.

February 19 at 8:00 PM

P3

**Pat And Dave Raiff Of Sebastian, Fl, 32958** posted:

Dear Mary Jo, Rob and Sara, Life will not be the same without Jim at various Chaminade and family functions. I always looked forward to seeing you both at these events. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love to you. Pat and Dave

February 19 at 8:00 PM

MG

**Mary Ellen Gillman** posted:

Mary Jo, Sarah, and family, I am so sorry to hear about Jim's death. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

February 19 at 8:00 PM

JB

**John Kinnemeyer Of Brookville In** posted:

Our hangars sit next to one another at the Greensburg Airport. I moved my plane there in March of last year so we only became friends this past summer. I enjoyed his company on weekends when tinkering with our planes or going flying. I will truly miss him around the airport & local fly ins. My condolences go out to his family!

February 18 at 8:00 PM

SM

**Steve Oster Of Mansfield, Oh** posted:

Rob and family, So sorry about your loss! You are in my prayers and thoughts!

February 18 at 8:00 PM

AH

**Amy Hatcher** posted:

Amy Hatcher has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

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WC

**Wendy Godfrey-Dean Of Wendygdean@Gmail.Com** posted:

Mary Jo, I am so so sorry for your loss. I had no idea that Jim was ill. You know, I was to marry him, but the fact that I was only 6 years old or so, may have been a problem. Such is a little girl's first crush. I have wonderful memories of him and my Dad. Now they are together again flying the friendly skies around Batesville. I assume my Dad is in a P51. One thing is for sure, there are jokes a plenty and stories being told in heaven today. Again, I am sorry I can not be up there at this sad time, but my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this very sad time. Love, Wendy Godfrey-Dean

February 18 at 8:00 PM

ML

**Marianne Wiggers Of Lawrenceburg, In** posted:

Mary Jo, I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I had heard thru Mike C that he and Jim were just flying together not too long ago. I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers. Marianne Wiggers

February 18 at 8:00 PM

CB

**Claude & Vicki Cavins Of Batesville In** posted:

Our deepest sympathy. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We hope all your good memories of this special man, brings you all much comfort and peace.

February 17 at 8:00 PM

BB

**Br. Norbert Of Burlington, Wi** posted:

Sorry to hear about the death of Jim. He was a very friendly person and always had a big smile. Be assured of my thoughts and prayers for his soul and for all of you. God Bless!

February 17 at 8:00 PM



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