



James A. "Jim" Heppner

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James A. "Jim" Heppner, age 89 of Batesville, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, April 28, 2025, with his family by his side. Born October 29, 1935, in Franklin County Indiana, he is the son of August and Loretta (Nee: Lampe) Heppner.

Jim was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Council #1461.

Born and raised in the close-knit community of Oldenburg, Jim's roots ran deep within the town he always called home.

In 1958, Jim answered the call to serve his country, joining the United States Army. His dedication led to the distinguished honor of being selected for the honor guard in Washington D.C., where at times he headed the ceremonial division. Upon returning to civilian life, Jim devoted his professional career to the Batesville Casket Company for 49 years. He ended his tenure as a Quality Control Engineer before retirement in 2001.

Fate intervened through a close friendship with Paul Dietz. This connection blossomed into a loving relationship with Paul's sister, Mary Jo (Dietz). Jim and Mary Jo were united in marriage on September 7, 1963.

A passionate card player, especially fond of a lively game of 31, Jim also found joy on the golf course and in the tranquility of the mountains, often accompanied by a good glass of gin. He was a devoted fan of the Bulldogs, Reds, and Bengals, but his greatest joy came from supporting his grandchildren, traveling as far as Tennessee to attend their events. Jim's love for classic Country music provided a soundtrack to his life, which was always enriched by the presence of family, especially during holiday gatherings and Sunday dinners around a full table.

He is survived by his wife Mary Jo of Batesville; sons and daughters-in-law Eric and Sarah Heppner of Oldenburg and Brett and Jennifer Heppner of Maryville, Tennessee; grandchildren



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Claire (Connor) Kelley, Ellen, Grace, Sally, Mary Kate, Caroline, and Will Heppner; great grandchildren Magdalena and Otto Kelley; sister-in-law Charlotte Heppner of Oldenburg.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his sister Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Heppner and brothers Rev. Sylvester Heppner OFM, Albert, Gerald, and Martin Heppner.

Visitation will be on Monday, May 5th, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., at Weigel Funeral Home in Batesville. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 1:30 p.m., at Holy Family Catholic Church in Oldenburg, with Fr. John Barker OFM officiating. The burial will be at the Holy Family Cemetery, with military graveside rites being conducted by the Ripley County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3183 and by the Prell-Bland American Legion Post #271 of Batesville. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Church or the Margaret Mary Health Foundation Hospice.



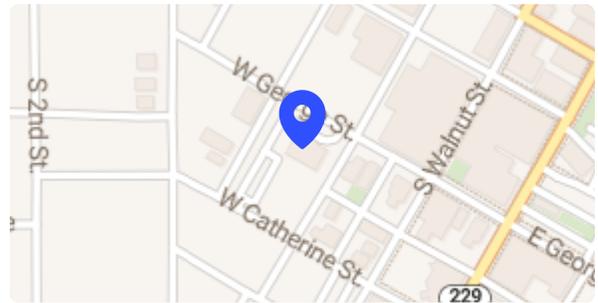
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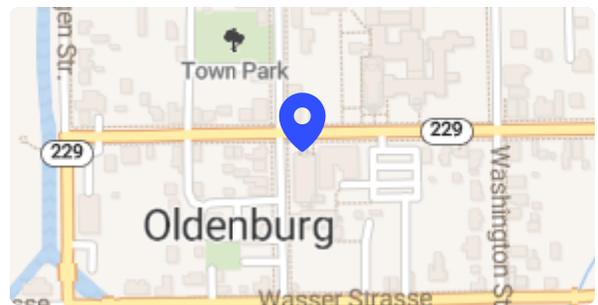
Visitation

-  **Monday**, May 5, 2025
-  10:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET
-  **Weigel Funeral Home**
151 W. George St., Batesville IN 47006



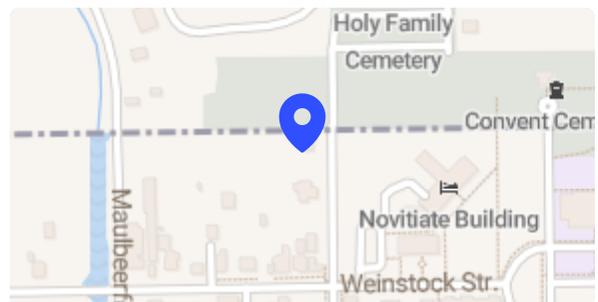
Mass of Christian Burial

-  **Monday**, May 5, 2025
-  1:30 PM ET
-  **Holy Family Church**
3027 Pearl Street, Oldenburg IN 47036



Cemetery Details

-  **Holy Family Cemetery**
3078 Pearl Street, Oldenburg IN 47036





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Ron And Gail Dietz lit a candle in honor of James A. "Jim".

To the Heppner Family:Our thoughts and prayers are with you on this sad occasion. May God watch over Jim and also everyone in your families during this time.Matthew 11:28"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."Ron and Gail Dietz

May 5 at 7:07 AM



Your Hopebridge Family sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Heppner family.

May 5 at 5:47 AM



John H. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of James A. "Jim".

May 5 at 4:18 AM



Eric And Molly Rice sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Heppner family.

May 3 at 8:31 AM



Eric And Molly Rice planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James A. "Jim".

May 3 at 8:31 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Heppner family.

May 3 at 7:53 AM





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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James A. "Jim".



May 3 at 7:53 AM



Shelly, Paul Michael, Cassidy And Callie sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Heppner family.



May 3 at 7:11 AM



Shelly, Paul Michael, Cassidy And Callie planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James A. "Jim".



May 3 at 7:11 AM



Mary Wittmer posted:

So sorry for your loss Mary Jo, keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. ❤️

May 3 at 6:57 AM



Micah, Lauren, & Hannah sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Heppner family.



May 2 at 4:43 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Heppner family.



May 2 at 9:28 AM



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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James A. "Jim".



May 2 at 9:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Heppner family.



May 2 at 9:08 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Heppner family.



May 1 at 10:05 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James A. "Jim".



May 1 at 10:05 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Heppner family.



April 30 at 2:26 PM



AE

Audrey Elliott posted:

Mary Jo, so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. May he rest in peace. Audrey Wallpe Elliott

April 30 at 9:59 AM



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Claude & Vicki Cavins lit a candle in honor of James A. "Jim".

Our deepest sympathy Mary Jo and family, our prayers are with you all.R.I.P. Jim, fly high with the angels!Claude & Vicki

April 30 at 6:13 AM



Carolyn Kapfhammer posted:

Mary Jo and Boys So sorry for your loss. What a great man. Love you Carolyn and Bruce 🙏🙏🙏❤️

April 30 at 5:19 AM



Molly, Bill And Kristin Schneider sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Heppner family.

April 29 at 6:54 PM



Molly, Bill And Kristin Schneider planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James A. "Jim".

April 29 at 6:54 PM



Anonymous sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Heppner family.

April 29 at 4:49 PM



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JM

James Maple posted:

He was a great guy he always said that he carry me went I was little, work with him for years had great memories! JAMES MAPLE

April 29 at 3:17 PM

MB

Melissa (Siefert) Barnett lit a candle in honor of James A. "Jim".

Mary Jo, Eric & family, and Brett & family...I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of Jim when we all were younger, from the volleyball games and cookouts to memories of going to the casino when we lived in Indiana 15 years ago. Jim was a great man and always so much fun to be around. My thoughts and prayers go out to the who family during the next few weeks. Let all the memories help you through your loss.



April 29 at 1:30 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James A. "Jim" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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