



James Grimes

June 1, 1934 - July 30, 2021

James Grimes entered the gate of Heaven and met our Savior on Friday, July 30, 2021. He was born June 1, 1934 in Georgetown, the son of Wilbur & Maybel Ruth (Powell) Grimes. James married Mary Schreffler in 1986 in Kankakee.

James worked for Conrail Railroad as a Locomotive Engineer. He began his 44 years as a fireman shoveling coal. James enjoyed fishing, golfing, bowling, and gardening.

He was a very active member of Grace Baptist Church in Kankakee.

James was a veteran of the United States Army.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Grimes of Kankakee; one son and daughter-in-law, Glenn & Laura Grimes of Lewisville, TX; two grandchildren, Leah Grimes of Dallas, TX and Dustin (Haley) of Dallas, TX; one sister and brother-in-law, Rebecca & Jeff Ellis of Kingman, IN; and three brothers-in-law and three sisters-in-law, Larry & Jeanette Schreffler of Euless, TX, Bruce & Susan Schreffler of Summerville, SC, and Barbara Schreffler of Kankakee. James is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Phyllis Grimes; and one brother, William Grimes.

Jim would often say, "I'm only a sinner saved by Grace."

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Monday, August 2, 2021 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. An additional visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. funeral service on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at Grace Baptist Church in Kankakee. Rev. Chad Dalton and Rev. Dwight Ascher will officiate the service. Interment will follow at Mound Grove Gardens in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Grace Baptist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

AUG 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church
2499 Waldron Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 939-4579

Funeral Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church
2499 Waldron Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 939-4579

Tribute Wall



“ *James Grimes*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Dear Mary,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved husband Jim.
May God keep you and comfort you during this time of grief. I will
miss his jokes, his stories and most of all that huge smile that
always greeted me even on his not so good days.*

Shannon

Shannon Taylor Hawkims - August 11, 2021 at 12:35 AM



“ *Dear Mary and Family,
We send our sincere sympathy on the loss of Jim. We have fond
memories of Jim and as Mary and Jim as a couple. Many times we
saw that kind smile and heard R.R. stories. Mary and Jim seemed
such a contented couple. May God comfort you as you grieve this
loss. But, remember there is rejoicing in Heaven.*

Leon and Lela Gahwiler - August 01, 2021 at 06:02 PM

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“ I remember all of the things Dad tried to instill in me as I grew up. I will miss golfing together, fishing together, and even mowing their lawn together. He always enjoyed watching funny movies together like *Brother Where Art Thou* 😊. I am thankful that his pain and suffering are over but I will miss hearing his voice and seeing that big smile 😊!

From Glenn

Glenn Grimes - August 01, 2021 at 09:26 AM

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“ Candy Ray lit a candle in memory of James Grimes



Candy ray - August 01, 2021 at 08:32 AM

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Sorry for your loss

Candy ray - August 01, 2021 at 08:33 AM

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“ Jim was one of the friendliest men I knew. I loved to sit and listen to his stories. He was a big inspiration to me on making the most of the life we've been given.

Mitchel DeYoung - July 31, 2021 at 02:20 PM

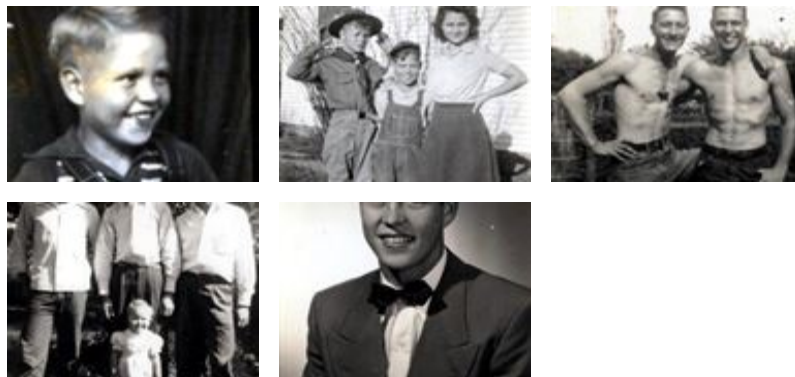
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“ He was by far one of my favorite people at Grace for many years,so joyful and knowledgeable about the scriptures. We were both saved later in life which is always a special bond. I’m so grateful to have basked in his sunshine. See you in heaven,Jim.

Cathy Reed - July 31, 2021 at 01:09 PM



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Schreffler Funeral Home - July 30, 2021 at 12:05 PM