



## James "Ed" Dunbar

January 25, 1938 - March 16, 2018

James "Ed" Dunbar, 80, of Mooresville, passed away on Friday, March 16, 2018, in Community Hospital South. He was born on January 25, 1938, in Beckley, West Virginia.

Ed was raised in West Virginia and moved to Indiana during his teenage years.

A personable jokester, he was a determined man that carried a strong work ethic and positive outlook throughout his entire life. An entrepreneur Ed owned and successfully operated Dunbar Construction for which he diligently operated for over thirty years and overseen several homes developed across Morgan county. In addition, he worked as a jeweler; owning Mooresville Jewelry for nearly twenty years. A self-made, hardworking and honest businessman, Ed loved his family and always seemed to have a good joke or two.

A friendly face of endless jokes, his good work built a legacy to cherish.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ina Beatrice Dunbar; father, Lawrence Howard Dunbar and step-mother, Blanche Dunbar; his sons mother, Geraldine (Jewell) Dunbar; former wife, Paula (Smith) Dunbar; siblings, Roscoe, Russell, Lawrence "Jr.", Louise and two infant brothers, Basil and Elmer.

Survivors include two sons, Dwayne Dunbar (wife, Amy) of Monrovia and Tim Dunbar (wife, Cindy) of Martinsville; daughters, Jackie Smith of Mooresville and Heather Anthony (husband, Brandon) of Indianapolis; siblings, Kenny Dunbar of Indianapolis, Delbert Dunbar (wife, Margie) of Camby and Bonnie Massey of West Virginia; grandchildren, Andrew, Natalie (husband, Brad), Kyle (wife, Ashley), Emily (husband, Greg), Alex, Miranda, Olivia, Kiera, Isabella, Serenity and Madisyn; great grandchildren, Adeleigh, Zoey, Alaina, Elliot, Olivia and Ellie.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation held from 5 to 8 p.m., on Monday, March 19, 2018, in Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Additional calling will begin at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, with A Celebration of Life Service held at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. A private entombment with family will take place in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice. To share a favorite story, send the family an online condolence or light a candle in Ed's memory visit [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memory Gardens

1977 South State Road 135  
Greenwood, IN 46143

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 19.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel  
585 East Main Street  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
(317) 996-2101  
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

## Additional Visitation

**MAR 20.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life Service

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MAR **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Dwayne, Tim, Heather and Jackie and family accept my deepest sympathy for your loss of Eddie. He was such a special man. He told me once that if he didn't like me he wouldn't joke with me so feel honored. He loved his family deeply. I have great memories of him, Paula and you guys. I'm just so sorry I didn't know of his passing until last night.

stephanie parks - March 21, 2018 at 11:55 AM

ND

“ Grew up around this kind loving generous man. I had so much respect for him and always thought the world of him. His home was always welcoming and comfortable. And fun! He will be missed! Great man.

nadine davenport - March 20, 2018 at 03:22 PM

AR

“ Alice Robinson lit a candle in memory of James "Ed" Dunbar



Alice Robinson - March 19, 2018 at 09:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Ed" Dunbar.



March 19, 2018 at 07:39 PM



“ 56 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - March 19, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ I'll miss our many talks on the phone ,love you uncle Eddie .

Patty Dolan - March 19, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James "Ed" Dunbar.



March 19, 2018 at 10:43 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James "Ed" Dunbar.



March 19, 2018 at 09:49 AM

BB

“ *Brad And Regina Brutus lit a candle in memory of James "Ed" Dunbar*



Brad and Regina Brutus - March 19, 2018 at 05:41 AM

JG

“ *My heart , thoughts, & prayers are with Ed's family..God Bless each of you...*

Judi Gazaway - March 18, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James "Ed" Dunbar.*



March 18, 2018 at 08:55 PM

BD

“ *Becky Demma lit a candle in memory of James "Ed" Dunbar*



Becky Demma - March 18, 2018 at 08:26 PM

BD

*The best years of my life was spent with the Dunbar family in my early to mid teens. Even though Ed and I lost touch we did find each 6 years ago. It was like we had never drifted apart in years past. Such a sweet loving man who will be greatly missed. Make the angels blush with all your jokes Ed.*

**Becky Demma** - March 18, 2018 at 08:33 PM

JD

*“Became neighbors with Ed, Dwayne and Tim 43 ago years and have loved them ever since. You couldn't ask for any better neighbors or friends than they have been. Even though we have not been neighbors for many years, we have always stayed close and Ed will be missed very much. I consider them my family too.*

**Jodi Dennis** - March 18, 2018 at 05:27 PM

RA

*“Rebecka Armstrong lit a candle in memory of James "Ed" Dunbar*



**Rebecka Armstrong** - March 18, 2018 at 03:12 PM

EF

*“ELI LILLY B130 Operations IAPI Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of James "Ed" Dunbar.*



**ELI LILLY B130 Operations IAPI Family** - March 18, 2018 at 02:05 PM

Mike  
DeFur

“ 50+ years ago a 17 year old boy walked into Dunbar jewelry looking to buy a wedding ring set. Jim had only a few to pick from. Lucky for me a jewelry salesman was just closing his sample case. They suggested I look to see if he had anything for me. I found a beautiful set. Jim rang it up for me. When I returned to get the rings sized, Jim had purchased 3 more sets for future sale! He said I had good taste! RIP Jim!

Mike DeFur - March 18, 2018 at 01:32 PM

PC

“ Pat And Diana Croak lit a candle in memory of James "Ed" Dunbar



Pat and Diana Croak - March 18, 2018 at 01:19 PM

TP

“ Many good memories with Uncle Ed and his son's visits to Indiana for the summer may he rest in peace

Tammy Massie Pyne - March 18, 2018 at 11:08 AM

TB

“ Mr Ed was a wonderful man. We loved him just like he was family. He will be greatly missed by so many. Thoughts and prayers are with your whole family.  
Loving thoughts Tom & Glenda Bailey and Nickkita & Silvia Fox

Tom & Glenda Bailey - March 17, 2018 at 06:47 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of James "Ed" Dunbar.*



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March 17, 2018 at 05:03 PM