



James "Jim Bob" Kale

February 29, 1940 - March 29, 2021

James R. "Jim Bob" Kale, 81, longtime Monrovia resident, unexpectedly passed from this life around 8:00 a.m., on Monday, March 29, 2021, after enduring lung complications after beating the COVID-19 virus. A Leap Year baby, Jim Bob was born on February 29, 1940, in Ellettsville, to the late Matthew "Bud" Kale and Eva Maxine (Lemon) Monday.

Moving from Ellettsville to Mooresville his freshman year, Jim Bob met his forever love and soulmate, Connie Keller. Jim enlisted in the Navy at age 17. He and Connie secretly got married on April 29, 1959 before she graduated from high school when he was home on leave. She had to keep it a secret since she had not yet graduated and slipped her wedding ring on her finger as soon as she received her diploma and walked across the stage. At the end of that summer, she joined him and they lived in Florida and South Carolina during active duty before returning Mooresville to start a family.

A loyal, loving husband and proud father of two sons, Mike and Mark, who grew up in the Wilbur and Monrovia area and graduated from Monrovia High School. Diligent to provide for his family, he was a machine welder and cylinder painter for Union Carbide/PraxAir in Speedway where he retired in 2002.

He was quite the charmer and knew it. He knew how to have fun and make

people laugh. He enjoyed boating, reading shitkickers (westerns), and riding his Harley. A motorcycle enthusiast and Harley Davidson man, they liked to get out and ride and enjoyed many bike trips to Sturgis and Daytona. They spent 12 winters in Leesburg, Florida. Checking off the memories, he was the captain of many family boating trips on Lake Monroe, Dale Hollow Lake, and Lake Harris.

Preceded in death by his father and stepmother, Matthew "Bud" and Joan Kale; mother and stepfather, Eva and Glendyn "Pal" Monday; siblings, Bill Kale and Jill Shemwell.

Survived by his soulmate and loving wife of nearly 62 years, Connie (Keller) Kale of Monrovia; two sons, Mike Kale (wife, Cara) of Greenwood and Mark Kale (wife, Debbie) of Monrovia; grandchildren, Shelby Smith (husband, Zach) of Monrovia and AJ Kale (wife, Bailee) of Southport; great grandchildren, Millie Kay Smith of Monrovia, Keller Michael and Jayce Cleo Kale of Southport; sisters, Betty Kale Trusty of Mooresville and Patty Thompson (husband, Mike) of Monrovia; along with a host of nieces and nephews, friends, and a spoiled rotten canine fur-kid, a schnauzer named Zoey.

In respect of his wishes, there will be no services and a private inurnment will take place in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Hall. Cremation arrangements were entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or to the donor's charity of choice. Online condolences, favorite stories and memories may be shared with the family on social media by searching @MonroviaFuneralHome. To view his tribute wall or light a candle in his memory visit www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

585 E. MAIN STREET
Monrovia, IN 46157
<http://www.lightmemorial.com>

Tribute Wall

YF

“ *Your Wood-Mizer Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Jim Bob" Kale.*



Your Wood-Mizer Family - April 05, 2021 at 12:16 PM

MS

“ *I didn't know Jim Bob, but my family does and I do know his son Mike. If Mike is any reflection of who his father is, then he is a great man. So sorry to hear of your loss, the entire Shumaker family is praying for you in your time of need.*

Michael Shumaker - April 02, 2021 at 11:44 AM

JW

I worked with Jim at Union Carbide many years ago. He was a very nice, hard working family man! I enjoyed joking with him as we worked.

Joe Wesling - April 03, 2021 at 09:14 AM

EN

“ *What a super guy! Eric will truly miss his fun conversations with Jim while delivering his mail - he really enjoyed their banter back and Jim's stories.*



Our prayers and sincere condolences to all of the Kale family, now and in the days to come.

Eric & Dana

Eric & Dana Noel - April 01, 2021 at 07:48 AM



“ *Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of James "Jim Bob" Kale.*



March 31, 2021 at 08:25 PM



“ *I met Jim while I was working at Crystal Flash many years ago. We shared some very good times. He will be deeply missed. Prayers 🙏 for the family.*

Mac Mccloud - March 31, 2021 at 02:47 PM



“ *Robert and Liz Malone purchased the Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet for the family of James "Jim Bob" Kale.*



Robert and Liz Malone - March 31, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Thinking of all of you*

Mike and Dawn Marsh - March 31, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Thinking of you and yours. So sorry for your loss.*

Roxann Carter - March 31, 2021 at 07:07 AM

CK

“ Cars, trucks, boats, smile, cream cheese and celery at grandma's house after you got off work, man I wanted to emulate. Jim to me you were a man I wanted to grow up to be. Hug grandma Eva, make up for lost time with your brother and rest. You have earned it. Your legacy has spread and the Kale's will continue to entertain this world in your absence. Oh and every time I call my son Chadly I will remember you calling me that the first time we met.

Chad Kale - March 30, 2021 at 10:03 PM

DE

Sorry for your loss Connie. He was a nice man. Prayers to you and your family.

Debbie Ezell - March 31, 2021 at 06:06 PM

DE

Sorry to hear of your loss Connie. He sure was a nice man. Prayers to you and your family.

Debbie Ezell - March 31, 2021 at 06:07 PM

LL

Jim Kale, what a terrific man. My parents thought the world of him. Our whole family loved & loves the Kale family. A wonderful family that will always be in our book of loving memories. Hugs to you all.

Louann Griffith Lloyd - April 01, 2021 at 01:12 PM

DC

Friend is the first thing that comes to mind when I think of Jim and Connie. We have made some great memories that I will think of for a long time. I will miss him and hope I can be of some comfort in the coming days. I hope he finds Charlie and they are having some laughs! Will miss you!

Donna Clark - April 05, 2021 at 10:11 AM