



James Floyd Droege

January 1, 1950 - November 13, 2024

James “Jim” Floyd Droege, beloved husband, father, grandfather and community member, was born January 1, 1950, the son of the late Edmund and Clara Droege.

He was raised on his family’s farm in Posey County, Indiana, alongside his brother Paul and sister Ruth. James attended North Posey High School, where he played 8-man football and basketball. In 1969, he joined the military, serving his country in the United States Army for two years. After earning his accounting degree from the University of Southern Indiana, Jim returned to the family farm. He spent many decades working side-by-side with his father and brother. Jim lived the life of an Indiana farmer in all aspects, including raising pigs, spending countless hours on a tractor listening to AM radio, operating the sawmill, and repairing or building equipment to keep the farm running.

Jim married his wife Carol Jo in 1977 and spent 47 years with her. Together, they raised their three children - Sam, Christy and Mike - in the house that Jim built. He was deeply involved in multiple organizations, including Partners in Food, Posey County Soil & Water, and Indiana Farm Bureau Incorporated among others. Jim was recognized as a Master Farmer in 2020. Jim also actively participated in his church community at Zion Lippe UCC, serving in multiple capacities over the years: church treasurer, youth Sunday school

teacher, pastoral search committee member, solar committee member, and church choir.

After an extended battle with Parkinson's, Jim crossed over to Heaven on November 13, 2024 surrounded by family. He is survived by his loving wife Carol, his sister Ruth (Tom) Wintczak, his three children Sam (Leslie) Lawrence, Christy (Tyler) Watson and Mike Droege, and his two grandchildren, Isaac and Clara. Also surviving Jim are his sister-in-law, Marcia Droege and a niece, Laura Droege.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his brother, Paul Droege.

Funeral services for Jim will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, November 18, 2024 at Zion Lippe UCC, Rev. Jeff Long officiating. Burial will follow in Zion Lippe Church Cemetery, where there will be military rites conducted.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 until 5:00 PM on Sunday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:30 AM until service time on Monday at Zion Lippe UCC, 9000 Copperline Road, East.

Memorial contributions may be made to Partners in Food, c/o Zion Lippe UCC, 9000 Copperline Road, E, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Zion Lippe U.C.C. Cemetery

9000 Copperline Road East
Mt. Vernon, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
(812) 423-6471
info@pierrefuneralhome.com
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

Visitation

NOV 18. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lippe United Church of Christ
9000 Copperline Road East
Mt. Vernon, IN

Funeral Service

NOV 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lippe United Church of Christ
9000 Copperline Road East
Mt. Vernon, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Floyd Droege*



Pierre Funeral Home - November 17, 2024 at 06:04 PM

MD

“ *I remember James from high school. Prayers for the family.*

Mary Dover - November 19, 2024 at 09:47 AM

KB

“ *Carol And family! I'm so sorry to hear about Jim's passing! Another classmate gone too soon. I know he was a hard worker all his life, but he loved everything he did! Sending prayers for peace for all of you*



Kathy (Gee) Allen and Bill - November 18, 2024 at 11:27 PM

TR

“ I’m so sorry to hear about my sweet cousin Carol Jo’s husband Jim’s passing. I didn’t know him as well as I wished, only because we moved so far away after college. I do know it was clear what a good man Jim was and I had such admiration for his leadership in the farm community. I remember earlier years (before children & work kept us from coming home as often) when I would ask him questions and I simply loved hearing his always thoughtful & intelligent explanations.

I have many wonderful memories of my Posey County family - my thoughts and prayers are with you today and always ❤️
Love, Terri Rutledge

Terri Rutledge - November 18, 2024 at 01:51 PM

EK

“ As a teenager, friend of the family, I spent untold hours in the Droege household. Sharing dinners, playing cards, talking books. Even then, Jim treated us all as equal intellectual partners, worthy of contributing the conversations we were having. It was a joy to have an adult in my life, not my parent, not a teacher, see me like that. I remember him as a man who spoke up for what was right; I once went to a school board meeting where Jim was arguing for additional funding for programs, and he paraphrased a John Adams quote as such, "I must study politics and war so that my children may study mathematics and philosophy, and my grandchildren, painting and poetry." It's lived in my brain forever, and it's not an exaggeration to say it's formed how I see the world, and how I live in it. He was a true humanist, an ally in the fight for the good things in the world, and he will be deeply missed.

-Erin Kelley

Erin Kelley - November 18, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ 105 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - November 17, 2024 at 12:53 PM

EA

“ *Sad to learn of Jim's passing. I have good memories of Jim in the classroom, on the football field and on the basketball court. I always had a lot of respect for him.*

As I learned of some of Jim's contributions and activities in regard to the communities he was involved with, my respect grew

A GOOD MAN!

ED ALLEN

Ed Allen - November 16, 2024 at 08:43 PM

MD

“ From the first moment I met Jim I saw that he was a truly amazing person, and later when I met his family I began to realize why. Jim was a really great big brother to “my brother Paul” which is the way he always referred to his little brother which always showed such love and respect. When Laura was born he became the loving doting uncle, that roared with laughter when she crawled across the table and shoved her little hand into his full glass of tea and pulled out his ice to suck on.
Then when Paul was killed, as hard as it was on Jim he turned around and did everything possible to make life better for Laura and I. If it hadn't been for everything Carol Jo and Jim did for us we would not have made it through at all. Thank You Jim & Carol Jo

Marcia Droege - November 16, 2024 at 08:42 PM

NA

“ Both Nate and I cherish wonderful memories of Jim. Our sympathy, cyber hugs and love to Carol Jo and Ruth, and Jim's extended family and friends. Nate & Rev. Linda

Nanninga's - November 16, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Floyd Droege.



November 16, 2024 at 02:57 PM

JW

“ Carol and family, thoughts and prayers to you . Jim was a great guy. I would enjoy our conversations when he would come to Heritage Petroleum and Kunsfest at New Harmony. Jane (previous employee of Heritage)

Jane Weber - November 16, 2024 at 07:00 AM

LS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Jim’s family. He was a great guy. Jim’s mom and my mom - Margaret (Krietenstein) Paulson were First cousins. Our family made an annual trip from Minnesota to Indiana to visit the relatives including the Droeges. I enjoyed seeing all the pictures posted on this site ❤️ Brought back lots of great memories. Take Care, Laretta Shrake & family

Laretta Shrake - November 15, 2024 at 10:10 PM

CC

“ Chris & Carolyn Campbell purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James Floyd Droege.



Chris & Carolyn Campbell - November 15, 2024 at 05:13 PM

CC

“ Chris & Carolyn Campbell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Floyd Droege.

Chris & Carolyn Campbell - November 15, 2024 at 05:13 PM

BF

“ *Bill Willman Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of James Floyd Droege.*



Bill Willman Family - November 15, 2024 at 02:05 PM



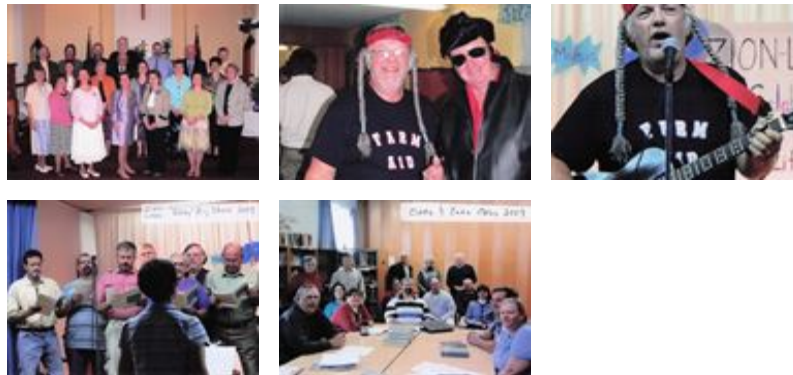
“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Floyd Droege.*



November 15, 2024 at 02:00 PM



“ *43 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - November 15, 2024 at 01:06 PM

LC

My thoughts and prayers are with you Carol and the entire family during this time of loss. Peace Chaplain Linda Cirillo

linda cirillo - November 16, 2024 at 02:16 PM

RF

“ Rodger,, Barbara and Family purchased the Hero Tribute Blanket for the family of James Floyd Droege.



Rodger,, Barbara and Family - November 15, 2024 at 12:50 PM

RF

“ Rodger, Barbara & Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of James Floyd Droege.



Rodger, Barbara & Family - November 15, 2024 at 12:36 PM

RF

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Rodger, Barbara & Family - November 15, 2024 at 12:36 PM

RC

“ Jim was my nephew by marriage to my wonderful niece Carol Jo. They both selected well and enjoyed a long, loving and prosperous marriage. I greatly admired Jim’s farming knowledge and the rewarding success it provided him and his family. Jim always presented to me as a loving husband and father. I truly regret that life’s circumstances prevented a closer relationship.

Sadly, my health will not permit attendance at his services. I will be there in spirit and my prayers for him will be many. There is no doubt that God will greet him on Heaven’s Shore where he will rest in peace.

Rodger A. Cottrell

Rodger A. Cottrell - November 15, 2024 at 11:47 AM

JE

“ Jeff/Doug/Donna/Adam/Greg/JL/JP purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of James Floyd Droege.



Jeff/Doug/Donna/Adam/Greg/JL/JP - November 15, 2024 at 10:06 AM

JE

“ Jeff/Doug/Donna/Adam/Greg/JL/JP planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Floyd Droege.

Jeff/Doug/Donna/Adam/Greg/JL/JP - November 15, 2024 at 10:06 AM

TC

“ *The Lone Star Crew purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Floyd Droege.*



The Lone Star Crew - November 14, 2024 at 06:37 PM

TC

“ *The Lone Star Crew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Floyd Droege.*

The Lone Star Crew - November 14, 2024 at 06:37 PM

BS

“ *My wife and I had a chance to meet Jim and Carol through the Parkinson's Group. Although it was not for a long time we enjoyed the time we spent talking with Jim and Carol and getting to know them.*
Jim, may the Lord bless you and keep you. It will be a blessed time for you in His presence.
Brian & Marcia.

Brian Smith - November 14, 2024 at 04:52 PM

FF

“ *From the Watson family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of James Floyd Droege.*



From the Watson family - November 14, 2024 at 04:13 PM