



James W Gries

April 12, 1948 - May 25, 2026

James William Gries, 78, of Evansville, passed away on Monday, May 25, 2026, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital.

Jim was born on April 12, 1948, in Evansville to the late John and Luella (Schauss) Gries. He was a veteran of the United States Army in the Vietnam War. Jim very much looked forward to participating in the Honor Flight, but unfortunately, he was never able to do so. Jim was a longtime member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vanderburgh County. He worked as a truck driver for ABF for many years and was an avid grass farmer.

Surviving Jim are his wife Connie (Ennis) Gries; daughter, Ashlie (Adam) Kinsler; sons, Terrance Jason (Rachiel) Eckert and Faim Zachary (Megan) Eckert; sisters, Betty Polk, Ruth (Dave) Ritzert, and Annette (Pat Wathen) Gries; brothers, Jerry Gries, Ray (Jannette) Gries, Danny (Carol) Gries, and Vernie (Connie) Gries; five grandchildren, Liam Kinsler, Bryce Eckert, Kayne Eckert, William Eckert, and Aubrey Lynn Eckert, as well as seven great grandchildren.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 1, 2026, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rev. Eugene Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Joseph Church Cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

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 St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6202 W. St. Joseph Road, Evansville, IN 47720.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, 29 S. Stockwell Road, Evansville, IN 47714.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 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

JUN 1. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church (County)
6202 W. St. Joseph Road
Evansville, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

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6202 W. St. Joseph Road
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *With Sympathy and prayers to you and your family.*



Judy Keil Straw - May 31 at 06:55 PM

KM

“ *Connie, this is Karen McCombs I wanted to say that I'm sorry for your loss and my thought and prayers are with you and your family*

Karen McCombs - May 31 at 02:20 PM

JR

“ *Twitter three rows in front of us. Every Sunday. Same time. Jim was as faithful to his church as he was to his family, friends, and his lawn! What a great guy! His spot is forever etched in my heart. My sincere condolences to wonderful you, Connie. I hope he knew what a lucky guy he was.*

Jalane Relleke - May 31 at 11:04 AM

CF

“ *Connie and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you.
Eternal rest grant unto Jim, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen~*



Cathy Funkhouser - May 29 at 01:56 PM

MB

“ So sorry for your lose. Jim was a great guy and a great veteran.
Your family will be in our prayers

mary jo hoefling borst - May 28 at 01:17 PM

RD

“ Connie and family,
I still remember all the good times we had
down at the Hoefling Grove with Jim, family,
and friends. He will be remembered. Our
prayers are with all of you for peace and
comfort.

Love,
Phil and Becky ♡♡♡

Rebecca Doshier - May 28 at 09:21 AM



DA

“ Diane Angermeier lit a candle in memory of
James W Gries

Diane Angermeier - May 27 at 07:05 AM

