



## James O. Kinsler

February 25, 1947 - August 19, 2017

James Oscar Kinsler, age 70, of Evansville, passed away Saturday, August 19, 2017 at home surrounded by his family. He was born on February 25, 1947 to Jack and Margaret (Schefer) Kinsler.

Jim retired from Alcoa after 31 years. He was known as the “poet” of Alcoa. He wrote many poems for employees and customers (Coors, Budweiser) of Alcoa. He worked for PTI for 5 years and enjoyed traveling with “the guys” from PTI.

Jim was a pilot in his younger years. He always loved airplanes and went skydiving on his 60th birthday. He worked diligently when his sons were growing up in the 1980’s for the Evansville track club. He was a Cubmaster for Troop 365 and involved in countless fundraisers for JDF.

Jim was a devout Catholic, serving as a Eucharistic Minister for 30 years. He was an adult altar server over 10 years until his illness. He was active on parish councils and the Education Board at Resurrection, then at Sacred Heart for 32 years where he received the Brute Society award along with his wife, Jackie. After the consolidation of Sacred Heart into St. Boniface he was back in his home parish. He had attended St. Boniface grade school for 8 years. He then went to Mater Dei and North, graduating in 1965. Jim entered the Air Force and was a Vietnam Vet serving from 1967 to 1968.

Jim was active in the CRHP at St. Boniface, a lifetime member of VFW Post 1114 and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 565. He was also very active in the Evansville Cursillo movement for many years. He was on the Secretariat as 3-day chairperson along with his wife, Jackie. He was a coordinator of Cursillo #43.

Jim is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jackie (Drone) Kinsler, two sons, Sean (Erica) Kinsler of Evansville and Joshua Kinsler of Indianapolis, IN; four grandchildren, Jordyn, Kersten, Payton and Jordan; a great granddaughter, Paisley; a sister, Becky (Phil) Hope of Lexington, SC; two brothers Rich (Olivia) Kinsler of Evansville and Jack (Carol) Kinsler of Lillian, AL.

Jim was preceded in death by a brother, Kenny Kinsler.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Rev. Simon Natha and Rev. Anthony Govind concelebrating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery with military rites by the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Friday, August 25, 2017 at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street where there will be a prayer service led by the parish at 4:00 P.M. There will also be visitation from 9:30 A.M. until the time of Mass on Saturday at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 418 N. Wabash Avenue, Evansville, IN 47712.

Jim always proclaimed his love for the Holy Eucharist and the Catholic Church. We pray God said to him: "Well done, good and faithful servant".

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Boniface Parish, c/o 1626

Glendale Avenue, Evansville, IN 47712.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 25. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Visitation

AUG 26. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
418 N, Wabash Avenue  
Evansville, IN

## funeral

AUG 26. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
418 N, Wabash Avenue  
Evansville, IN



# Tribute Wall



“ James O. Kinsler

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Jim & John



John T. Peak - August 26, 2017 at 09:15 PM



*Although we were geographically far apart, my cousin, Jim and I kept in touch over the years. I have posted a picture of us as kids at Mount Vernon, Virginia, when he came to Washington, D.C. with his Aunt Mildred in the mid-1950's. I think it's the only picture of us where I was taller than him! Jim was a good man and devoted to his family. I shall miss his quiet manner, but he is in a better place to which we all aspire. May God Bless. John*

John T. Peak - August 26, 2017 at 09:48 PM



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John T. Peak - August 26, 2017 at 10:05 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to Jim's family and friends.* Fred Wahnsiedler.

Fred Wahnsiedler - August 25, 2017 at 04:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James O. Kinsler.*



August 25, 2017 at 12:43 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of James O. Kinsler.*



August 24, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James O. Kinsler.*



August 23, 2017 at 03:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James O. Kinsler.*



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August 23, 2017 at 11:09 AM



“ *The Community IT Security Team purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James O. Kinsler.*



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**The Community IT Security Team** - August 22, 2017 at 07:37 AM



“ *Josh and Family,  
Hugs and prayers to you all. I always remember your Dad with a smile and a helping hand for anyone. Prayers to ease your pain with the loss but knowing he is with our Lord I hope, gives you all great comfort.  
Sincerely,  
Stephanie Helfrich Freeman*

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**stephanie freeman** - August 21, 2017 at 11:56 PM



*I would like to thank him for his service. He was a patriot and fellow brother in arms the same time as me. I am sure his part in vietnam saved many lives. We were all connected in our mission to serve and protect and defend, where ever we went.  
Steve Vendetti*

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**steve vendetti** - August 22, 2017 at 07:28 AM

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“ *From Jim's cousin, John Thomas Peak, Alexandria, VA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James O. Kinsler.*



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**From Jim's cousin, John Thomas Peak, Alexandria, VA -**  
August 21, 2017 at 08:49 PM