



## James Parrent Jr.

October 25, 1955 - January 13, 2011

James Edward Parrent Jr., born on his father's 30th birthday, October 25, 1955, died peacefully at VNA Charlier Hospice on Thursday, January 13, 2011. Mr. Parrent attended Washington University and earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from Southern Illinois University in printmaking and drawing. He taught drawing and design at the University of Southern Indiana for many years. Mr. Parrent was deeply connected to nature and owned James Parrent Garden Design for the past ten years. Among his favorite projects were the Lenz House Garden in New Harmony, which is owned by the Colonial Dames in the State of Indiana, and the grounds of Willard Library in Evansville. He previously worked with Jane Owen at the gardens of Red Geranium Enterprises in New Harmony. He specialized in heritage vegetables and flowers and has a vast collection of antique tools and books, with an emphasis on French parterre style. Mr. Parrent's avocation was fly-fishing, which he enjoyed regularly. His favorite authors were John McPhee and Ted Leeson. He also played guitar and walked eight miles each day near his home in Posey County.

Surviving Mr. Parrent are his wife of 25 years, Connie A. Weinzapfel and their son, Andrei Weinzapfel Parrent; his mother Barbara D. Parrent; his sister Julie Engler and her husband Brian; father and mother-in-law Harold and Roselle Weinzapfel; brother-in-law Stan Weinzapfel and his wife Tami; an aunt, Betty Simms; and cousins Jill Steinmetz and Michael Simms. Predeceasing Mr.

Parrent were his father, James Parrent in 2001; and an infant sister Deborah.

The family wishes to thank Visiting Nurse Association's John Collins for his friendship and wisdom and the staff of VNA Charlier Hospice Center for their kindness. A gathering in celebration of Jim's life will be from 2:00 to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 16, 2011 at Pierre Funeral, 2601 W. Franklin Street. A special remembrance will be held at 5:00 P.M. with Deacon Joseph Stofleth officiating. There will be a private interment at St. Philip Catholic Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Trout Unlimited/Parrent Memorial Gifts, 1300 N. 17th Street, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22209.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Service

JAN 16. 5:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 W. Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Parrent Jr.*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Parrent Jr.*

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *I just heard of the passing of Jim. I know it has been 2 years but I wanted to send my condolences to the family. I went to high school with Jim and he lived close to my house. Many a conversation we had on my back porch as teenagers. I loved his little mg car. Jim was a special person, very funny. Our friendship reconnected through a business transaction in 2006 and he was the same Jim then as I remembered him in high school. A very special person & God Bless his loved ones who I know miss him terribly.*

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**Becky Blanchard Ismail** - July 28, 2014 at 08:48 AM



“ Fellow Turpinite, Jim Love, emailed me a couple weeks ago and told me about Jim. He was a great friend in high school but we lost touch when I went to college in Dallas, TX. I've lived on Maui since '98 and am headed to Cincinnati this week to facilitate a Cincy "celebration of life" for my mom, Jo Ranney, who passed in Tampa, FL on 12/7/12. The next night is the AHS 40th reunion, class of '73, where Jim will be remembered fondly by his classmates. Blessings to you and yours. Aloha, Keith##imported-begin##Keith Ranney##imported-end##

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July 08, 2013 at 07:12 PM



“ My condolences go out to his wife, son, and family. I had Parrent as a Professor at USI, he was one of the greatest people I knew and will ever know. Parrent was always there for me offering up helpful advice and to cheer me up. My dad passed away last summer, as soon as he saw me he could tell that something was wrong. Parrent was there for me, and he told me that everything would be alright, that if I needed to talk to just come to him. He was always there when I needed to talk. Everyday I looked forward to seeing the grin on his face and having a quick chat before class started. He will be greatly missed. The world has lost a great educator, mentor and friend.##imported-begin##Megan Lollar##imported-end##

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January 20, 2011 at 03:01 PM



“ I was shocked upon finding out about Mr. Parrent's passing. I had the pleasure of having him as my professor through some of my fundamental art classes at USI, and he never failed to challenge and encourage me. Though my last class with him was my sophomore year, I continued to run into him in the TC up until graduation in May, and he always greeted me with a smile and expected a quick update as to how college and life were treating me.

*My heart goes out to your family, and I will keep you in my prayers. I am so very sorry.##imported-begin##Kimberly Putterbaugh##imported-end##*

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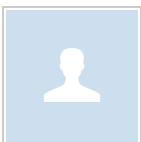
January 20, 2011 at 12:36 AM



“ To Connie:  
*I know there is nothing I can say, except that I am sorry and feel for you during these difficult times. May God's peace lie gently upon you in your grief.##imported-begin##Jill Baker##imported-end##*

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January 17, 2011 at 11:22 PM



“ Dear Connie,  
*Letty and I are saddened by your loss, and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Roland Hall##imported-end##*

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January 17, 2011 at 03:26 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim and his family. A donation has been made to Trout Unlimited in honor of Jim, from the men of St. Philip parish.  
God's blessings.##imported-begin##St. Philip Men's Club##imported-end##

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January 16, 2011 at 08:32 PM



“ My thoughts and meditations are with you and yours on James untimely passing. His achievements and talents were remarkable. You have been through a very trying time. May grace guide you as you slowly heal and gently let go. With sympathy, Lena Feiner##imported-begin##Lena Feiner##imported-end##

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January 16, 2011 at 04:29 PM



“ We are so shocked and sad.  
We are not in Evansville and so won't be at the funeral, but our hearts are with you.

Sincerely,

Carolyn and Charlie##imported-begin##Carolyn Roth and Dr. Charles T. Barber##imported-end##

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January 16, 2011 at 04:04 PM



“ To the Family of James Parrent,  
I am so sorry to hear of his passing. James was a wonderful professor at USI. I had him for 3 different drawing classes and he had a major impact on my artwork. He always knew what to say to challenge me or to help me when I was stuck on a drawing. I will be praying for your family.##imported-begin##Jenny Jochim##imported-end##

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January 15, 2011 at 09:15 PM



“ Connie  
I am so sorry for your loss of such a brilliant man. He always took the time to talk to me no matter what. So much I have learned from Jim about gardening through the years. I know your pain and I will be praying for you and Andrei.  
Ruthie##imported-begin##Ruth Parker##imported-end##

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January 15, 2011 at 09:03 PM



“ Nancy and I send our sincere condolences. Jim will be greatly missed by the faculty and students at USI. Jim's courage was inspiring, and his dedication to his students was unwavering.##imported-begin##Rob Millard-Mendez##imported-end##

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January 15, 2011 at 07:32 PM



“ Connie and Andrei, I just want to wish you and your family peace and strength during this difficult time. Let me know if there is anything I can do for you.##imported-begin##Patricia Lutton##imported-end##

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January 15, 2011 at 12:43 PM



“ Dear Connie, Andrei, and Family,  
We always knew Jim as the quiet gardener who brought peace and joy to everyone through his beautiful cultivation of nature. He spoke to us all from his own heart and the heart of the earth. He will remain as close to us as the sunshine and the rain, the flowers and the shrubs which he loved. And we will always love him and you and Andrei.##imported-begin##Don and Connie Pitzer##imported-end##

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January 15, 2011 at 11:31 AM



“ Connie,  
It is hard to imagine your loss. You and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. May Jim rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.

Nancy and John Byrd  
Indianola,, IA##imported-begin##Nancy and John Byrd##imported-end##

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January 15, 2011 at 10:50 AM



“ Dear Connie and Andrei,  
My prayers go out to you at this most difficult time. I have so many fond memories of Jim and you as a family when Andrei was at the center. I think of your excitement over your trip to Europe and the wonderful family memories you made there.

I pray that your sadness will lessen and your good memories will keep Jim with you in your hearts. Pam##imported-begin##Pam Buschkill##imported-end##

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January 14, 2011 at 08:55 PM



“ *Connie- My heart goes soft when I think of Jim and his smile and kindness to me over the years. I am truly sorry to hear of his passing. A good man and a friend is now drawing and fishing elsewhere. If there is anything Anne and I can do or you are in need of help, please let us know.##imported-begin##Lenny Dowhie##imported-end##*

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January 14, 2011 at 03:06 PM



“ *Dear Connie,*

*I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. You have both been an important part of my live since my arrive in Evansville in 1977. If there is anything that I can do for you and your family please let me know.##imported-begin##Michael Aakhus##imported-end##*

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January 14, 2011 at 12:24 PM



“ *I still can't believe the news. What a great picture of Jim. Exactly how I remember him. He ALWAYS had a story to tell and a smile. We moved away from New Harmony a couple of years ago but I am glad we were able to get to know Jim while we were in the area. A good man. We'll miss him. Wishing his family peace in this difficult time. Much Love...##imported-begin##Doyle Dean##imported-end##*

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January 13, 2011 at 03:53 PM