



James D. Voelker

May 10, 1931 - April 15, 2024

James D. Voelker, 92, of Evansville, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, April 15, 2024 at his home.

Jim was born on May 10, 1931 in Evansville to the late Silverius and Dorothy (Mencke) Voelker. He was a 1950 graduate of Bosse High School; due to his great love of his country, Jim joined the United States Marine Corps immediately following graduation. When the Korean War began, Jim was transferred to the United States Army as the Marine Corps had not yet joined the fight.

Even more important to Jim than his love for his country was his love for his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Sims. Jim and Betty were married on February 4, 1952, and after a short honeymoon to the Smokey Mountains, Jim headed off to war. During the war, Jim served as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division of the US Army. Upon his return from the war, Jim was back at Betty's side, never to leave again. Jim was also introduced to his first child James, who was born during the war. Together, Jim and Betty raised five more children, Diana, Terrie, Patty, Susan and Andy.

Jim worked in and later owned and operated his family's business, Heldt and Voelker Hardware from the time he was 10 years old until the store closed in 1988. Jim was a member of VFW Post 1114; served as the state commander

of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; was actively involved in the West Side Nut Club, Germania Maennerchor; helped found the German Township Fire Department; served as President of the Westside Business Association and served as cook and tour guide of LST 325. Jim also devoted a great deal of his time to the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club to help honor deceased veterans.

Surviving Jim are his wife of 72 years, Betty Voelker; daughters, Diana (Rick McCormick) McCullough; Patty (Jon) Fehrenbacher; sons, James A. (Rose) Voelker and Andy (Laura) Voelker; son in law, Dave Noland; grandchildren, George (Katherine) McCullough, Frank (Brent) McCullough Phillips, James (Yvonne) McCullough, Joe McCullough, Michael McCullough, Tonya (Rob) Robertson, Jenny (Adam Lentz) Noland, whom they helped raise; Amanda (Patrick) Craig, Lee (Sara) Fehrenbacher, Kim (Terry) Cox, Keegan Stratton, Hannah (Kyle) Groombridge, Noah (Kathryn) Voelker, Moriah (David) Sombrio and Bethany Voelker; twenty four great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

In addition to his parents, Jim now joins two daughters in Heaven, Terrie Noland and Sue Stratton and grandchildren, John Voelker, Kaleb Stratton and Katie Stratton.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Monday, April 22, 2024 at Resurrection Catholic Church, Rev. Jerry Pratt officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic 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 Resurrection Church, 5301 New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN 47720.

Memorial contributions may be made to Resurrection Catholic Church or to SWIRCA, 16 W. Virginia Street, Evansville, IN 47710.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **21**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James D. Voelker*



Pierre Funeral Home - April 18, 2024 at 05:48 PM

JW

Condolences to the Voelker family. Prayers for u Diana , Rick and all the families. Barbara McCormick and Jane Williams.

Jane Williams - April 21, 2024 at 03:47 PM

JD

“ *To the entire Voelker family:
We are so sorry for your loss. You all will be in our prayers.
Sincerely, John & Jeanne Dewig*

j dewig - April 21, 2024 at 03:30 PM

IS

“ *I am honored to call Jimmy friend.*

Isaac (Ike) Standifird - April 20, 2024 at 10:42 PM

IS

“ *Isaac S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D. Voelker.*

Isaac S. - April 20, 2024 at 10:21 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James D. Voelker.



April 19, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ From: Special Project Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D. Voelker.

Special Project Team - April 19, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ 115 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pierre Funeral Home - April 18, 2024 at 05:43 PM

LD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lola Delaney - April 18, 2024 at 05:39 PM

LH

“ Betty, James, Diana, Patty, and Andy, I am sorry to hear about Jim's passing. I wished we could have gotten together when Karen and I were down there last year in February. Next time we come into town I'll give you all a heads up sooner.

Please accept the Hoffman families condolences. We had such great times camping with your family. I'm sorry we lost touch with each other.

Les Hoffman

Les Hoffman - April 17, 2024 at 02:02 PM

MF

“ Patti, Jon, and Fehrenbacher family: May Mr. Voelker, as the many veterans before, continue to receive the honors he earned for his military service to the United States of America's citizens. Also, may God grant your families comfort during this time of loss as the memories reflect the many blessings. Prayers to you all.

Mel & Dolly Fehrenbacher

Mel Fehrenbacher - April 16, 2024 at 01:13 PM

RN

“ *Jim, Rose and family, So very sorry for the loss of your dad. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Cherish your memories.*

Reatha Niemeier Nurrenbern

Reatha Nurrenbern - April 15, 2024 at 08:46 PM

BF

Betty, I am so sorry for your loss. How blessed to have been together so many years. May wonderful memories of those years help you through this time.

Bernie Ferguson - April 16, 2024 at 04:33 PM