



## Doug James

May 11, 1943 - April 12, 2015

A. Douglas James “Coach”, age 71 of Hobart, passed away April 12, 2015. Doug was a graduate of Hobart High School, class of 1961. He received his Bachelor’s degree in education from Indiana State in 1965 and his Master’s in education from Purdue in 1984. He taught in the Hobart School System for 34 years. After leaving Hobart Doug was the Athletic Director at Hanover Central for 3 years. He was also a former employee of ISM. Doug’s passion was sports and his children. He was instrumental in creating and playing in the Hobart Softball Leagues. He also spent many years officiating sports at various competitive levels. He was an official for the IHSAA and NCAA and a member of the National Education Association. Doug was a very talented organ and piano player and he gave lessons at the Harmony House in Hobart.

Doug was preceded in death by his father, George, mother, Doris (nee Grey), granddaughter, Ally and numerous aunts and uncles. He is survived by his spouse, Zagorka “Corky”; children – Michael (Gayle), Adam (Ginny), Cristina (John) Bullington; grandchildren – Robert, Taylor, Emma and Lyla; good friends, Linda and George Buzinec and special cousin, Jim Hartman; step grandchildren, Morgan and Stephanie.

Funeral service Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th St., Hobart. Friends are invited to visit with Doug’s family on Sunday from 2 p.m. until the time of service. Contributions may be made to the Lupus Foundation. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 19. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Incredibly sad to hear of Dougs passing..reffed and umpired a ton of my games growing up..always my favorite. My condolences to the entire family*  
*Dan Dakich*

Dan Dakich - April 23, 2015 at 06:33 PM

JM

“ *My condolences and prayers to Zagorka and family on the loss of your beloved. May the memories of this wonderful man remain a source of comfort and love.*  
*Jan McKane*

Jan McKane - April 20, 2015 at 09:21 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Doug James.*



April 18, 2015 at 04:08 PM

BC

“ *Mr. James was my sixth grade teacher at George Earle school in the early 70's. He had a profound influence in my life. He recognized early on that I was a visual learner and gave me the extra time I needed. I will hold all those wonderful sixth grade memories of him in my heart.*  
*Words are not enough to express how much the world will miss him.*  
*My deepest sympathy to his dear family.*  
*Bonnie Jakosh Carpenter*

bonnie Jakosh carpenter - April 18, 2015 at 02:49 PM

AC

*Mr. James was my sixth grade teacher at George Earle. He was excellent. He made learning enjoyable. Very sad to hear of his passing.*

Amy Campbell - April 18, 2015 at 08:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doug James.*



April 17, 2015 at 09:25 AM

LS

“ *Zagorka,  
My deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this tragic time.*

**Lisa Siegel** - April 14, 2015 at 11:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Doug James.*



April 14, 2015 at 06:40 PM

SP

“ *I have so many memories of Doug's dear, sweet mother, Doris James, who was a teacher at Foreman Elementary School for many years. She was every first graders "first mom away from home." We were so blessed to know Doris James. Mrs. James used to always say that Doug was a wonderful son and used to come over and play music on the piano or organ for her.*

**Sherry Peterson** - April 14, 2015 at 11:39 AM

DS

“ *So sorry for your loss. What a great guy Doug was! I will miss seeing his face walking in at Cressmoor. Always smiling. Loved sitting and talking with him. He will be missed by many. Prayers to your family.*

**Dawn Smith** - April 14, 2015 at 07:31 AM

KW

“ *Mr. James was such a nice athletic director. I used to sing the national anthem for school events and I remember freezing up once because I thought I had messed up and he just whispered "start the Pledge of Allegiance, start the pledge" so I did. Afterwards I was so upset and he was so nice about it and continued to let me sing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.*

Kristan Wilson - April 14, 2015 at 06:19 AM

AZ

“ *Mr James was my 6th grade teacher..a very nice man & i am so sad to hear of his passing.*

angelic (overturf) zuniga - April 13, 2015 at 11:17 PM

VI

“ *Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and Prayers to you and your family. May God give you Comfort ,Strength and peace during This difficult time.  
Paul & Vikki Hegan*

Vikki - April 13, 2015 at 10:46 PM

CW

“ *So very sad...Mr. James was an awesome teacher. Coming from a big family he was bound to have one, two or three of us...He will be missed by many...God Bless...The Mathews Family...*



connie wilkins - April 13, 2015 at 10:00 PM

JH

“ *We are so sorry for your family's loss. We send our thoughts & prayers for your peace & comfort during this very difficult time. Mike, Jeanette, Jake, & Cailin*



Jeanette Hamacher - April 13, 2015 at 09:54 PM

LE

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to your family.  
Mick and Lisa Ellis*



Lisa Ellis - April 13, 2015 at 07:34 PM

JJ

“ *We our so sorry for your loss... Mr James was a wonderful.  
Much love and prayers during this time.. Kevin, Jennifer  
and Maggie*



Jennifer johnson - April 13, 2015 at 07:21 PM

BI

“ *The thoughts and prayers of the Imhausen Family go out to the James  
Family.Mike so sorry for your loss.Bob (imy)Imhausen and family*

Bob Imhausen - April 13, 2015 at 05:55 PM

K.

“ *K.e. lit a candle in memory of Doug James*



k.e. - April 13, 2015 at 05:43 PM

CT

“ *he was a wonderful man and an awesome teacher. He will  
be missed.RIP Mr. James prayers to the family*



Cindy Tague - April 13, 2015 at 05:40 PM

 Eric  
Isakson

“ *I had Mr James in Middle School at Hobart and he was a great teacher. He will be  
missed. Thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Eric Isakson - April 13, 2015 at 02:46 PM