



## James "Jim" E. Bennell Sr.

August 19, 1928 - June 25, 2019

James "Jim" E. Bennell Sr., of Hobart, passed away peacefully on June 25, 2019. He was born in Gary, IN., on August 19, 1928, the second of four children, to Lawrence A. and Sadie J. Bennell. Jim graduated from Portage High School, attended Great Lakes Bible Institute and served during World War II in the Navy, where he was honorably discharged. He held memberships and was President of the Gary downtown Optimist Club, the East Gary Lions Club and was affiliated with the Gary Rotary Club. Jim was self-employed in the automobile industry and was affiliated with many Gary/Chicagoland businesses. He was also a licensed Minister with the Southern Baptist Convention and blessed with over 60 years as Minister of Music at several local churches. Jim had many interests which included music, aviation (pilot) and sports. He will be greatly missed.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; sister-Mary G. McDonald; spouses-Bessie A. Bennell and Barbara A. Bennell. He is survived by his children-Lana (Jack) Peters, James E. Bennell, Jr., Lawrence (Darlene) Bennell, Patricia (Arnold) Koski; eight grandchildren; six great grandchildren; brother-Roger (Ann) Bennell; sister-Linda J. Miller.

A Celebration of Life service for Jim will be held August 3, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., at Bible Baptist Church, 6659 US-6, Portage, IN. Inurnment and Military Service Honors will take place on August 3, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at McCool Cemetery, 2700 McCool Road, Portage, IN. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).



# Cemetery Details

## **McCool Cemetery**

2700 McCool Rd.  
Portage, IN 46368

# Tribute Wall



“ Prayers to his family and friends. I knew him for close to 2 years. He was a very nice and welcoming person. Full of life and a great spirit. Always had nice things to say about everyone.

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**Raina Harper** - July 04, 2019 at 12:52 AM



“ My heart and prayers go out to Jim and family. Mary C. Benell



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**Mary C Benell** - July 02, 2019 at 07:00 PM