



## James "Big Jim" Miller

May 10, 1933 - October 10, 2020

James Miller ("Big Jim"), age 87, of Valparaiso, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 10, 2020. Jim was born on May 10th, 1933 in Kokomo, Indiana, and lived many years in Glen Park, Gary Indiana, and then moved to Valparaiso for their retirement years. Jim proudly served in the United States Air Force with the 18th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, based in Ladd AFB, stationed in Alaska, as a jet mechanic during the Cold War era. On May 15th, 1954, Jim married Lois Ruth Winkowski, who preceded him in death in 2016. After leaving the service, Jim dedicated over 30 years of service to U.S. Steel as a small motors Technician in Gary, Indiana. When Jim left the mill, Jim went on to serve in the Washington Township school district for over 10 years. During their early retirement years, Jim and Lois loved to travel, and he would help her make her beautiful baskets and the famous holiday perogies for the family.

Jim was a great provider, a loving Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and Great Grandfather and friend to many. He was a board member of the U.S. Steel Credit Union for many years was a former active member of the Knights of Columbus in Wanatah. Jim volunteered at St. Mary's Hospital in Hobart, with his wife Lois for many years, and appreciated the wonderful care the nurses and staff provided him these last few years of his life. Jim's legacy of being a proud and beloved Grandpa and an open-hearted friend and neighbor will always be great memories for years to come for the many friends and

family that “Big Jim” had.

Jim was preceded in death by his Wife of 62 years, Lois Miller (Winkowski) and son Daniel G. Miller. He is survived by his children David Miller (Vicki); Jim Miller (Reggie); Joseph Miller (Betsy). grandchildren; Kristopher (Ashley) Miller, Matthew (Kate) Miller, Daniel J. Miller, McKinsey Miller, Laura Miller, Luke Miller and great grandchildren Gavin & Bennett Miller, beloved sister Janet Frew, sister-in-law Leona Klevickas, and extended family Kurt (Sue) Cartwright, along with many nieces and nephews.

A Time of sharing stories and memories for “Big Jim” will be Friday, October 16, 2020, from 4:00 p.m. until 7 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. The family welcomes dressing comfortably. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, masks are required for the visitation. Funeral Services will be Saturday, October 17, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., at Burns Funeral Home (Hobart), with immediate burial at Calvary Cemetery, Portage. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2701 Willowdale Road  
Portage, IN 46368

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
701 E. 7th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
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## Funeral Service

OCT **17**. 9:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Big Jim" Miller.*



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October 15, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Dave Miller** - October 14, 2020 at 07:55 AM



“ *My condolences go out to the family of Jim. I have fond memories of Jim and Lois as volunteers at St. Mary Medical Center*

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**Linda Adler** - October 14, 2020 at 07:34 AM



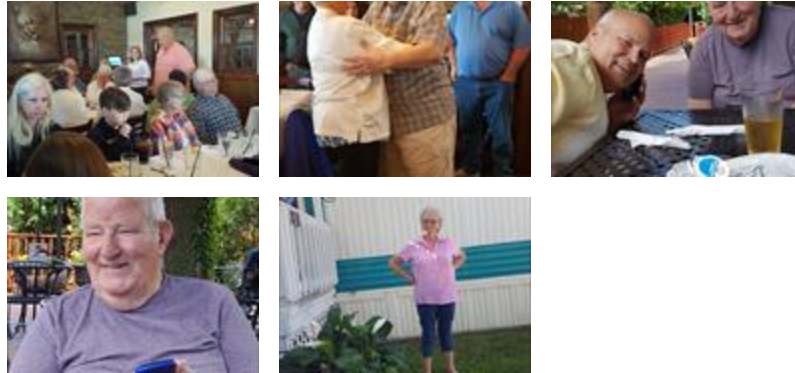
*Thank you so much. That means a lot to us*

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**Reggie Miller** - October 14, 2020 at 01:59 PM

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“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Reggie Miller - October 13, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Big Jim" Miller.



October 13, 2020 at 05:53 PM

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“ Bernard Klevickas & Colleen Deery purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Big Jim" Miller.



Bernard Klevickas & Colleen Deery - October 13, 2020 at 05:08 PM

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“ Reggie Miller lit a candle in memory of James "Big Jim" Miller



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Reggie Miller - October 13, 2020 at 04:52 PM

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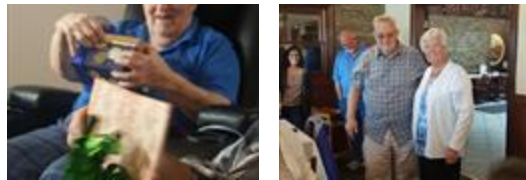


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Reggie Miller - October 13, 2020 at 04:50 PM

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Reggie Miller - October 13, 2020 at 04:47 PM

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Reggie Miller - October 13, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James "Big Jim" Miller.



October 13, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ *Love's Journey* was purchased for the family of James "Big Jim" Miller.



October 13, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of James "Big Jim" Miller.



October 13, 2020 at 10:59 AM