



James Michael Nettles Sr.

November 10, 1957 - July 13, 2025

James Michael Nettles, Sr, age 67, of Crown Point, IN, received his heavenly reward on July 13, 2025. Born in Gary, IN, he lived in Gary and Merrillville, IN, for most of his youth. Jim graduated from Andean High School, Merrillville, IN in 1976. He was a paperboy for The Gary Post Tribune before becoming the first lab transport driver for St. Mary Medical Center, now a part of Powers Healthcare, and then transferred to the lab records department for several years. His dream was to become a radio announcer, and he completed his training in Chicago, IL. Jim went on to complete 2 associate degrees and eventually a bachelor's degree at Purdue University, Calumet Campus, in Hammond, IN, in 1996. In Jim's later years he was a substitute teacher in several local school systems. He was a member of Faith Church in Dyer, IN, but had attended several area churches. Jim (Jimbo) was a frequent blood donor, often doing a "double red" (2 units of blood at the same time) most often through Versiti Blood Center, the primary provider for Lake County, IN, hospitals. As a final gift to the world, he became an eye and tissue donor, with the possibility of helping up to 75 people. Jim was preceded in death by his grandparents, Rose and Elwood Robinson; great aunt and uncle, Mary Ann and Charles Robinson; mother, Paula Robinson; birth father, Russell Kern; adoptive father, Roger B. Nettles; brother, Daniel Nettles; aunt, Constance Barnes; and cousin, Kristopher Komenich.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Alberta (Alexander) Nettles; son,

James Michael Nettles Jr., two granddaughters, Adrianna and Aleeah Nettles; sisters, Amelia Kern of Indiana, Marcia (Dino) Travlino of Florida; brothers, Elwood (Michelle) Nettles of Indiana; Greg (Hillary) Nettles of Tennessee; stepmother, Lory Nettles of Indiana; sisters-in-law, Ruth Alexander of Texas, Frances Atwood of Indiana and several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Moody Bible Institute broadcasting department, Chicago, Illinois. Please continue to support your local blood donation centers (for Lake County IN, Versiti Blood Center of Aurora, Illinois, with a local donor center located at 2126 445th St. Highland, IN) and consider a final gift to someone as an organ donor. A memorial visitation will be held on Friday, August 22, 2025, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hillside Church, 5201 W. 109th Ave, Crown Point, IN. A brief visitation at the church will take place on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 9 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 10 a.m. Rev. Joshua Landers officiating. Burns Funeral Home, Hobart entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Community Church
5201 W. 109th
Crown Point, IN 46307

Memorial Visitation

AUG **23**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James Michael Nettles Sr..*



August 21, 2025 at 12:45 PM



“ *Alberta and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband. May you feel the presence of the Lord especially close to you at this time and may He bring you peace amidst the sadness.*

Lorella Rouster - August 14, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ *Alberta and family,,I'm so very sorry to read of Jim's passing..I knew him from his many years of working at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Hobart.*

Alberta, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Shirley Makivich Urbanek

shirley Urbanek - July 30, 2025 at 09:17 AM



Alberta and family. You have my sincere condolences on Jim's passing. May he rest in peace.

Bobbi Homola - July 30, 2025 at 09:51 AM

EN

Dear brother, we spent many days and nights in laughter, you were my my best friend for life. I am going to miss you everyday for the rest of my life. Rest in peace and catch a cubs game with dad and Dan. Enjoy your heavenly home, you deserve it. Until we meet again. Love Carmine.

Sal

Elwood Nettles - August 03, 2025 at 08:37 AM



Rest in peace Jim

Robert Iatarola - August 19, 2025 at 05:57 PM

CF

Marcia, I was shocked to read about Jim's passing. My sincere condolences. Know that you're in my prayers and in my heart.

Carin Hamady Foote

Carin Foote - August 21, 2025 at 06:19 PM

KY

Although I did not know Jimbo personally, my daughter did. What a joy it was to escort her to his celebration of life and to hear the wonderful stories from his family and friends. I am certain that he could feel all of the love in that room. God Bless.

Kelly Yonan - August 23, 2025 at 12:40 PM

JM

I first met Jim when we shared a few classes together at Purdue Calumet. Although our paths would cross from time to time after graduation, his arrival as the medical transporter I was expecting at the cemetery was unexpected, but a very pleasant surprise. I will always remember him as a kind person who strived for better things for him and his family. My condolences to his family.

Jill M McNamara - August 23, 2025 at 03:40 PM

RS

I made a comment on the Legacy page a few weeks ago, but not here. Rest in peace Jim. My prayers go out for you and to your entire family.

Roger Schaezel - December 07, 2025 at 07:15 PM