



## James J. Ruther

February 7, 1968 - June 10, 2015

James "Jimmie" Ruther, age 47, of Wheatfield, Indiana, formally of Calumet City, passed away at home on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, after a courageous 2 ½ year battle with esophageal cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Julie of 11 years; two sons, James and Colin; mother, Arleen Ruther; father-in-law and mother-in-Law, Richard and Maureen Schreiber; sister, Kathleen (John) Pileggi, and niece and nephew, Melissa and Danny; brother, Jeffrey (Kathleen) Ruther, and nephew, Matthew; brother, Christopher (Kelly) Ruther; and brother-in-law, Kevin Schreiber. He was preceded in death by his father, James P. Ruther; grandparents, Glen and Maude Ruther; and grandparents, Ted and Vivian Wezlowski.

Jim was a member of the Local 150 Operating Engineers. He was an active member of the Kankakee Valley Pop Warner, serving as president, coach and friend. He was a past Master of the Crete Masonic Lodge #763. Jim was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing.

Memorial contributions should be made to Jim's sons, James R. and Colin S. Ruther

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 2:00pm-8:00pm with a Masonic funeral service beginning at 7:00pm. The funeral service will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2015, from 11:00am-12:00pm at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 S. Broadway, Crown Point, IN 46307.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 13. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
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## Masonic Service

JUN 13. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LW

“ Jim had a twinkle in his eyes that was so special. I have a photo of his son little Jimmy on my fridge since he was a young toddler and it shows that same twinkle. I will never remove that photo off my fridge nor will I ever forget that twinkle. Jim taught me about life - being loyal, a true blue friend and he and I always made time for each other. When we connected, we didn't worry about who was too busy doing this or that, we just DID it. Even if it were a quick visit on a holiday he dragged his whole clan to say hello and stop in. Jim always made time and I loved that about him. He just made sure he was always there when my family or I reached out. Jim is one of my great heroes! -Li

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**Lisa (Tomko) Wise** - June 16, 2015 at 10:48 PM

DR

“ Donna & Kent Reed lit a candle in memory of James J. Ruther



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**Donna & Kent Reed** - June 13, 2015 at 03:15 PM

CB

“ Chad And Veronica Bennett lit a candle in memory of James J. Ruther



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**Chad and Veronica Bennett** - June 12, 2015 at 10:53 PM

CB

*Julie, our condolences and prayers go out to you, the boys and the whole family! So sorry for your loss!! RIP Jim you will be missed by all!!  
Love always, Chad and Veronica!!*

**Chad and Veronica Bennett** - June 12, 2015 at 11:06 PM

TF

“ *The Blend, Seddeler and Poplawski Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James J. Ruther.*



**The Blend, Seddeler and Poplawski Families** - June 12, 2015 at 12:58 PM

ST

“ *Rest in peace Jim*

**steve tomczak** - June 12, 2015 at 10:03 AM

LP

“ *My condolences and prayers go out to Jimmie's Family, I am so sorry for your loss. He fought a courageous battle supported by family and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

**Linda Pasternak** - June 11, 2015 at 10:24 PM

KP

“ *RIP Jimmy ,now you and your dad are together again  
My prayers are with you and your entire family  
Memories of you and your dad from an Old Eagles football coach Ken Pasternak*



**Kenneth Pasternak** - June 11, 2015 at 02:35 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of James J. Ruther.*



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June 11, 2015 at 10:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James J. Ruther.*



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June 10, 2015 at 09:48 PM



“ *Jimbo, your nickname was Spike when we worked together. You were a great co-worker. Lots of laughs. May the Good Lord comfort your loved ones during this time of grieving.*

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**larry gillham** - June 10, 2015 at 05:32 PM



“ *RIP Jim. Much love to Julie and the boys and all of the family.*



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**Sonja VanderTuuk** - June 10, 2015 at 05:30 PM



“ *Tank and the rest of the Koontz family sends our thoughts and prayers...*



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**Dawn Koontz** - June 10, 2015 at 05:09 PM

BT

*Our prayers, Love & Comfort at this difficult time to all the family members on you great loss. Bill & Vern Tuttle (Kathlen's In-Laws)*

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**Bill & Vern Tuttle** - June 11, 2015 at 09:26 PM

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“ *The Burgess Family lit a candle in memory of James J. Ruther*



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