



James "Tike" Skapes (Murdakes)

January 22, 1934 - November 15, 2018

James "Tike" Skapes (Murdakes), age 84, of Hobart, formerly of Gary, passed away November 15, 2018. He was a graduate of Horace Mann High School and was in the Army for two years during the Korean War. He retired from U.S. Steel after 46 years. Tike loved the Green Bay Packers, traveling to Greece, eating at the Paragon Restaurant and at Schoop's. He loved his swing in the back yard, bon fires and celebration of life parties. Tike loved his family and will be deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents-Gus and Eva Murdakes; brother-James Murdakes; sister-Bessie Jackson, nephew-Jimmy Murdakes; sister-Fay McDonald. Tike is survived by his brother-Peter (Vickie) Murdakes; sister-in-law-Bea (Jim) Murdakes; loving nieces and nephews-Helene (Denny) McLean, Dean (Shayda) Murdakes, Christopher (Charlene) Murdakes, Michelle (Jason) Nelon, Nancy (Loren) Brown, Denny (Melpo) Murdakes; great nieces and nephews-Sophie, Olivia, Milan, Costa, Niko, Nickolas, Demas, Danielle and Christopher.

Funeral service for Tike will take place on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., at SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 8000 Madison Street, Merrillville. Friends may visit with his family from 9-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. Interment at Ridgelawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pangere Center for the Blind. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Ridgelawn Cemetery

4401 Broadway
Gary, IN 46408

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 20. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart
701 E. 7th Street
Hobart, IN 46342
(219) 942-1117
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Funeral Service

NOV 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral
8000 Madison St.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall

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“ Jim was a Great and caring neighbor to my parents- Luther and Kay Howell. He shared his heart with everyone.
Sincerely-Linda and Mike Roque



Linda Roque - November 20, 2018 at 02:12 PM

HE

“ Uncle Tike aka Mr. Scoops/Godfather- It's hard to imagine life without you. You've been there since the very beginning, my baptism. I have had so much fun with you through the years. You truly became my buddy. Thanks for all the great laughs, great times and the love you've shown us! You are irreplaceable. My heart hurts. We love you and will cherish your memory forever! Til we meet again.... Love, Helena

Helene - November 18, 2018 at 10:16 PM

KS

“ I am sorry to hear of you passing away you were a great friend and neighbor I remember having bonfires with you and watching old movies with you with our cup of hot chocolate I will miss you dearly love ya tike rest in peace Kathy stowell



kathy stowell - November 17, 2018 at 01:13 AM

NS

“ We are heartbroken today to learn of our friend and neighbor Tikes passing . He was more like family to us after forty five years of living next door. We have tons of great memories and fun times to remember him by. We love and miss you ,rest in peace Tike. The Smalley family

Nancy Smalley - November 16, 2018 at 11:34 PM



“ Words cannot Express the sadness I feel right now!
Tike was by FAR more than just a neighbor...he was someone I could talk to on a daily basis. He was one of my best friends growing up, an Uncle, a HUGE part of my life. And I will truly miss him dearly!
Tike...I am so blessed to have been a part of you and your family's life and I will never forget you my friend!
I Love you always...
Rob Smalley

Rob Smalley - November 16, 2018 at 06:58 PM

JS

“ He was Like family to me! He was truly the kindest neighbor An person I've ever known! From the time I was born, he was always there in my life. I'll miss you Tike! I will always love you an cherish the great memories we had!

Joe Smalley - November 16, 2018 at 04:36 PM

DM

“ Throw another pallet on the fire Tikey! We love and miss you.

Dean Murdakes - November 15, 2018 at 11:33 PM



Helene - November 18, 2018 at 10:20 PM