



## William James Tuchek

June 13, 1935 - June 12, 2026

William James Tuchek, known to all who loved him as Jim, passed away on June 12, 2026, in Crown Point, Indiana, just one day before his 91st birthday, following a brief illness. His was a life marked by hard work, devotion to family, and an unforgettable sense of humor that could light up any room.

Jim was born on June 13, 1935, in Gary, Indiana, to the late John A. Tuchek and the late Jane Tuchek. Raised in Gary, he learned the value of honest work at a young age alongside his father at the family's Sherwin Williams paint store. Those early lessons in discipline and responsibility shaped the man he would become. Just two weeks after graduating from Lew Wallace High School, Jim enlisted in the United States Marines, serving his country with honor for 4 years.

Upon returning home, Jim enrolled at Indiana University, where he met a beautiful coed named Joyce R. Shannon. The two married and soon welcomed two sons, Michael and Roger, raising them in Merrillville, Indiana. Jim built a varied and industrious career, working in sales at Gary Screw and Bolt and as a bookkeeper at both Nichols Engineering in Griffith, Indiana, and Western Cold Drawn Steel in Gary, Indiana. Determined to advance, he returned to school and earned his Bachelor of Science in Human Resources, which led to his role as Human Resources Director at Deflecto Corporation in Indianapolis. He later held HR Director positions at Lau Industries and Brookside Fan Corporation.

Jim's proudest achievement was supporting his son Michael Tuchek through

medical school, watching him become a cardiothoracic surgeon. He was equally proud of his son Roger Tucheck, who served 35 years as a Sergeant with the Indianapolis Police Department and now serves on the elite Indiana Task Force 1 and the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Incident Support Team.

A man who could fix nearly anything, Jim took great satisfaction in repairing his own property and vehicles and building his own home in Merrillville. In Tennessee, he enjoyed serving on the gardening committee at his local church, a quiet expression of his faith and care for his community.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, John B. Tucheck. Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Joyce Rae Tucheck; his sons, James Michael (Sara Arrivo) Tucheck and John Roger (Teresa) Tucheck; grandchildren: Chad (Samantha) Tucheck, Jacob (Sarah Northern) Tucheck, Bailey (Micheal) Tucheck Burnell, Christopher M. Tucheck, Lauren M. Tucheck; great grandchildren: Temple Elizabeth Tucheck, Theo John Tucheck, Teagan Rose Ann Tucheck, Julia Rae Tucheck, Kinsley Ann Burnell, Brynley Elyse Burnell, Theo James Helmich-Tucheck.

May he rest in God's gentle and eternal peace. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with arrangements. Please visit Jim's online obituary and guestbook at [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss! Jim was always so nice and always had good stories to tell! He will be missed!  
Michael , Deb and family.

Debbie Schutz - Yesterday at 09:03 PM

KK

I was so saddened to hear about the loss of your father, grandfather and husband and friend. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Jim was always kind and a welcoming sole to our family. I know that he will be greatly missed by all who have known and loved him. Our Deepest Sympathies.

Karen Kaps - Yesterday at 10:02 PM



I am so sorry to learn of your dad's passing. He was a great guy. I was at your house so many times growing up Mike and Roger that I thought of him as a second dad. Love to you both and your mom. I will always remember him - and you all.

Edward J. Mitro - Yesterday at 10:11 PM

BZ

We're so sorry for the loss of Roger's father, but it's wonderful he had such a good long life and a loving family,  
Love, Mary Ellen and Brian

Brian & Mary Ellen Zeh - Yesterday at 10:26 PM

SR

My heart shares your pain with the loss of your dad. Remember so well. Your parents were always so welcoming of the high school friends into your home. God had taken him home in loving arms. Prayers to the entire family.💔

Sheree Sarko Richardson - Yesterday at 10:50 PM



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**Burns Funeral Home & Crematory** - Yesterday at 08:13 PM