



James "J.W." Barber

March 3, 1941 - December 8, 2024

James W. "J.W." Barber, age 83 of Bourbonnais passed away Sunday, December 8, 2024 at Miller Health Care Center in Kankakee. He was born March 3, 1941 in Greensboro, NC, the son of Ray & Stella (Inman) Barber. James married Judy Lezotte on April 5, 1967 in Kankakee.

J.W. was a laborer for Ford Motor Company; he retired in 2001 after 32 years of service. He loved golfing, gambling, and taking RV trips with his wife, daughter, and grandchildren. He was very particular about maintaining his lawn and flowers. Most of all, J.W. loved spending time with his grandchildren. Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Judy Barber of Bourbonnais; one son, Michael (Angela) Barber of Golden, CO; one daughter, Beth (Darrin) Wilkening of Bourbonnais; and four grandchildren, Jarret Wilkening, Logan Wilkening, Jack Barber, and Daphne Barber. J.W. is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (<https://childrenscancer.org/impact/>).

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a great man. We lived next to the Barbers for many years and Jimbo gave me my first paid job mowing his yard. Used to enjoy his chats and his dedication to his old red Ford truck he took to shows. He will be missed for sure. Hugs to you all.*

Travis Bossong - December 10, 2024 at 07:42 PM

PJ

“ *Judy I'm not sure if you remember me from Chamness & Merten, We talked about my late husband and he worked at Ford also. I'm so sorry to hear about Jim's passing! My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Pam Johnson*

Pamela Johnson - December 10, 2024 at 03:01 PM

JW

“ *Judy I am so very sorry for your lose.*



Jan Walling - December 10, 2024 at 12:06 PM

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Judy, Mike, & Beth so sorry to hear about Jim's passing, thoughts & prayers are with you !!

Steve & Carol Meredith - December 13, 2024 at 11:03 AM