



James Carroll Fisher

April 16, 1943 - October 9, 2011

James Carroll "Jim" Fisher, 68, of Limestone, died Sunday (Oct. 9, 2011) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, and from 10 a.m. Wednesday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bradley, until the 11 a.m. funeral service. The Rev. Patty Heath will officiate. Military rites will be conducted by the Kankakee American Legion Post 85 and the U.S. Air Force. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Crematory. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family wishes.

He was born April 16, 1943, at St. Francis Hospital, in Peoria, the son of Carroll O. and Betty R. Blackwell Fisher.

Jim attended schools in Peoria, Danforth and Kankakee. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1960 to 1964, where he earned his GED. He then worked at Gould National Battery in Kankakee, Lockheed Aircraft in California, Ford Motor Company Stamping Plant in Chicago Heights, and General Mills corn mill in Kankakee. While attending Kankakee Community College, he worked part time as a cook at the Ham 'n Egger Restaurant and as a chef at The Little Corporal Restaurant.

Jim graduated from KCC in 1972 with an associate degree in law enforcement and then worked as a security officer at Manteno State Hospital until he

became a police officer for the city of Kankakee in 1974. After working as a patrolman for 12 years, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant, became a detective, and was later put in charge of the stolen auto division. Jim was also a member of the Tactical Unit and was the sniper on the SWAT team for 10 years. For the last five years of his police career, Jim supervised the midnight shift of the patrol division. He retired in 1994 after working as a police officer for 20 years. He loved his work as a policeman and enjoyed helping people and serving the community. His favorite saying was "Each day is different, and each day is new."

While he worked as a police officer, Jim also worked part time as a security officer at St. Mary's Hospital. After he retired, he taught classes in the Driver Improvement Program at KCC and also worked part time as a bailiff at the Kankakee County Courthouse, mostly in traffic court. His final employment was working as security at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet during the major drag races and the NASCAR and Indy Car races.

Jim loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed traveling with his family as his sons were growing up, and taking cruises and fall trips with his wife. Among his favorite trips were ones to Hawaii, Alaska, Civil War battlefield sites and Europe, where he visited his sons who were living in Warsaw, Poland, and Wiesbaden, Germany, while they served in the U.S. military.

He also enjoyed cheering for his favorite sports teams, the Denver Broncos, the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Blackhawks. He loved watching NASCAR races, especially when Dale Earnhardt was racing.

Surviving are his wife, the former Patricia A. Boyd, of Limestone, whom he married June 18, 1966, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher; two sons and daughters-in-law, James L. and Barbara M. Fisher, of Elgin, and Steven Louis

and Carrie E. Fisher, of Fort Meade, Md.; five grandchildren, Erich T. Fisher and Gretchen L. Fisher, both of Chatsworth, Roman T. Fisher and Henry J. Fisher, both of Elgin, and Thomas C. Fisher, of Fort Meade; one sister, Patricia J. Bonnell, of Bonfield; two brothers, Michael E. Fisher, of Peoria, Ariz., and Mark F. Fisher, of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers-in-law, Duane L. and Anna Mae Boyd, of Kankakee, and William R. and Paula Boyd, of Concord, N.C.; one sister-in-law, Betty Davis, of Palatine; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother and sister-in-law, William L. And Suzanne Fisher.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **11.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

OCT **12.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Savior Lutheran
975 W. Brookmont Blvd.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1848
<http://www.oursaviorlutheran.info/>

Tribute Wall

RR

“ I too was on the Kankakee City Police Dept with Jim for almost all the time he was there. He did take a bit of kidding about his height, but had no hesitancy about jumping into the 'Thick of Things'

I remember one early dark morning when Jimmie snuck into Canfield's Cafe for an extra 'break' without signing off on the radio to grab some coffee and early breakfast with the guys; Lo and behold he got a call for an 'alarm' at Rudy's Super-mart on S. Schuyler Ave. - so dashed off before his eggs were served. Before his return from the 'False Alarm' - one of the group had put a 'booster chair' at Jim's place in the booth. Well - it wasn't pretty! But later on he got a good laugh out of it.

Jim was the kind of Cop one knew would be right there when you needed him.

My condolences to his wife Patti and his sons.

Ron Rimi, Ret Lt, KPD

East Boothbay, Maine

Ronald J. Rimi - October 10, 2011 at 06:25 PM

PF

Ron, thank you for sharing a memory of working with Jim and for telling how you felt about him. He was always there for his family, so we are not surprised that a fellow officer would feel the same about him. Jim always enjoyed telling stories about the high-speed chases, the fights, the humorous things, and so much more. He loved the action and the variety of calls. Most of all, I believe that my husband loved helping people. Jim actually lived the motto of the KPD; he protected and served the community.

Your story made me laugh. I had forgotten that one until you shared it, but now I remember it. Thanks again.

Patty

Patricia A. Fisher - October 12, 2011 at 06:29 PM

DF

“ I worked with Jim on the Kankakee P.D. I and others always called him "Little Jimmy" It was not meant to disrespect him ,we all had nick names which kept us going in the hard times. Jim worked his way up the ladder and was respected.

Don Freigo Panama City Florida

Don Freigo - October 10, 2011 at 04:17 PM

PF

Thank you, Don. Although Jim was not big in stature, he definitely made a big impact on the lives of many people. Jim loved being a policeman and enjoyed being called by his other nickname, "Termite," He even had his pickup truck painted with that nickname and a fierce-looking termite. Were you called "Bud"? I remember that almost all the KPD officers had nicknames in the 1970s and 1980s, right?

Patricia A. Fisher - October 19, 2011 at 12:30 PM

KT

“ *To the Fisher Family,*

So sorry for your loss. I will keep your family in my prayers.

Kiiri Tietjens

Kiiri Tietjens - October 10, 2011 at 03:03 PM

PF

Thank you, Kiiri. The prayers of our family members and friends are sustaining us.

Patricia A. Fisher - October 19, 2011 at 12:32 PM

JW

“ *Steve and Carrie - I am heart broken for the both of you. Please let me know if there is anything you need. Love both of you - Julie Wasson*

Julie Wasson - October 10, 2011 at 01:33 PM

JW

“ *Patty - I'm so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed visited with the both of you when Carrie and Steve visited. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Julie Wasson

Julie Wasson - October 10, 2011 at 01:32 PM

PF

Thank you, Julie. Jim and I enjoyed spending time with you also. I hope to see you again soon.

Patricia A. Fisher - October 19, 2011 at 12:33 PM



“ *Jim was one of the finest people I came into contact with; he was a good police officer. I grieve for his family, yet take joy in knowing his entry into heaven made the angels sing. John F. Michela*

John Michela - October 10, 2011 at 12:20 PM

JW

*Patty - I'm so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed visited with the both of you when Carrie and Steve visited. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Julie Wasson*

Julie Wasson - October 10, 2011 at 01:31 PM

ER

It was a pleasure and an experience to have worked with Jimmy, lots of good memories, my condolences to the family.

Ernie Richardson - October 11, 2011 at 07:54 AM

PF

*Judge Michela, thank you so much for your kind words about Jim and for your condolences to our family. What a beautiful way to describe my husband's entry into heaven. Jim certainly made my heart sing! Now I will be thinking of the angels singing when I have moments of deep sorrow and loss. Thank you for your comforting words.
Patty*

Patricia Fisher - October 12, 2011 at 11:11 PM