



James "Jim" Goudreau

December 25, 1929 - December 26, 2024

James E. "Jim" Goudreau, age 95, of Bradley passed away Thursday, December 26, 2024 at his home. He was born December 25, 1929 in Chicago, the son of Philip & Goldie (Shumate) Goudreau. James married Norma Coffman on May 5, 1951 in Fort Knox, KY. She preceded him in death on April 15, 2009.

Jim was a retired auto mechanic and service manager, working mostly on Buicks. He was a crossing guard for the Bradley Elementary Schools. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Jim was a sports enthusiast and enjoyed watching the Chicago White Sox, Chicago Bears, and the Indianapolis 500. Most of all, he enjoyed being with his family.

Jim was a veteran of the United States Airforce and the United States Army, having served during the Korean Conflict.

He was a parishioner of St. John Paul II.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Kevin & Joni Goudreau of Bourbonnais; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Marla & Jerry Kuntz of Bourbonnais and Rhonda & Tom Finefield of Bourbonnais; eight grandchildren, Christopher (Melaine) Finefield, Brad (Tiffany) Kuntz, James (Nicole) Goudreau, Jill (Marc) Naese, Jacob Finefield, Matt Finefield, Justin

Goudreau, and Jennifer (Ryne) Bessler; and eleven great-grandchildren, Delaney Kuntz, Logan Kuntz, Grant Naese, Lincoln Naese, Naomi Naese, Aubrie Goudreau, Bryton Goudreau, Chelsea Goudreau, Rylee Finefield, Alexia Finefield, and Graeme Finefield. In addition to his wife, Norma Goudreau, Jim is preceded in death by his parents and eight brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be held from 9-10:45 a.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday at St. John Paul II-West Campus. Interment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the Veterans Assistance Commission.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ *RIP uncle Jim. Your humor & wit was cherished by many and likely more than you realized. You have many loved ones to greet & reminisce with now.*

Bill Collins - January 02, 2025 at 09:00 PM

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“ *Rest in Peace Papa G! Thanks for introducing our family, children, grandchildren and friends to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and the Indy 500. You taught us how to enjoy racing which we will remember in your honor forever.*



Jerry Kuntz - December 31, 2024 at 11:00 AM

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“ *Remembering Uncle Jim and send love to you all. Love from, Aunt Ivy and Cass*



Cassie - December 28, 2024 at 06:27 PM



“ *Sending love and prayers up for his family.*



December 27, 2024 at 10:04 PM



“ lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Goudreau



December 27, 2024 at 10:03 PM



“ Christine And Ted Meade lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Goudreau



Christine and Ted Meade - December 27, 2024 at 08:53 PM



Jim and Norma were Great Neighbors when they lived next to us on Lawrence Drive!!!!

Christine and Ted Meade - December 27, 2024 at 08:56 PM



“ Darcy & Donn Kane lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Goudreau



Darcy & Donn Kane - December 27, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ *Marc Naese lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Goudreau*



Marc Naese - December 27, 2024 at 07:42 PM



“ *Julie Barber lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Goudreau*



Julie Barber - December 27, 2024 at 05:00 PM



R.I.P. Papa G. You will be missed.

Julie Barber - December 27, 2024 at 05:01 PM