



## James Merten

June 3, 1944 - February 16, 2007

James Merten -- Bradley James F. Merten, 62, of Bradley, died Friday (Feb. 16, 2007) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A 10 a.m. funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Bourbonnais. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery in Irwin. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Hemophilia Association of Illinois or D.R.A.W. Mr. Merten was founder and co-owner of Chamness & Merten Accounting, co-owner of C&M Engineering and co-owner of Fuel & Food Inc. in Bradley. He was born June 3, 1944, in Kankakee, the son of Francis and Beatrice O'Connor Merten. He was a member of Maternity BVM Catholic Church. His passion was drag racing. He was a member of IHRA and NHRA and owned three race cars. Surviving are his mother, Beatrice M. Merten of Bradley; one sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Michael Chamness of Bourbonnais; one brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Sharon Merten of Bourbonnais; nieces and nephews, Michael and Rebecca Merten, David Merten, Patrick and Michelle Wehrle, Scott Chamness and Brandy Clodi, all of Bourbonnais; and great-nieces and great-nephews, Miranda Wehrle, Ryan Wehrle and Caden Chamness. His father, Francis Merten, is deceased. Jim lived life to the fullest. His loss will be felt by many. The void he leaves will never be filled.

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“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Jim's family. ĩ½It was a pleasure having him as our accountant for the last several years. ĩ½He was not only a great accountant, but was also a wonderful gentleman. ĩ½He will be sadly missed.##imported-begin##Doug and Nikki Wendling##imported-end##

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“ I know you've read this before but Jim has been our tax guy for many years. Ed and I first met Jim when he was working at Larimer. We moved with Jim when he left there....and we saw him Valentine's Day night. We had the last appointment of the night....that's the one he wanted us to have because he said he was done after we had been there. We laughed so hard....and then to pick up the paper Sunday morning and see he was gone. I still can't believe it.<br><br>My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. He will be missed!<br><br>Judy Taron

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“ Jim was our accountant for many years and a class mate to my husband Bill. When Bill died, I told Jim about all the tools he had. Jim came over and looked at them. He said they were what his guys used in the shop. We agreed on a price and he purchased them.<br><br>He was a good person and will be greatly miss by many many people. My sincers sympathy to the family. He will be in my prayers.<br><br>Paula Schultz

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“ Jim was the best person. He has been our accountant for the last 30 years. I just saw him on Thursday 2/15/07 for our yearly appt and was completely shocked when I opened Sunday's paper. I am so glad to have been able to visit with him one last time. He was always there for even the littlest question. He left big shoes to fill. We will really miss him.<br><br>Lyle and Roxanne Kellogg

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“ Jim will be sorely missed. ĩ½We met Jim 2 years ago when I became disabled and needed help with rolling over my retirement from my company. ĩ½We spent alot of time working together. ĩ½He and I always like to talk shop (racing). He was a very smart and nice man. ĩ½God Bless you all.<br><br><br><br>Tom and Pam Waszak##imported-begin##Tom and Pam Waszak##imported-end##

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“ Jim was my accountant for almost 40 years.I always considered Jim my trusted friend also. I moved from Bourbonnais a few years ago but traveled 300 miles to keep my yearly appt. with Jim.We've never considered working with anyone else.No one can ever ĩ½replace him. We will truly miss Jim. Our deepest sympathy to his family.##imported-begin##Doug & Jan Foster##imported-end##

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“ We had known Jim for over 20 years. He was always the same, and was a very kind man. ĩ½He always had a smile on his face. ĩ½We will greatly miss talking with him. ĩ½Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. He will be greatly missed by our family.##imported-begin##Paul and Ilse Haskins##imported-end##

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“ My very deepest sympathy to all of Jim's family. It was always a pleasant time at my appointments with him in the office as well as seeing him at Mass.<br><br>God Bless All Of You.##imported-begin##Armelia Kyrouc##imported-end##

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“ We always enjoyed the arrival of tax season and looked forward to the last appointment of the night with you. When we left on Wednesday night we said how good you looked and that next year we were going to bring the cooler. I was shocked and deeply saddened to see your passing when I opened the paper. You were a good freind and will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Good bye Jim.##imported-begin##Don Gallagher##imported-end##

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“ <br><br> A WONDERFUL MAN!!<br><br><br><br> YOUR FAMILY HAS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY<br><br><br><br> AND PRAYERS.<br><br><br><br> ALWAYS BOB AND VICKI##imported-begin##BOB AND VICKI REDMOND##imported-end##

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“ I don't think I have ever met a more caring & giving man than Jim. The people he touched through his work, racing and other adventures has been amazing. I will miss him more than I can say. I felt he was always looking out for me. My deepest sympathy to all of the family. I love you all!##imported-begin##Dena Howell##imported-end##

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“ We are very saddened by this loss. We worked with Jim for over 15 years and will miss him each year come tax time. His comforting voice on the phone was wonderful. He worked with us through a move to Chicago, another to San Francisco, the birth of 1 son, a move back to Chicago, the birth of another son and many more changes. His advice and friendship will be missed.##imported-begin##Chris Iannuccilli##imported-end##

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“ We've missed your whole family over the last fifteen years since we've moved. i½Jim will always be in our hearts and greatly missed.<br><br><br><br>With Love,<br><br>Mike and Maggie##imported-begin##Mike and Maggie Sandusky##imported-end##

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“ We worked closely with Jim and his staff over the years helping him to take care of his investment clients. He held his clients and staff in the highest regard and would always go out of his way to say good things about them all; evidence of his kind thoughts and tender heart. Jim was one of the most respectable (and respecting) guys we have ever been associated with. All of us can only hope that people feel about us as we have felt about Jim. Lori and I will always treasure the time we were associated with him and his family and co-workers. We will always remember Jim and treasure his memory. We will also miss him very much.##imported-begin##Bill and Lori Daily##imported-end##

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“ My daughter and I have been renting from Jim for 18 years now, he was a great landlord and became a great friend to us. ½He was very encouraging to us on our business endeavors and a great mentor. He will be missed by us and our prayers are with his family. God Bless  
  
##imported-begin##Marla Kilpatrick & Roxanne Maiden##imported-end##

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“ I wanted to write and say how sorry I am to hear about Jim's passing. ĩ½My husband, my girls and I were with him Monday night getting our taxes done. ĩ½It's kind of a tradition for us to take the whole family to see him around Valentine's Day. ĩ½We get out taxes done and catch up on what's happened in the past year. ĩ½We've been going to him since we've been married. ĩ½I went to him before that and my mother before that. My Mom was Dorothy Carlson. ĩ½She remembered Jim from when he was growing up. ĩ½Jim was the same age as my sister-in-law April Carlson and a little bit younger than my brother Jim Carlson. ĩ½They all knew each other from racing. We thought he was a great guy and we enjoyed knowing him. ĩ½He will be truly missed. ĩ½Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Amy & Anthony DeLong##imported-end##

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“ Jim did our taxes for over thirty years. He was an amazing man. Every year I would go in for my appointment to get our taxes done, it took all of 20 minutes for him to get all my information, the rest of the hour we talked about his racing business and what was new at the track. You could see his eyes light up when he would talk about it.  
<br><br> ĩ½He was a great accountant and also a good friend..  
<br><br> ĩ½I will always remember his sweet smile, warm heart, and great sense of humor. <br><br>He will be missed dearly<br><br>##imported-begin##Victoria and David Mazza##imported-end##

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“ A professional relationship with Jim years ago evolved into a friendship which brought us back from places around the world at tax season. ĩ½His professionalism was exceeded only by his love for family, friends, and racing. ĩ½The community has lost a great colleague and friend who will be greatly missed. ĩ½Our prayers and thoughts are with his family. ĩ½May the memory of his love surround you and bring you peace.<br><br>##imported-begin##Ray & Jane Hicks##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. ĩ½We thought a lot of Jim and he will be missed by us. ĩ½He did a lot of good things for our family through his business.##imported-begin##Michael & Tina Stump##imported-end##

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