



James E. Pitts Jr.

January 17, 1939 - November 23, 2022

James E. Pitts Jr., age 83, of Bradley passed away Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born January 17, 1939 in Anna, the son of James E. Sr. & Cleoria (Forrester) Pitts. James married Virginia DeCarlo on April 25, 1959.

James was a foreman for Azzarelli Construction and Loitz Brothers Construction. He was also a bus driver and was involved in the special Olympics and coached basketball in the past with BBCHS. James enjoyed cooking out, traveling, reading, driving the bus, and loved animals. Most of all, he loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

James served in the Army National Guard and the Army Reserves.

He was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Virginia Pitts of Bradley; one son and daughter-in-law, Larry & Marilyn Pitts of Hope Mills, NC; one daughter, DeAnna Bach of Bradley; one brother, Michael Pitts of Kankakee; nine grandchildren; and seventeen great-grandchildren. James is preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Gina Mason; and one sister, Judy Alder.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. funeral Mass on Friday, December 2, 2022 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the services.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

LS

“ I may be James first daughter, born in Washington in 1965. Kathy dier is my mother. I am adopted. I spoke with him once. He said I have a half brother and sister but wouldn't let me contact them. I deserve to know my family please. I can be reached at 320-980-7131, 1315 Lincoln Ave SE, Saint cloud MN 56304. PLEASE PLEASE CONTACT ME, IT HURTS MY HEART AND SOUL NOT TO KNOW MY FAMILY. THANK YOU



Linda Schumacher...Pitts? - August 03, 2025 at 01:27 AM

SL

“ Our deepest condolences to his wife and family.. A great guy and he will be missed greatly. God Bless

Steven and Darci Lemner - December 01, 2022 at 02:40 PM

KO

“ Wonderful man married to a wonderful woman. He will be well remembered at the Kankakee Post Office as a smiling, friendly, and warm customer.

Kerry OConnell - November 30, 2022 at 09:40 PM

DF

“ Dear Virginia and family, It is with heavy hearts that we learned of James Earl's passing. It is my sorrow that weighs the heaviest. We are distant cousins and usually only saw each other at family events. James Earl was always the nicest one at those occasions. With love from my wife, Rosemarie, and me
Dan Forrester.

Daniel Forrester - November 29, 2022 at 02:35 PM

MS

“ Mike and Linda Stone purchased the Footprints Tribute Blanket for the family of James E. Pitts Jr..



Mike and Linda Stone - November 28, 2022 at 08:59 AM

DW

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family . Walt & Debbie Wall

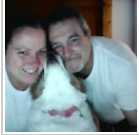


Debbie Wall - November 27, 2022 at 09:46 AM

CS

“ Our Sincere and Heartfelt Sympathy to you Virginia, and family in the loss of JIM. Carol and Rob Stoops

Carol and Rob Stoops - November 26, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ *Monte Schweizer lit a candle in memory of James E. Pitts Jr.*



Monte Schweizer - November 26, 2022 at 09:38 AM

CT

My sincere condolences to the entire family.

Cal Trendler - November 26, 2022 at 10:41 AM

KK

So sorry for your family's loss. I know he was an icon here at BBCHS. Peace be with you.

Kelly Katzmann - November 29, 2022 at 01:27 PM