



James B. Vilt

August 19, 1942 - December 6, 2017

James Benjamin Vilt, 75, of Bonfield passed away peacefully Wednesday December 6, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

Jim was born August 19, 1942 to Benjamin and Mildred (Dion) Vilt. He married Patricia Hamann February 2, 1963 in Kankakee, and they enjoyed fifty-five wonderful years together. Together they had three children, Susie, Becky, and Jimmy. Jim worked for forty-five years as an iron worker, and enjoyed many things. He loved trains, fishing, birds, steam engines, road trips, leisurely drives, and some of his fondest memories include fishing with his brother and going to the casino with his brother-in-law.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Vilt; two daughters and son-in-laws, Susan (David) Mickelson of Limestone, Rebecca (John) Kirts of Manteno; one son and daughter-in-law, James (Kris) Vilt of Fraser Colorado; seven grandchildren, Marissa (Kevin) Duffield, Alex Kirts, Molly Mickelson, Kristin Kirts, Cody Vilt, Kade Vilt, and Lena Vilt; two sisters, Kathy Goers, Jeanne Vilt; and one brother and sister-in-law, Larry (Kay) Vilt.

Preceding Jim in death are his parents, Benjamin and Mildred Vilt; one sister, Barbara Morris; one great-granddaughter, Evangeline Duffield; and one niece, Martha Vilt.

Services will be Friday December 8, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon funeral home in Kankakee. Visitation will be from 10am-12pm with a service at noon. Burial will follow at Bonfield Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Bonfield Cemetery

Bonfield, IL 60913

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EW

“ Jim was a wonderful brother-in-law, always willing to make the long trip to FL so Patty and I could visit. I will miss him.

Elvira Weaver - December 08, 2017 at 08:34 PM

DM

“ Went to school with the Vilts. They were good guys!



Dick Miller - December 08, 2017 at 12:49 PM

JC

“ Jamilah Criswell lit a candle in memory of James B. Vilt



Jamilah Criswell - December 08, 2017 at 10:37 AM

TO

“ My sympathy to you and your family. My heart goes out to you . He was such a wonderful person. He is in heaven and free of pain. May God bless all of you.

Theresa OConnor - December 07, 2017 at 11:48 PM

VR

“ My sympathy to Patty and family.

Vicky Reetz - December 07, 2017 at 07:42 PM

JP

“ *To all the families
in our thoughts and prayers
John P Papineau*

John P Papineau - December 07, 2017 at 04:46 PM

MB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Vilt family.*

Mike & Betty Betourne



Michael Betourne - December 07, 2017 at 08:33 AM