



## James "Jim" K. McEwen

June 17, 1933 - November 27, 2020

James "Jim" K. McEwen, age 87, of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away Friday, November 27, 2020 at his home. He was born in Huntington, Tennessee on June 17, 1933, the son of Lafayette and Ethel (Melton) McEwen, both deceased.

Jim attended Huntington, TN public schools. He was a crane operator for Ford Motor Plant for 33 years and a self-employed farmer. On August 17, 1968 he married Beulah Hopkins in Rensselaer, who survives. Jim was a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints, a Pilgrim in the Loyal Order of Moose Post #2272, and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2548. He was most notable for playing Santa Claus for many gatherings and parties. Jim mostly loved his grandchildren and spoiling each and every one of them. He was very supportive of the Moose organization and the fellowship he shared with other members.

Jim is survived by his wife, Beulah McEwen; children: Brenda (Larry) Ellers, Edna Hopkins, Christal (Butch Selby) Kaufman, James K. McEwen Jr., Lou (Bob) Peterson, Sheila (Greg Leuck) Shafer; 24 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; and one brother, Billy McEwen.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, 5 sisters, 3 brothers, and 1 grandson.

Friends may visit with family on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer from 9:00 to 12:00 PM. A Private Funeral Service will follow at 12:00 PM at the mortuary with Rev. Marcia Smith-Wood officiating. Interment will be held at Weston Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Loyal Order of Moose #2272. To share a memory with the McEwen family, please visit [www.jacksonfuneral.com](http://www.jacksonfuneral.com)

Social distancing, maximum number of people will be enforced, and masks must be worn at all services due to current pandemic.



# Cemetery Details

## Weston Cemetery

Weston Cemetery  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5626

# Previous Events

## Visitation

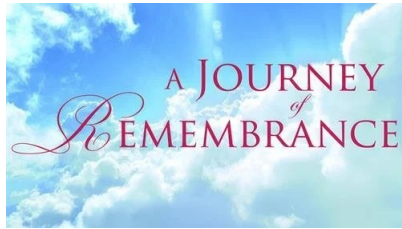
DEC 3. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
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# Tribute Wall



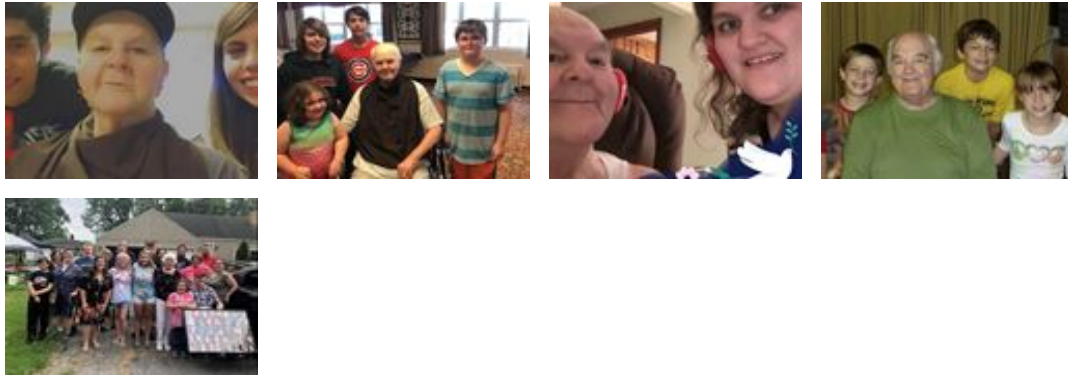
“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" K. McEwen*



**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - December 02, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ *6 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - December 05, 2020 at 04:34 PM

BS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in our thoughts & prayers  
-Salyer Family*

**Beth Salyer** - December 03, 2020 at 10:39 AM

CW

“ *Our hearts go out to all of you. Big Jim loved his family and friends and was my families Santa for many years. He was so sincere and genuine. I'll never forget one year my little niece (age 4) followed him to the door and when he left she said dreamily "That was the Real Santa" . I had to stop her at the door because she wanted follow him and see his reindeer. I know he will e greatly missed. Lifting you all up in prayer, Love Norm (Scott) and Carol.*

**Carolyn J. Williams** - December 03, 2020 at 05:54 AM



“ 48 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 02, 2020 at 06:37 PM

MW

*Kenneth Mcewen was my uncle and my family loved him so much. I remember as a child on the dirt roads in Tennessee he would sit me on his knee and let me ( drive the car) steer the car. My family will mis him tremendously. Until we meet again we love you.*

Mary Woodard - December 03, 2020 at 02:48 PM

LD

“ *I remember Jim as a young man. He was a gentle giant and such a good man. Rest well Jim.*

Larry DeMoss - December 02, 2020 at 09:56 AM

VH

“ *Christal, Larry & I are so sorry for your loss. We will keep you and your family in our Prayers....*



Valerie & Larry Heilman - December 02, 2020 at 12:53 AM

TB

“ *Rest in peace Mr Jim...condolences to all your family & friends...you will be truly missed sir 🙏💙🙏*



Tammy Bottoms - December 01, 2020 at 09:36 PM

HL

“ Homer And Theresa Lakin lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" K. McEwen



Homer and Theresa Lakin - December 01, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K. McEwen.



December 01, 2020 at 06:28 PM

EP

“ My condolences for the family of Mr. McEwen! Praying for Gods comfort at this time! 3 of his grandchildren are related to me and Shelia and her family are very dear friends. Rest in peace, Jim!



Elizabeth Prohosky - December 01, 2020 at 06:12 PM

GK

“ Greg Kaufman lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" K. McEwen



Greg Kaufman - December 01, 2020 at 05:54 PM

NR

“ Nancy And Richard Rhoades lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" K. McEwen



Nancy and Richard Rhoades - December 01, 2020 at 05:51 PM