



## James C. Worden

July 12, 1932 - April 3, 2018

James C. Worden, age 85, of Rensselaer passed away Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at Franciscan Health Rensselaer. Jim was born on July 12, 1932 in Rensselaer, Indiana to Carl Joseph and Lucy (Lane) Worden.

Jim graduated from Rensselaer High School with the Class of 1950. He attended one year at St. Joseph College in Rensselaer. Jim joined the United State Air Force on September 24, 1952. He was discharged from active service at Little Rock AFB, Jacksonville, Arkansas on September 23, 1956. On July 14, 1962, in Kingford Heights, Indiana Jim married the love of his life, Betty A. Bolakowski who survives.

He retired from St. Joseph College where he was employed in the Facility Maintenance Department. Jim previously had worked for Wrights Furniture as a floor covering installer.

Jim was a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Rensselaer, a past member of the St. Augustine Parish Council and most recently the Renovation Committee. Jim was a St. Joseph College Fellow and a past Boy Scout leader. He enjoyed sports and especially enjoyed watching the Chicago Bears when they practiced at St. Joseph College.

He enjoyed working on his genealogy and especially enjoyed helping others through the Jasper County Historical Society. He had a passion for being a weather watcher, loved reading history books and pertinent current affairs. Surviving with his loving wife Betty are their children, Lynda (Bruce) Anderson of Indianapolis, IN, Francis "Frank" (Mary Jane) Worden of Ann Arbor, MI and

Jenny (Kip) Chandler of Peru, IN; five grandchildren, Elaine and Carl Anderson, Benjamin Worden and Katie and Michael Chandler; and his brother, Charles "Chuck" Worden of Camden, NC.

Friends will be received at the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Rensselaer on Saturday, April 7, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday at the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Rensselaer with Fr. Don Davison officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Rensselaer with military honors. Memorials are suggested to the St. Augustine Catholic Church or the St. Augustine Catholic School. Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Calvary Cemetery - Rensselaer

Mt. Calvary Cemetery  
Rensselaer, IN 47978

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church  
318 North McKinley Avenue  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5351  
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

## Funeral Mass

APR 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church  
318 North McKinley Avenue  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
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# Tribute Wall

JE

“ We do not need a dictionary to define "Friend." The life of Jim Worden spells it out. A lifetime friend, part of a special car-pool and school, and our resident correspondent for Rensselaer updates. We have been so blessed to have Jim in our lives.

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**Jim and Mary Eshleman** - April 06, 2018 at 04:26 PM

SF

“ Susan and Martin Hurwitz and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James C. Worden.



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**Susan and Martin Hurwitz and family** - April 06, 2018 at 10:27 AM

BE

“ What a super guy! Our thoughts and prayers go to you Betty and to your children.

*Bob and Gail Evans*

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**Bob and Gail Evans** - April 05, 2018 at 06:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James C. Worden.



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April 05, 2018 at 04:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James C. Worden.*



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April 05, 2018 at 08:36 AM



“ *Mr . Worden was always friendly and kind to me. I was grateful to know him. My sympathies go to Frank, Mary Jane, and Ben, and all the Worden family. May Mr. Worden rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon him. Gail Fromes*

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**Gail Fromes** - April 05, 2018 at 08:30 AM



“ *It's with great sadness that we learn of Mr. Worden's passing. What comes rushing to mind was his tall stature, beaming smile and the soft, even cadence when he spoke. He was friendly but moreover, he was incredibly generous and devoted to all that came into his world.*

*He had the rare talent to build and restore with integrity. When we were kids he laid a new carpet in our home. It was magical! We laid and played on that carpet, watched our Gilligan's Island while eating cinnamon and sugar toast. Little did we realize that he along with so many other wonderful Renesselaer dads of his generation helped lay the foundation of comfort, security and unconditional love for us kids. Thank you Mr. Worden!*

*Lynne Chesak Udalov along with all my brothers and sisters*

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**Lynne Udalov** - April 04, 2018 at 10:46 PM

RN

“ Rose Nesius lit a candle in memory of James C. Worden



Rose Nesius - April 04, 2018 at 10:31 PM

MD

“ My thoughts and prayers to all the Worden family during this difficult time.  
Tom and Mary Beth DeRubeis

Mary DeRubeis - April 04, 2018 at 06:40 PM

SH

“ Sheila Hanewich lit a candle in memory of James C. Worden



Sheila Hanewich - April 04, 2018 at 06:08 PM

PP

“ I met Jim when I worked with him at St. Joseph College he was a wonderful man, And Betty and he were such a loving couple and did so many wonderful things for anyone who needed a helping hand. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Pamela Pettet - April 04, 2018 at 05:06 PM

TR

“ Sending you all our deepest sympathy and hugs. I am so thankful for Jim and Betty Worden who so graciously adopted so many extra Puma daughters into their families. Thank you Jenny for sharing your wonderful dad with us.

*With love Tricia Stitz*

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**Tricia** - April 04, 2018 at 04:53 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of James C. Worden.*



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April 04, 2018 at 04:36 PM

 Anjee  
Smith

“ *Jim was a cousin to my mom somewhere down the line. He was such a wonderful man to know and he always made me smile whenever I'd run into him around town and have a good conversation. Betty, I send my deepest condolences to you and the rest of the family during this difficult time. Im sorry that I won't be able to attend Jim's visitation or the funeral mass due to work, but know that I'll be thinking of you guys.*



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**Anjee Smith** - April 04, 2018 at 12:32 PM

RK

“ *Ron And Joan Kaufman lit a candle in memory of James C. Worden*



Ron and Joan Kaufman - April 04, 2018 at 10:37 AM

ML

“ *Martha Langlely lit a candle in memory of James C. Worden*



Martha Langlely - April 04, 2018 at 09:55 AM

CK

“ *Chuck And Pat Kohley lit a candle in memory of James C. Worden*



Chuck and Pat Kohley - April 04, 2018 at 09:44 AM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of James C. Worden*



Judy Burvan - April 04, 2018 at 08:43 AM

CF

“ You have our deepest sympathies.



Chris and Pat Scheurich & family - April 04, 2018 at 08:12 AM

GW

“ So sorry for your loss. Always a pleasure to see Jim never without a smile.



Gayla Warran - April 04, 2018 at 08:02 AM

Mary Worden

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Mary Worden - April 04, 2018 at 06:56 AM

RH

“ Prayers for his soul and family!



Rita Hawkins - April 04, 2018 at 06:43 AM

TF

“ Jim was such a warm and caring person. Living near Jim he offered his assistance including his ladder that could reach a second story home:) Sitting behind Jim at church for years made us feel like part of a club:) Jim is in our thoughts and prayers. Love always, The Massoels Family



The Massoels Family - April 03, 2018 at 10:10 PM

JS

“ Jim and Betty have been wonderful friends to our family. Linda, Frank and Jenny classmates and friends to our children. A special memory of Jim was his love of hats. I always tried to give him the latest State Bank hat. My prayers are with the family.

Judy Smith - April 03, 2018 at 08:17 PM

Deb Brouillette

“ Jim was a special person. He always had a smile on his face ... and he just radiated kindness. He will be missed. I so enjoyed talking books with him ... sharing with each other books the other one might enjoy.

Deb Brouillette - April 03, 2018 at 06:57 PM

BC

“ Bill And Sue Conley lit a candle in memory of James C. Worden



Bill and Sue Conley - April 03, 2018 at 06:52 PM

JW

“ Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. What a kind and caring individual!  
We will miss you. Sympathies to Betty and all the family. Love from  
Jody and Peter Watkins

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**Jody Watkins** - April 03, 2018 at 06:06 PM

MC

“ So sorry to hear this. Jim was a great guy and all the years we  
worked together at St Joe - he always had a smile. He will be  
missed  
Fr Tim McFarland

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**McFarland** - April 03, 2018 at 05:58 PM