



James Edward Keys

February 8, 1960 - May 16, 2009

James Edward Keys, age 49 of Rensselaer, passed away Saturday May 16, 2009 at the St. Mary's Health Care Center in Lafayette. Jim was born in Lafayette, IN on February 8, 1960 to Troy Ralph and Mary Evelyn (VanVoorst) Keys, both deceased.

Jim graduated from North White High School, Class of 1978. He was an electrician and worked for the Hamstra Group for 12 years. On June 28, 1986, in Monon, Indiana, he married Michele Gull.

Jim is survived by:

Shelby Evelyn Keys, daughter, Rensselaer, IN

Judy (Gene) Finchum, sister, Indianapolis, IN

Darla (Tim) Gordon, sister, W. Lafayette, IN

Gary (Robin) Keys, brother, Archbold, OH

Vickie Keys, sister, Monon, IN

Michele Gull, former spouse, Rensselaer, IN

Susan Keys, sister-in-law, Wauseon, OH

Nieces & Nephews - Dereck Wireman, DeeDee Settlemyre, Bob Gordon, Ann Martin, Dana Keys, Patrick J. Keys, Jeffrey Gull, Matthew Gull, Michael Mincer, Cody Gull, Christina Gull, Austin Gull, Dacia Wiener, Deirdre Wiener, David Wiener, Chandler Gull, Alexander Gull and several great nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by:

Troy Ralph Keys and Mary Evelyn Keys, parents

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **19**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I just wanted you all th know I was thinking about you. Jim's courage is an inspiration.##imported-begin##Susan Whitlow##imported-end##

May 19, 2009 at 11:51 PM



“ For some moments in life, there are no words. But heartfelt sympathy and kindest thoughts to the Keys family, in you time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Kathy (Strong) Hershman##imported-end##

May 19, 2009 at 08:35 PM



“ Darla, Tim and Keys family. We was hoping to come over tonight to visit and give you a hug, but our plans have changed with a phone call and we will not be coming. We wanted you all to know that you are in our prayers and we are thinking of you and the peace that Jim is feeling with his/your parents and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray for your continued peace and love for him and someday we all will join him for our celebration of a new pain free life:)
Luv You all..
Trudy * Jim##imported-begin##Trudy * Jim Krintz##imported-end##

May 19, 2009 at 06:31 PM



“ I was so sorry to read of Jim's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Pat Faker Martin##imported-end##

May 19, 2009 at 02:05 PM



“ Vickie, I just want you to know that you and your family are in my prayers. I am really sorry for your loss. If you ever need a shoulder or anything, just let me know.##imported-begin##Danette Meyers##imported-end##

May 19, 2009 at 02:04 PM



“ Dear Gary & Robin,

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Doug & Connie##imported-begin##Doug & Connie Koch##imported-end##

May 19, 2009 at 12:29 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Jimmy. He was always a great guy with a great big heart. My prayers are with all of you.
Carol##imported-begin##Carol [Madlung] Smith##imported-end##

May 19, 2009 at 07:03 AM



“ To all the family of Jim especially Shelby. I am so sorry to hear about the death of our loved one. I have recently moved to Arkansas and started a new job and will not be able to be with all of you on this day. Jim was very special in the fact that he always made me laugh. No matter what was going on with him he always seemed to have that smile and laugh. He was so proud of you Shelby and always remember that. You were his number one priority in life and he loved you more than life itself. Make your Daddy proud. He always was. It don't seem right at times and it don't seem fair. Try to remember that we are all part of God's plan and everything happens in HIS time not ours. Don't let anyone ever tell you they know how you feel because they don't and can't. Only you know how you feel. People can feel for you and sympathize for you and with you, but they will never know how YOU feel. I love you all.
Cousin Becky###imported-begin##Becky Keys###imported-end##

May 18, 2009 at 11:29 PM



“ To the family of Jim Keys. Please except my deepest and sincere sympathy. Darla sure has always been a dear friend and I'm sure a very devoted sister to Jim.

Sincerely,

Connie###imported-begin##Connie Westerhouse###imported-end##

May 18, 2009 at 08:19 PM



“ To the family of Jim Keys your in my thoughts and payers.I will always remember Jim as a person who like to laugh and smile.Two great qualities Jim had.I will share with you some verses from"Yours Forever" by John Mellencamp:This precious time we've only borrowed A queit thought will tell our story Take these tears, wash away your sorrows Tomorrow still holds out its hands to you.
Sincerely,
Michael Banes###imported-begin##Michael Banes###imported-end##

May 18, 2009 at 11:21 AM



“ Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Love
Sid and Jennifer###imported-begin##Sid and Jennifer
Beauchamp###imported-end##

May 18, 2009 at 09:12 AM



“ my thoughts and prayer are with you .###imported-begin##kelly
(keys) britton###imported-end##

May 18, 2009 at 05:12 AM



“ Darla, so sorry to hear about your brother. Sorry I didn't know him.
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Hope to talk to you soon.
Love you, Suzie###imported-begin##Suzie Keeler###imported-end##

May 17, 2009 at 11:30 PM



“ Jim was a great guy and an outstanding father and family member. Treasure your memories ... they will bring many smiles to your faces in the times to come. We're sure Jim has a lot of catching up to do with Evelyn and Troy. They would be very proud of all their children for taking such loving care of Jim. Remember the good times ... Jim would want it that way. You are in our thoughts and prayers!##imported-begin##Curt, Tammy, and Danica Craig##imported-end##

May 17, 2009 at 10:51 PM