



James Edward "Mike" Laffoon

August 30, 1935 - November 9, 2013

James Edward "Mike" Laffoon, age 78, of Morocco, Ind., passed away Saturday, November 9, 2013 at the Jasper County Hospital. Mike was born August 30, 1935 in Colfax Township, Newton County, Indiana, the son of Eddie M. (Kielmeier) and Edward Laffoon, both deceased.

Mike, a skilled machinist, worked for Sealy Springs in Rensselaer for 17 years before his retirement.

On December 30, 1953, in Mt. Ayr, Indiana, Mike married Wilma Jean Yoder who passed away August 4, 2002.

Mike was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Rensselaer Moose Lodge #2272 and the Southern Lake County Conservation Club. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a regular around the Willow Slough Game Preserve.

Mike is survived by three daughters, Cynthia (Shane) Patterson of Kentland, Ind.; Cathy (Gene) Troyer and Lisa (Dean) Miller both of Middlebury, Ind.; LaVerne Rush, his Significant Other; two brothers, Wayne (Vivian) Laffoon and Sherman "Pat" (Jan) Laffoon, both of Middlebury, Ind; 11 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Wilma, a daughter, Renee Marcotte, 3 sisters, 5 brothers and one granddaughter.

Friends may call at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 from 4:00 -8:00 P.M. Funeral services will be

held at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 10:30 A.M. Interment will follow at Memory Gardens of Rensselaer. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rensselaer Moose Lodge.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
info@jacksonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

NOV 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of James Edward "Mike" Laffoon



Jackson Funeral Chapels - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a good man who could always make you smile. Although I only saw him occasionally over the years, he always had time for me and would continually remind me of how ornery I was growing up! He and Wilma were very good to we Mount Ayr kids well over 50 years ago. I remember great times growing up with the girls. Rest in peace, Mike. My sincerest condolences go out to Mike's girls.
Howie Marshall



Howie Marshall - November 22, 2013 at 07:24 PM

KW

“ Kerby And Phyllis Wireman lit a candle in memory of James Edward "Mike" Laffoon



Kerby and Phyllis Wireman - November 13, 2013 at 07:06 PM

KW

We are very sad to hear about Mikes passing it was a pleasure to work with Mike at Sealy, he was a great friend..

Kerby and Phyllis Wireman - November 13, 2013 at 07:09 PM

DA

“ *Debby { Hopp }, John Anderson lit a candle in memory of James Edward "Mike" Laffoon*



Debby { Hopp }, John Anderson - November 13, 2013 at 05:20 PM

DF

“ *Dear Family,
I was so sorry to hear about " Mike ".
He was a great man and a friend of mine for 40 years.
he was my coiler guy off and on At Sealy Spring, Inc.
Mike was very friendly and a great guy.
He will be sadly missed for sure.
With Our Deepest Sympathy,
Debby [Hopp], John Anderson & Family
[Rensselaer]*

Debby { Hopp }, John Anderson & family - November 13, 2013 at 05:20 PM

“ I recently made acquaintance with another James “Jim” Laffoon on Facebook from Des Plains IL that friended me primarily because he has been putting together data on the ancestry of the Laffoon name. He is from the same line of Laffoon’s as us and from Madisonville Ky. And also looks like he could fit right in with our Laffoon’s with Cleft Chin and all. He laughed and said that wasn’t the first he was told that about the cleft chin and said it must be a Laffoon trait that’s been passed down the line. He sent me an ancestry print out from myself going back as far as it will go to a Mathew Laffoon from Virginia in the 1700’s. Let me know if you want an Adobe file form email me at kev.laffoon@gmail.com Put “MIKE” in subject line so I will see it.

Jim sent me a file on the famous Golfer George “KY” Laffoon from the 30’s and 40’s. My father “Lloyd” had that same page some years ago but didn’t remember exactly how the story went until I read it recently. WHAT does all this have to do with Uncle Mike? Well it turns out KY Laffoon the golfer was a BIG story teller. Imagine that? I said well that holds true with our Laffoon’s it must be passed down through the generations. Ky Laffoon kept the press and other reporters entertained for hours and sometimes had them in stitches. Ky’s complexion was darker color and some young reporter once asked him if the rumor was true if he was in fact Indian and he turned and said yep full blooded Comanche and so the big story went on from there that he was of Indian decent. I think he was from Comanche County Missouri.

Like KY Laffoon Uncle Mike and his brothers and sometimes sisters were joyful BIG story tellers. They all were in to coon hunting with dogs at one time or another I sometimes got to go along. Years ago Mike’s dog was called Lead. Because he said it was always leading and all the other dogs were behind it. So Mike lined up a pup from someone for my father. Later when Mike asked him what he named it. My father said he named it Trailer because it was always going to be doing the trailing. Mike always said my father named his dog Trailer because it was always trailing Lead because it didn’t know how to trail or hunt. So there was always joking words back and forth over Lead and Trailer.

At home I remember many times Trailer getting loose and running like a bullet back to our woods and you could hear him late at night barking up a storm and dad would sometimes go out in the woods at 2:00 AM and drag Trailer off a tree of coons. Well Mike always said oh he wasn't after coons he was on a Deer trail. So the joking always went.

Mike was also a big Deer hunter. He had a special spot down on the Iroquois river somewhere south of Brook. He wouldn't ever share the spot either it was his. He always got one or two and sometimes more Deer every year.

Mike was also good for cooking up some dish like barbecued Coon and trying to tell you it was really something else. Or giving you some real HOT Pepper out of his garden and trying to convince you they were sweet and mild and NOT Hot at all until you finally tasted one and found out the truth.

*We'll all miss you Uncle Mike and all the memories. I'm sorry I didn't get by to visit you in later years like I should have, Rest in peace!
Nephew, Kevin D. Laffoon*

Kevin Laffoon - November 13, 2013 at 12:24 PM

CP

“ My dad was a great family man. He always looked forward to seeing everyone on the holidays and whenever they would be around. He loved to hunt and fish and passed this on to his grandchildren. He enjoyed having a good time and being surrounded by his friends. I have spent a lot of time with him since my mother passed away and will miss him greatly. I love you Dad. Cindy

Cindy Patterson - November 13, 2013 at 06:46 AM

JM

“ Mayor,
You will be missed so much, by so many.
Playing bumper boats, ugliest deer contest,
and generally you sharing hunting and fishing
stories. Our deepest sympathy to Cindy, Cat,
Lisa, Laverne and the rest of the family. He will be missed deeply,
but we are all fortunate enough to have been a part of his life,
and his memories will live on with us forever!
Rest in Peace Dad!
Jim and Deb



Jim and Deb Mathews - November 12, 2013 at 05:11 PM

BR

“ So sorry to hear this, I always loved Mike had a lot of fun !!! He will
be missed, Sending Prayers

Bob and Rhonda - November 11, 2013 at 07:27 PM

LB

“ Mike was always the farmer to me and always had a smile we
teased each other all the time and I knew Mike and Wilma for 54yrs.
He never changed and we always were good friends. He will be
missed in my life. Larry and Judy Bingham

Larry/Judy Bingham - November 11, 2013 at 07:08 PM

MW

“ Mike & Carla Wheeldon lit a candle in
memory of James Edward "Mike" Laffoon



Mike & Carla Wheeldon - November 11, 2013 at 01:44 PM

DH

“ *Danny & Stacy Hughes lit a candle in memory of James Edward "Mike" Laffoon*



Danny & Stacy Hughes - November 11, 2013 at 01:04 PM

SH

“ *Going to miss you Mikey*



Shari - November 11, 2013 at 01:03 PM

RY

“ *Lisa, Dean, Alisha and Nick. I am so very sorry for the loss of your Dad/Grandpa. I just want you to all know we are praying for you and love you*

Rhea Yoder - November 11, 2013 at 12:43 PM

BN

“ *Bill And Donna Nemeth lit a candle in memory of James Edward "Mike" Laffoon*



Bill and Donna Nemeth - November 10, 2013 at 07:56 PM

JD

“ *Jennie Dewees lit a candle in memory of
James Edward "Mike" Laffoon*



jennie Dewees - November 10, 2013 at 07:32 PM