



## James M. Feleki

June 23, 1930 - January 10, 2010

James M. Feleki age 79, of DeMotte, IN passed away on January 10, 2010. He was born on June 23, 1930 aboard ship of the RMS Mauretania while crossing the Atlantic to the U.S., the son of the late Henry & Suzanna (Hegyi) Feleki, both deceased.

On June 15, 1957, he married Jolene Benoit, who survives. Jim attended primary school in Chicago, IL and in 1936 his family moved to Gilliam Twp, Indiana where he continued his studies before helping on the family farm. He later became a metal finisher and worked for the Budd Company in Gary, IN for 28 years and an additional 3 years in Philadelphia where he retired in 1985. After retirement, he worked for Kaper's Building Materials in DeMotte and helped Rex Myers on his farm in Wheatfield. From 1952 - 1954, James served his country in the US Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Wheatfield American Legion, Post # 406 and a past member of the DeMotte American Legion, Post #440, the Philadelphia American Legion, Post #2, and the Lowell VFW Post #6841. Jim enjoyed fishing with his wife Jolene at their cottage in Beechwood, Wisconsin.

James is survived by his loving wife, Jolene Feleki;  
Children; Donna (Kevin) Paradis, Hobart, IN;  
Susan (John) Christopher, DeMotte, IN;  
Michelle (Mark) Mulhern, DeMotte, IN;

Annette (Mike) Grundell, Wheatfield, IN;  
11 grandchildren & 7 Great-Grandchildren;  
Sister - Esther (Lyle) Kessinger, DeMotte, IN;  
Brothers - John (Gail) Feleki, Rensselaer, IN;  
Julius Demeter, Hemet, CA;  
Orwin (Betty) Demeter, Grass Valley, CA

# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of James M. Feleki



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - January 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Jolene and family.. was so shocked to hear about Jim. Know that you are all in my heart and in my prayers. For the longest time, I always felt as part of your family. Donna, I know I can't be there, but I hope you feel a huge hug from me. Love you all, Betty##imported-begin##Betty Bierma##imported-end##

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January 12, 2010 at 04:36 PM



“ Dear Jolene and Family,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours, and may God's love surround you in this time of need.*

*Love Muriel Lothian##imported-begin##Muriel (McGuire) Lothian##imported-end##*

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January 12, 2010 at 01:11 PM



“ To the Feleki Family, I am sorry to hear about the passing of a Husband, Father and for what I remember a very funny and great person to be around during family get-togethers, which were a long time ago. Obviously, I was very young since the last time I saw Jim, however...I do have a good memory. I think of him as the man who helped me validate a dream...To Fly! This was arranged, by Jim, in Mr. Fritz's Cherokee. Thank-you Jim! I hope all is well with everyone during this time. Respectfully, Jeff Hegyi - Son of John & Danuta Hegyi###imported-begin##Jeff Hegyi###imported-end##

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January 11, 2010 at 02:32 PM



“ Wishing you peace...###imported-begin##Alesia Klauer###imported-end##

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January 11, 2010 at 08:12 AM