



Kim "Hank" F. Rusk

December 5, 1956 - October 3, 2025

Kim Francis "Hank" Rusk, 68, of Rensselaer, Indiana passed away on October 3rd, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. He was born on December 5th, 1956, in Jasper County, Indiana as the third son of John Howard and Evelyn (Jonas) Rusk.

As an adventurous youth, Hank developed life-long friendships with neighbors and enjoyed spending time on the waters of Lake Shafer. Eager to work for his father at the Johnny Rusk Company, Hank's strong work ethic paid off where he purchased his favorite car, a 1969 Dodge Super Bee at the age of 15.

A graduate of Rensselaer Central High School in 1976, Hank continued to work for his father and met the love of his life Lori Barkley. They married on August 11th, 1979, and soon after welcomed son Randy. After his father retired, Hank joined the United Furniture Workers Union (IUW Local 303) and began his career working at the local Sealy Springs/Leggett & Platt factory. In 1986, Hank warmly welcomed another son Seth to the family. He continued to work in various roles at the factory until he retired after 32 years of dedicated service.

Over the years, Hank selflessly helped friends and family in need. He meticulously restored his childhood home, cared for both domestic and

neighborhood wildlife, and enjoyed spending the weekends with his wife at the local winery. As a grandfather, he was lovingly known as "Papa". In a final act of kindness, Hank donated to the Gift of Hope organization. He will be dearly missed by those who knew him and forever remembered by those who loved him.

Hank is survived by his loving family, wife Lori (Barkley) Rusk of Rensselaer, IN; brother Eric Paul "Rick" Rusk of Buffalo, IN; son Random "Randy" Rusk of Rensselaer, IN; granddaughter Sonny Anderson of DeMotte, IN and grandson Random "Ollie" Rusk of Rensselaer, IN. Mother-in-law, Carolyn Barkley, and Brother-in-law Steve Barkley of Rensselaer, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents John Howard & Evelyn, his brother James John Rusk, and son Seth Thomas Rusk. Father-in-law, Larry Barkley.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ *Lori, I just learned about your loss. You have my sincere sympathy! May Hank rest in peace! My God Bless You and Your Family!*
Rodney Pitstick

Rodney Pitstick - November 15, 2025 at 09:22 AM

MA

“ *Mary And lit a candle in memory of Kim "Hank" F. Rusk*



Mary and - October 10, 2025 at 08:37 PM



“ *22 files added to the album Memories Album*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - October 09, 2025 at 09:56 AM

ML

Hank was a great Milroy neighbor. Lori so sorry for your loss! We all grew up together on Milroy and the river, the Indian Trail,, we called it, He will be missed.Maryu and susan Lewis

Mary and Susan Lewis - October 10, 2025 at 08:48 PM

ST

“ Sorry to hear about Hank. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. He'll be missed. Steve and Patti George

Steve - October 07, 2025 at 07:18 PM

MB

“ So sorry to hear of Hank's passing.



Myles Beeching - October 07, 2025 at 06:13 PM

DF

“ I want to thank whoever invited Hank and Lori to the camp outs. lots of great memories ! Dan and LaDonna

Dan Frantz - October 07, 2025 at 05:15 PM

KS

“ Kevin Mary Scheurich lit a candle in memory of Kim "Hank" F. Rusk



Kevin Mary Scheurich - October 07, 2025 at 02:20 PM

BP

“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss.



Bob & Heidi Phillips - October 07, 2025 at 01:20 PM

ML

“ Martha Langlely lit a candle in memory of Kim
"Hank" F. Rusk



Martha Langlely - October 07, 2025 at 10:29 AM

MD

“ Mike Dock lit a candle in memory of Kim
"Hank" F. Rusk



Mike Dock - October 07, 2025 at 10:00 AM

MC

“ Mary Jo Casey lit a candle in memory of Kim
"Hank" F. Rusk



Mary Jo Casey - October 07, 2025 at 08:30 AM

ED

“ I'm really sorry to hear of Hank's passing.
He was a good guy.
My condolences to his family.

Ed Davisson - October 07, 2025 at 08:08 AM

KS

“ Hank was always kind to me in school and
when I walked by the business going to post
office. He seemed to always be working on a
car. God comfort Lori and all of his family



Karen Shelley - October 07, 2025 at 12:36 AM

GS

“ Gary Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Kim
"Hank" F. Rusk



Gary Sheffer - October 06, 2025 at 10:48 PM

EB

“ Lori, we are so sorry for your loss of Hank. We enjoyed getting to
visit with you both at the winery. We will always remember his
wonderful laugh. We love you and are keeping you in our prayers!

Ed & Beckie - October 06, 2025 at 09:33 PM

DE

“ George & I are so sorry to hear of Hanks passing. Hank was dedicated to his family and loved you all very much.



Deb Ellis - October 06, 2025 at 07:40 PM

DS

“ Prayers for the family. Yes Hank was a great man. Very devoted to his father John while he was in alterncare.



Donna Sullivan - October 06, 2025 at 05:43 PM

BH

“ We are so sorry to hear about Hank he was such a great guy . Bill & Sherry Holbrook



Bill & Sherry Holbrook - October 06, 2025 at 05:20 PM

JM

“ Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of Kim "Hank" F. Rusk



Jerry Miller - October 06, 2025 at 05:15 PM

DH

“ Dale Huhn lit a candle in memory of Kim
"Hank" F. Rusk



Dale Huhn - October 06, 2025 at 04:00 PM

TS

“ Tim And Linda Shide lit a candle in memory of
Kim "Hank" F. Rusk



Tim and Linda Shide - October 06, 2025 at 03:17 PM

CS

“ Sorry For Your Loss Lori Sending Thoughts
And Prayers To You And Family.



Cindy Sheffer - October 06, 2025 at 03:16 PM