



James D. "Jim" McKeller

September 10, 1939 - April 6, 2022

James D. "Jim" McKeller, age 82 years, a resident of rural Tunnel Hill, Illinois, passed away Wednesday evening, April 6, 2022, at 8:32 PM at the Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion, Illinois.

Jim was born September 10, 1939 in Ballard County, Kentucky. He was the son of Archie and Lou Anna (Moss) McKeller.

On November 1, 1958, Jim was united in marriage to Donna Hooper in Kankakee, Illinois. She survives.

Jim is also survived by: his children – Crystal (Keith) Knepper of Bonfield, Illinois and Dean (Ame) McKeller of Williston, North Dakota; 4 grandchildren - Kaelan Knepper, Kelsey Knepper, Taylor McKeller, and Mia McKeller; a sister-in-law – Ruby McKeller of Joliet, Illinois; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by: an infant daughter – Vicki McKeller; 2 brothers – Don (Alma) McKeller and Emmett McKeller; a nephew – Donald McKeller; and a niece – Kathy Coulter.

Jim was a 1958 graduate of Reddick High School. He was employed for 9 years in the manufacturing department of Reynolds Aluminum in McCook,

Illinois. He was then employed by Amoco (later B.P. Amoco) Chemical in Joliet. He initially worked in the production department and later served as a foreman, prior to his retirement at the age of 55.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, and hunting.

A funeral service honoring the life of Jim McKeller will be conducted Monday, April 11, 2022, at 11 AM at Bethlehem Church, 900 Robinwoods Lane, Tunnel Hill, Illinois. Pastor Jeff Morrow will officiate.

Burial will be in the Bethlehem Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Monday morning, April 11, 2022, from 10 AM – 11 AM at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Bethlehem Church, c/o Bailey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 695, Vienna, IL 62995

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Cemetery

900 Robinwoods Lane
Tunnel Hill, IL 62972

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Church
900 Robinwoods Lane
Tunnel Hill, IL 62972

Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Church
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Tunnel Hill, IL 62972

Tribute Wall



“ *James D. "Jim" McKeller*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM

DM

Miss you Dad Love you

Dean Mckeller - April 05 at 06:15 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James D. "Jim" McKeller.*



April 11, 2022 at 12:58 PM

CC

“ *We always loved visiting with Donna and Jimmy at Duke & Diane's house. RIP Jim. We were blessed to call you a friend of the family. Thank you for making us laugh until we had tears in our eyes. My deepest sympathies to Donna and your family. Christine Clark-Haren. Duke (Bonus dad) and Diane's oldest daughter and family.*

Clark-Haren, Christine - April 10, 2022 at 09:28 PM



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Crystal Knepper - April 10, 2022 at 05:47 PM



Great picture

Dino Mckeller - April 12, 2022 at 12:27 AM

BR

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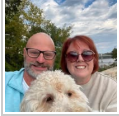
Brenda Harris Randles - April 10, 2022 at 05:06 PM

BR

BEST OF FRIENDS for many, many decades! Making many memories and sharing so many life moments together! Hunting, fishing, playing ROOK, family get togethers, attending church together...one of Dad's other brothers from another mom and dad. Very much loved and so happy that we will all be together again one day! "One glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away..."

We all love you and your family very much! 🙏❤️

Brenda Harris Randles - April 10, 2022 at 05:15 PM



I love this writing Brenda thank you for posting and making today special for my Dad and family

Dino Mckeller - April 12, 2022 at 12:39 AM

BC

“ Our family is thankful to have known this man and be his neighbor for 10 years. A true testament of making the best of each day, having zero excuses and creating moments of happiness in circumstances others may use for negativity.

Brooke Copher - April 10, 2022 at 03:36 PM



Thank you for the help that you give mom and Dad! The wreath you made was so beautiful and fitting for my father made the day even more special than it already was

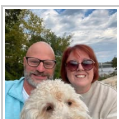
Dino Mckeller - April 12, 2022 at 12:35 AM

WM

“ RIP Uncle Jim , We definitely had some good memories the last few years doing what we enjoyed !! Wayne



Wayne McKeller - April 09, 2022 at 10:02 PM



Thank you Wayne for the flower arrangement and attending today! It was good to see you.

Dino Mckeller - April 12, 2022 at 12:41 AM

PM

“ Aunt Donna, Crystal & Dean,
I'm so sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you all. May he Rest
In Peace!
Love & Hugs Penny

Penny McKeller - April 09, 2022 at 09:58 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the
family of James D. "Jim" McKeller.

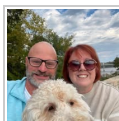


April 09, 2022 at 09:42 PM

SK

“ I know you will be singing “I can't walk without you holding my hand”
to everyone in heaven while roasting those hot dogs! You were a
wonderful church friend! Mitz and Sharon karraker

sharon karraker - April 09, 2022 at 08:43 AM



Thank you Sharon

Dino Mckeller - April 12, 2022 at 12:37 AM

SG

“ Donna & family I am so sorry for your loss. I
am going to miss my good friend. He was
such a sweet man who loved his family & the
Lord very much.



Sondra Goins - April 09, 2022 at 01:19 AM



Thank you

Dino Mckeller - April 12, 2022 at 12:43 AM

KA

“ *Miss you forever and always Grandpa. Fly High!*

Kaelan - April 08, 2022 at 11:48 PM

AM

“ *Jim, you will be missed by all your family and friends. You are in heaven now, free from all the pain and suffering, I know you are fishing and enjoying coco fudge sundaes. ❤️ Ame*

Ame Mckeller - April 08, 2022 at 09:22 PM

RK

Many great memories with you Jim shoring up my hunting abilities, you will be missed !

R. Keith Knepper - April 08, 2022 at 09:57 PM

RM

Jim my friend . Loved golfing with you at the Gambit. You will be missed by all that had the opportunity to know you. Godspeed my friend, fish, hunt and golf with God.

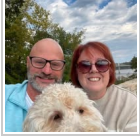
Rich Marose - April 09, 2022 at 10:36 AM

PR

I will miss you old friend, but have faith that one day I will golf and fish with you in Heaven.

Philip Robinson

Philip Robinson - April 09, 2022 at 04:49 PM



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Dino Mckeller - April 08, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ Love you Dad. Will miss you forever!

Crystal Knepper - April 08, 2022 at 09:02 PM



“ Your kids love ya Dad

Dino Mckeller - April 08, 2022 at 08:56 PM



“ Proud to have you as a Friend. You will be missed Love you Buddy.
Art Albert



Art Albert - April 08, 2022 at 07:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James D. "Jim" McKeller.*



April 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM



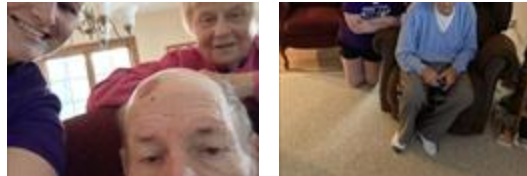
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Dino Mckeller - April 08, 2022 at 04:50 PM



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Kelsey Knepper - April 08, 2022 at 01:58 PM