



James Walker "Jim" Emrick

February 21, 1934 - April 19, 2011

James Walker "Jim" Emrick, 77, of Wapakoneta, died 6:51 a.m., Tues. April 19, 2011, at the St. Rita's Medical Center Emergency Room, following a sudden illness. He was born Feb. 21, 1934, in St. Johns, Oh, the son of Earnest & Norma (Hemmert) Emrick, who preceded him in death. On June 4, 1955, he married Ruth A. Thuman, and she survives. Other survivors include, 6 children, Ann (Charlie) Shoup, Susan (Donnie) Nichols, Jan (Joseph) Green, all of Wapakoneta, David (Kimberly) Emrick, Westchester, OH, Anthony (Robin) Emrick, Carmel, IN, Jack (Lisa Bowman) Emrick, St. Marys, OH, 15 grandchildren, Craig Walkup, Emily Walkup, Nathan (Alicia) Green, Natalie Green, Joda Green, Jennifer Shoup, Brooke (Zach) Mullen, Reid Emrick, Austin Emrick, Andrew Emrick, Raquel Emrick, Trevor Emrick, Taylor Emrick, Carter Bowman, & Joselyn Bowman, 2 brothers, Jonathon (Jane) Emrick, Ocean View, DE, Richard (Shirley) Emrick, Cridersville, OH, A brother-in-law & sister-in-law, Gene (Cheryl) Thuman, Wapakoneta, numerous nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Natalie Perry. Jim retired in 1988 from the Allen Co. Engineers Dept. after 21 years service. Prior to that he had worked 19 years with the Auglaize Co. Engineers Dept. Jim was also an O.H.S.A.A. varsity basketball official for 23 years. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta. A 1952 graduate of Blume High School, he was also a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Post. #330, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691, and the former B.P.O.E. #1170, all of Wapakoneta. He was the 2003 recipient of the

Lifetime Achievement Award for Unselfish Service from the Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, and attending their sporting events. His hobbies included golfing and tinkering on various projects. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Tues. April 26, 2011, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, Fr. Matthew Lee officiating. The family will receive friends in the Parish Life Center at St. Joseph following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation or the Wright State University Dept. of Anatomy.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Dear Ruth, I was deeply saddened by the news of Jim's passing. Jim was a very special person and was always there for me when I was growing up. I always looked up to him. He will be deeply missed but never ever forgotten.

Denny King - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

MD

“ I was shocked to hear this news from my brother, Deron. I will always remember Jim's huge smile and love for his family, friends and Redskins. I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathies to all of you.

Molly (Horman) Davis - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

MM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God Bless you! Matt, Deb, Nik & Jordan

Matt & Deb Mains - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

BM

“ Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. Jim was a wonderful man and we are glad to have spent time with you both. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Brenda & Darren Meyer - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

TH

“ To the entire Emrick family: You are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm really sorry for your loss and realize how difficult this is for all of you. Jim was one of the coolest dads around and will be truly missed. My condolences to all of you.

Tony Heintl - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

WN

“ Ruth and Family You are in our thoughts and prayers. We had some good times together. May God help you through these difficult days and cherish the memories. The Wachauf's

Wackie & Norma - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

BS

“ Tony, Very sorry for your loss. No one can take the place of a father. Reading his obituary, I can sense that he was surrounded by a very loving family. May you and your family find strength from each other to get through this difficult time. May God be with you and your family.

Brad Sofronas - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

MP

“ To everyone im so sorry to hear of your loss. Your father was a great person. Always said hi and was a great family man. You have my condolences. Mike Place

Mike Place - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

TC

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. I have good memories of visiting the "Emrick" house with Susan! You are in my prayers and thoughts at this difficult time.

Trissa Chapman - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

KS

“ Dear Emrick Family Thinking of you...Thirty years ago I cheered with all my might for not only the Redskins, but the Emrick guys of the family. As a cheerleader, I truly recognized that another huge fan and cheerleader was Jim Emrick. As I reflect, please know I am sad and will pray for each of you to find peace by knowing Jim is in the awesome care and comfort of God. What a neat man! What a special family! My dearest sympathy to you all. Sincerely, Kala Stroh Steedly

Kala (Stroh) Steedly - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

PG

“ What a cool guy! He always made me smile. As an 18 year old girl working at the Engineer's office Jim always showed patience and gave words of encouragement to me. We'll all miss him. Denny & I offer you our sympathies.

Patty Greve - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

KK

“ Ruth and Family, We are saddened to hear of Jim's passing. We have lots of good memories of a great guy as I know you do, too. With sympathy, Kathy & Rick

Kathy & Rick Keller - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

JG

“ Ruth & Kids, It deeply saddens me to hear of this. Jim was one hell've a guy & it made me a better person knowing him. Please know you are all in our thoughts & prayers. Jon & Lisa Geuy

Jon D. Geuy - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

LA

“ Our prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Jim was a wonderful man and we are so glad that we had the opportunity to know him. He truly loved his family. Again, our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Lisa & Ted Adkins

Lisa & Ted Adkins - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

DK

“ Dear Ruth and family, We want to extend our deepest sympathy to all of you on the loss of Jim. I will always remember Jim with a big smile, his washing the cars early in the mornings (and us yelling out the window that ours were next in line!) and always being in a happy mood. Mom always said the neighborhood was never the same after the Emricks moved. Just know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Darlene and John

Darlene and John Kaeck - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

JC

“ Dearest Ruthie, Ann, Susan, Jan, David and Tony and Jack. My heartfelt condolences to all during this time of loss. Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time. Jim was so special to me.....I have so many great memories of Jim and all that he was to me and to so many others. His smile and the wonderful memories will live in my heart forever. I will see you all on Tuesday.

Jack Cole - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

RS

“ So sorry to hear about Jim's death. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with each one of your during this time of need. With our deepest sympathy!

ROBERTA AND LARRY STOLZENBURG - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

JW

“ Ruth ~ We always remember Jim with such fondness. The last time we laughed together in Florida will stay with us we did share so many smiles and laughter. May you find strength and peace in the days ahead. You are in our hearts.

Jim and Rosemary Walczak - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

DM

“ Jan, Joe & Family We are truly sorry for your loss. You and all of your family are in our prayers. May God help you find peace during this time. Diana & Larry Kinninger

Diana & Larry Kinninger, Minster - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

MH

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. May God bless you and hold you up.

Marcia Herriott - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

ME

“ Dearest Aunt Ruth, cousins and family's, and brothers John and Dick, I cannot even begin to find the words to say which adequately express how my heart feels for all of you. This is deeply painful because our memories of Uncle Jim are so joyful and happy. I take comfort in knowing that he is still with us in Spirit between earth at your sides and heaven having a grand time. You have never been forgotten over the last twelve years, and please know that you are always in my thoughts and prayers. God love you and comfort you now and always. Lovingly to all, Michaelene

Michaelene Emrick-Andersen - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

JT

“ To the Entire Emrick Family, I am so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. . . He lived life to the fullest and always brought a smile to everyones face. I offer my prayers to your family May God hold you together in such a difficult time..... Hugs to you all. Julie Traini and Family

Julie (Smithey) Traini - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

LH

“ Ruth, We are shocked and deeply saddened by the news of Jim's passing. He was such a wonderful person and loveable character who simply lit up a room just by being in it. I know we have to expect this sort of thing but it is just so tragic to lose a dear friend like this. We are sure going to miss him. Our deepest sympathies. Lance & Huguette

Lance & Huguette - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

JM

“ My condolences and prayers are extended to the blessed family and friends who have had the fortune of Big Jim's presence. Godspeed, my friend.

Jamie Mescher - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

KH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a wonderful man. May you find comfort in your many memories. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Ken Heitkamp - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM