



## Walter J. "Jim" Kinninger

May 11, 1930 - January 2, 2010

Walter J. "Jim" Kinninger, 79, of Botkins, OH, died 7:35 p.m., Sat. Jan. 2, 2010, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, OH. He was born May 11, 1930, in Wapakoneta, the son of Henry & Florence (Smith) Kinninger, who preceded him in death. On Oct. 21, 1950, he married Betty Ann Steinke, and she survives. Survivors include, 4 children, Gary (Linda) Kinninger, Karen (Rick) Rogers, Kevin Kinninger, all of Botkins, Kathy (Curt) Waugh, Ypsilanti, MI, 13 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, a sister, Frances Market, Botkins. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers Robert Kinninger and Tom Evans, a half-brother, Isadore Tschuor, a half-sister Rosemary Evans. Mr. Kinninger was the owner-operator of Kinninger's Restaurant, Carryout & Laundromat in Botkins for 37 years. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins, and the Wapakoneta Eagles Aerie #691. He was a former member of the Sidney Moose Lodge, #568, and Wapakoneta Elks Lodge, #1170. He enjoyed golfing and was a member of the Board of Directors and a past president of the Shelby Oaks Golf Club, Sidney. He played baseball for the Botkins Reds. He also played softball and enjoyed playing pool. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wed. Jan. 6, 2010, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins, Fr. Patrick Sloneker officiating. Burial is to follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Botkins. The family will receive friends from 2-8 p.m., Tues. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorials may be directed to the Anna-Botkins Rescue Squad or the Botkins Fire Department.



# Tribute Wall

KA

“ We love you, Dad. We miss you so much!!!

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**Kathy** - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

JK

“ To the entire Kinninger Family, Kathie and i offer our deepest prays and of strength and hope during this time. we know and remember Jim from karaoke at meyers tavern in Botkins. always called him "Diamond Jim" I guess because he always had that sparkle in his eyes whenever yoy saw him. he shall be missed greatly. it seems that God has called several of our karaoke singers home the past 2 years. so now i guess " Diamond Jim" shall now join them in that heavenly choir. May the Lord be with you at this time of need. and again we wish you the very best. jim,Kathie(Junglejim & Kathie Too Karaoke)

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**Jim and Kathie (Junglejim & Kathie Too Karaoke)** - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

JM

“ Grandpa you were a very special man to a lot of people, but especially your family. We loved you very much and know you are in heaven looking down on all of us know.

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**Jim and Maria** - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

JH

“ Mrs Kinninger and Family My deepest sorry to all of you. Jim and I go back a long way and maybe Betty remembers sitting in the bleachers while watching the "Wapakoneta Blue Jays" play (or at least try) baseball. We had a lot of fun and Jim was a big part of that team. I also made a few stops for ice cream at the restaurant in Botkins and had a change to visit with Jim then. Long live his memory.

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**Jim Harrison** - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

AF

“ To the Kinninger family we are thinking of you daily and will continue to pray for your hearts to be healed. We are all going to miss that smile and his awesome personality. He was one of a kind and I am glad that we all got to know him in life. We are better people for having him in our lives and he knew so many people are hearts ache for all of you but we also know he is now at peace and in a far better place than we. My kids have broken hearts but they will heal in time. We love you all. To papa Jim we miss you already and pray that you will continue to watch over us cause God only takes the best to make angels.

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**Abby Wendel and family** - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

JB

“ Grandpa we love you and will miss you immensely. Rest in peace until we meet again. Jason, Angie, Brock and Austin

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**Jason, Angie and the Boys** - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM