



James Harold Fitch

December 29, 1939 - May 06, 2025

James Fitch of Valparaiso, Indiana, age 85, passed away peacefully on May 6, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Jim was born on December 29, 1939, in Hammond, Indiana, to Bluford and Doris Fitch. He graduated from Marcellus High School, Michigan, in 1957. He married the love of his life, Donna, on January 11, 1962. He served in the United States Army for three years, followed by running a dairy farm. He worked as an IronWorker out of local 395. He was full of stories and pride from his years of building bridges and pulling pranks with his co-workers. His last ten working years were at U.S. Steel.

Jim's passions were Jesus and family. He would end most every prayer with the words "Please let them have Jesus in their hearts." In his golden years he served as the church youth minister where he passionately loved creating fun and sharing his love for his Saviour. Jim loved telling a good story, even if he already told it many times! He was a good mentor and loved to play games, and we loved to whoop him. Competition in the house was fierce. He loved his family and spending time with them. He drug his family across the United States, most often with an extra friend or person needing an adventure. One of his joys was saying he went to every state. All of our vacations were great "adventures", always camping, backpacking, or canoeing. Later in life he picked up Donna's love of quilting, finishing several quilts for his family.

Jim is survived by his children, Sue Lipinski (Mike), Jim Fitch (Janet), Jeff Fitch (Nancy), and Justin Fitch (Brooke). He is survived by 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Jim is survived by his precious siblings Norene Balcerak (Gary), Darlene Williams (Jim), Sherman Fitch (Alice), Bluford Fitch (Helen), and Mary Kolada (John). He is preceded in death by his sweet wife Donna and by his parents, Doris and Bluford Fitch.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025, at South Haven Christian Church, 780 Juniper Road, Valparaiso, IN 46385, with Doug Dykstra officiating. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Burial will follow in McCool Cemetery, Portage. Please join the family for dinner afterwards. His favorite pie will be served, hot and cold, along with some Dairy Queen ice cream.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home, Portage Chapel, 6941 Central Avenue, Portage.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to South Haven Christian Church, Portage. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.ee-fh.com.