



James Louis Ryman

February 20, 1929 - July 26, 2019

James Louis Ryman was born in Elkhart County in 1929. After living a rich full life, he died July 26 at age 90. He joins his wife Mary Ann (Stemen) Ryman who passed away in 2012. He leaves behind his five children, Naomi, Rebecca Fitch, Timothy (Chris), Joel (Cynthia), Jeremy (Diane), 10 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

Jim grew up in the Goshen, Middlebury, and Jefferson areas. He played basketball, enjoyed art work and took care of the family farm. When it came to to serve, he did his 1W Service at Westville State Mental Hospital. On weekends he drove home to visit his sweetheart, Mary Ann Stemen, and complete the building of their new home. After their marriage, they started their family. Jim began his life long career designing and building houses. Once a month Jim and Mary Ann loaded up their 5 children, along with sloppy joes, and baked beans as the evening meal for those residing at Faith Mission.

Jim and Mary Ann were good partners. She would visualize and Jim would build her dreams. He custom built houses throughout Elkhart county during his career, even restoring a log house for his family to live in . Later in life he built a lake home in Pentwater, Michigan where he could have his sailboat and dream of all the places he could go.

Jim leaves behind a legacy of a constant sense of humor, 65 years of volunteering at the Faith Mission, deep faith in God, building with quality and creating homemade fun for his family.

He is preceded in death by his sisters June Kulp, Betty Leibo, and brother Glen Ryman (Janet) and parents Robert and Edna Ryman.

Celebration of Jim's life will be held at Little Pine Church of the Brethren, Friday August 2, at 11:00 am. Visitation will be at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen on Thursday August 1 from 5-7 pm. Memorials can be sent to Faith Mission of Elkhart.

Cemetery

Little Pine Cemetery

57061 CR 19

Goshen, IN,

Events

AUG **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Homes

311 S Main Street, Goshen, IN, US, 46526

AUG **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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Little Pine Church of the Brethren

57061 CR 19, Goshen, IN, US

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Homes - August 01, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ Becky - and family: I neglected to mention that Dennis Rumfelt wanted to send his condolences. He was still in the hospital yesterday and unable to come in person. He has wonderful memories of you, Becky and wanted so much to see you.
Robin Glant Simons

Robin L Simons - August 02, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Louis Ryman.



August 01, 2019 at 04:59 PM



“ Ryman family, I have such good memories of Jim during our time at Westville Beatty Memorial hospital. I am so glad Earl Sutter and I could visit Jim a few months ago and hadn't realized he had a stroke sometime ago. We were unable to communicate verbally but shared some memories looking at the "Beatty Memories" journal that Jim had a large part in compiling and illustrating. A man with a lot of talent, and yes, a guy with humor to share! I am sure you will miss him but you all are a good family and have much to treasure in the memories. May you find comfort in those. Love,
Ora Troyer

Ora Toyer - July 31, 2019 at 06:37 AM



“ Naomi, Becky, Tim, Joel and Jeremy,

As a friend of all of the children of Jim Ryman I frequented their log home in the Bristol foothills. I remember going out to the workshop to see what Jim/Dad, was up to many times or to tell him that dinner was ready. I can still hear his voice. I always looked forward to visiting the Ryman home. Maybe it's part of the reason I dream of having a cabin in the woods someday!

I am so sorry I will not be able to make the visitation or the funeral unless a miracle healing happens to my body from some severe muscle spasms. Do know that my love and prayers are with each one of you as you celebrate your fathers life.

Bonnie Weaver

Bonnie Weaver - July 30, 2019 at 04:30 PM