



James G. Scutchfield

March 8, 1939 - March 31, 2014

James G. Scutchfield, 75, of San Pierre, IN, passed away at his home on Monday, March 31, 2014, among family and friends. Born on March 8, 1939 in Royalton, Kentucky and raised in Toto, Indiana, he was the son of Arthur and Mary (Coldiron) Scutchfield. He graduated from North Judson High School in 1957, served in the U.S. Army from 1957-1958 and the U.S. Army Reserves from 1958-1965. In 1964 he married Alexia (Sis) Gryzmalski of Chicago, IL. He earned his B.A. in Education in 1966 from Indiana State University and his Master's Degree in Education Administration in 1984 from Purdue University. He was an educator for 30 years beginning at Rolling Prairie H.S. (1966-1968), Lacrosse H.S. (1968-1975), and North Judson-San Pierre H.S. (1979-2001). He was the Assistant Principal at NJSP H.S. from 1983-1985 and the Principal from 1985-1993. He retired from teaching in 2001. During his time as an educator he taught English/Literature, Journalism, and Vocational Building Trades, and served as Track and Golf Coach. He was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association and the American Legion, Harry L. Keller, Post 92, North Judson, IN, where he most recently served as an Executive Board Member. He was a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity where he was lead advisor over several Habitat homes constructed in Starke and Pulaski Counties. In addition to being a lifelong educator and resident of Starke County, he was an accomplished Carpenter, Musician, and Car Builder. He is preceded in death by his father Art Scutchfield, his mother Mary Scutchfield and his brother Donald Scutchfield. He is survived by his wife of

50 years, Sis Scutchfield, of San Pierre, son Joel (Jill) Scutchfield of Fort Wayne, IN, daughter Jodi (Mark) Thyen of Chicago, IL, and son Jesse (Monika) Scutchfield of Rolling Prairie, IN, as well as (8) grandchildren, Justin (Megan), Jennifer, Amelia, James, Cecilia, Diedrich, Abigail and Josephine .and (3) siblings, Lowell Scutchfield of Toto, IN, Dusty (Judy) Scutchfield of Bass Lake, IN, and Susan (Jim) Long of North Judson, IN.

Visitation will be April 12th at the O'Donnell Funeral Home North Judson, from 11:00 a.m. (CDT) to 3:00 p.m., with a Memorial Service, at the funeral home, beginning at 3:00 p.m. (CDT). Military Rites will be performed at the American Legion Post 92 in North Judson immediately following the Memorial Service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Donald R. Scutchfield Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 15, San Pierre, IN 46374.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Sis, Joel, Jodi, and Jesse, Please know that our hearts and prayers are with you even if we can't be there in person. Jim was a character who lived life his way and I am sure many funny and touching memories will be shared over the next few weeks. Hold on to them as you walk through this time. Let them be used to make you laugh and cry, but mostly to remember who he was and to help lessen the pain of grief. Wish we could be there for the service, but we will be praying that it will be a celebration of Jim's life that will honor him. In our hearts, Scott & Robin Moser

Robin Moser - June 11, 2018 at 11:03 AM

TW

“ Big Jim was a coach, a teacher and a mentor to many of us. He will be missed. His influence in our lives will live on forever.

Tom White - June 11, 2018 at 11:03 AM

MM

“ So sorry for your great loss. Jim will be missed by wife, family and friends.

Marge Miller - June 11, 2018 at 11:03 AM

KP

“ Joel, Jodie, Jess, & Sis,
We always looked up to Jim and his many accomplishments. You and your families will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

With deepest sorrow for your loss,
Ken and Robyn Pyra

Ken Pyra - April 29, 2018 at 08:13 AM

CW

“ Shocked to read in the WKVI obituaries on line of Jim's passing! I respected Him as a fellow teacher and my principal at NJ-SP High School. My sympathies to the family!

Clara Warnke - April 29, 2018 at 08:13 AM

JG

“ Sis, Joel, Jodi, Jesse,

I very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was my mentor, principal, and friend. Not only did he live life to its fullest, but he was respected by all who knew him. His wit, stories, and just Jim being Jim brought many smiles and laughter. Also, Jim provided me with guidance and support throughout my professional career at NJ. For that I am forever indebted and Jim's memory will always be with us.

Once again, my deepest condolences.

Jeff, Bonnie, Garrett and Graham

Jeff Gangloff - April 29, 2018 at 08:13 AM

RM

“ *"Skutch" was absolutely the coolest teacher I can remember at Rolling Prairie High School. He dressed cool, talked cool and his car was cool (Mable). He came to my house to play pool with us guys, cleaned our clocks. We also played guitar together, he was just a wonderful guy and a great role model.*

Rich Mrozinski - April 29, 2018 at 08:13 AM

KB

“ Jesse and family, I am so sorry about your loss. Sounded like he a had a beautiful, full and happy life with lots of great little grandkids to love and enjoy. :) Thinking of you and yours sending thoughts your way.

katie b - April 29, 2018 at 08:13 AM

CD

“ Sis, Joel, Jodi, Jesse, and family,

We were greatly saddened to hear of Jim's illness and passing. As I read his obituary, it listed many things that he accomplished in his life, but it could never express how many people he helped throughout his life to also accomplish their own dreams.

We have had hours of conversation, laughter and tears this week remembering the times we spent together with our young families. At times, they were the leanest of times, but somehow, as time passed, we realized those were our richest times.

Love you all and our condolences as your grieve.

With love and prayers,

Conni and Frank Deli

Conni and Frank Deli - April 29, 2018 at 08:13 AM

BG

“ One of the nicest men I have ever known. Also the coolest ! Upon the birth of 1st son Joel , I asked the new father " what's he like? " Jim replied "he's beautiful" and I knew then he was a special man and would be a loving father, tender in raising his children, and respectful of his family. What great job he did. They're all beautiful, as was his love for Sis. People will never forget the way Jim made them feel. He will be missed.

Bob Glowaki - April 29, 2018 at 08:13 AM

RG

“ My deepest sympathies to the entire Scutchfield family. Jim was a kind hearted man and touched the lives of all who knew him. He was a dear friend to my family and he will be greatly missed. Prayers to Sis and family during this time.

Rachael Glowaki - April 29, 2018 at 08:13 AM

KK

“ Mr. Scutchfield (Scutch) was one of the best teachers that I ever encountered as a student at LaCrosse High School.

I was a difficult student and yet, he found ways to get through to me and in the end, made me a better person.

There are always a list of folks who have influenced a persons life - Scutch was near the top of my list.

With Deepest Sympathy and Respect,

*Kenneth W. Knope
Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)
U.S. Army*

kenneth w. knope - April 29, 2018 at 08:13 AM



“ *Jim was well liked and respected. He accomplished many of his dreams, and he helped others accomplish their dreams. He will be missed.* ”

Charles Campbell - April 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM