



# **James R. "Jim" Muenstermann**

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**M**r. James R. "Jim" Muenstermann, age 74, passed away Sunday afternoon, June 5, 2005 at a local hospital. He was born May 25, 1931 in Kankakee, IL to Sylvester and Margaret (Wathen) Muenstermann and lived in the Muskegon area most of his life. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving in the Korean Conflict. On May 11, 1957, he married the former JoAnn M. O'Connor in Irwin, IL. Jim worked as a retail and purchasing manager for Aldens Department Store for 12 years and retired in 1978 from Hardy Herpolsheimer's Department Store after 10 years. Jim was very involved as a coordinator for the Covenant of Healing Love Prayer Community. He was also the founder and coordinator of the Hackley Hospital Eucharistic Ministry. Jim had been the past president of the Muskegon Serrans for Vocations. Most recently, Jim had served on the board of the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel at St. Michael Catholic Church. Jim was a very active communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector and was a member of the church choir. He was also a member of the American Legion in Whitehall. Jim is SURVIVED by his wife, JoAnn Muenstermann; 3 sons, Scott Muenstermann, Stephen (Maggie) Muenstermann, Patrick (Denise) Muenstermann; 1 daughter, Libby (Dennis) Spencer; 10 grandchildren, Melissa, Jennifer, Marie, Daniel, Christopher, Stephen, Katie, Erin, Kelly, Michael; 2 great grandchildren, Jacob and April; 3 step-grandchildren, Molly, Gabby, and Hannah; 1 sister, Doris Murry, 1 sister-in-law, Carole Muenstermann; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers, Donald and John, and 2 sisters, Eleanor and Zerita. THE FUNERAL LITURGY will be celebrated 2:00 PM Thursday, June 9, 2005 at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Ernest J. Bernott presiding. INTERMENT will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery. VISITATION with Jim's family will be 2-4 and 6-8 PM Wednesday at The Walburn Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 1547 W. Sherman Blvd., (231) 759-8565. The



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Rosary will be prayed at 7:00 PM Wednesday evening. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church Restoration Fund or the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. Family and friends may sign the guest book online at [www.sytsemaf.com](http://www.sytsemaf.com)



# Events


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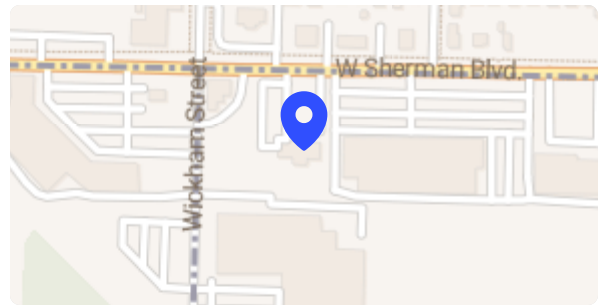
## Visitation

 **Wednesday**, June 8, 2005


 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Walburn Chapel**


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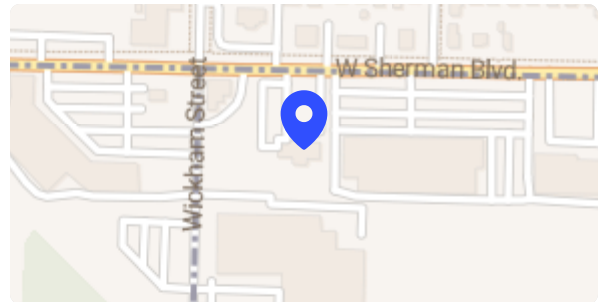
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**Anonymous** posted:

Steve:I was so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I lost my Mom not too long ago and it isn't easy. Hopefully your memories will help to ease the pain of your loss.Stephanie##imported-begin##Stehanie (Danigelis) Geoghan##imported-end##

June 9 at 6:32 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

JoAnn and Family,Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Jim was (and still is) one of the kindest and most compassionate men we've ever met. St Paul said, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." Jim was one of the very few men you could look up to and so admire his walk with Christ, that you wanted to follow his example. He was a true father in the faith.Our prayers and tears are with you. And our praises and joys are with the angels and saints in Heaven - an awesome man of God has gone home to be with his Savior and family where he waits for us. Our joy is that we will see him again.May the comfort of the Holy Spirit be yours today and always.##imported-begin##Joe & Joanne Gongalski##imported-end##

June 9 at 5:29 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear JoAnn,We were sorry to hear of Jim's death, but we also rejoice in his new life. He will be missed greatly in this town. He worked so hard for God that I'm sure God has welcomed him with rejoicing.Your friends, Dave & Kate##imported-begin##Dave & Kate Habetler##imported-end##

June 9 at 5:11 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Mrs. Muenstermann & family:I first met Jim when I came to Hackley as a staff chaplain in 1998. As everyone, I found him to be a gentle and compassionate man. He was a great help to me as I was learning of the service to our hospital through the Catholic Eucharistic Ministry in Muskegon County. I know he will be missed by his family and community. May the Lord of peace and comfort uphold you in your sorrow, and guide you with his light.Sincerely, Chaplain Gil Boersma##imported-begin##Gilbert R. Boersma##imported-end##

June 7 at 11:46 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear JoAnn, Our deepest sympathy. Jim was a dear man and truly a disciple of Christ. Bill & Mary Jane

June 7 at 5:26 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring James R. "Jim" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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