



## James F. Kerle

January 2, 1938 - October 19, 2019

James "Jim" Kerle, 81, of Rehobeth Church Road, Clarion, passed away Saturday evening, October 19, 2019 at the Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh surrounded by his family.

He was born on January 2, 1938 in Clarion; son of the late Joseph and Agnes Schill Kerle.

Jim was married to Judith Dunkle on August 30, 1958; whom preceded him in death on September 29, 1975.

He then married Martha McCleary on September 14, 1979; whom preceded him in death on February 1, 2019.

Jim was the CEO of Kerle Tire Company, Inc. in Clarion, where he worked seven days a week.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Clarion.

Jim was also a member of the Clarion Moose Lodge #101 and Clarion Fraternal Order of Eagles #3807.

He enjoyed watching NASCAR and Western movies, his cats, riding his bike, bowling, and spending time with his grandchildren and family.

He is survived by his two sons: Daniel Kerle and his companion Bridget Wingard of Strattanville and Lee Kerle and his wife Melissa of Clarion; his son-in-law: Daniel Rhoades of Clarion; his step-son: Clayton Kroh and his wife Kimberly of Clarion; his step-daughter: Lori Klepfer and her husband Rodney of New Bethlehem; and ten grandchildren: Melani Marshall and her husband Jesse, Ashley Means and her husband Jacob, Amanda Kroh, Leah Kerle and

her fiancé Giorgio Neiswonger, Kortnee Klepfer, Brent Rhoades, Cody Kerle, Joseph Kerle, James Kerle, and Kyle Kerle.

Jim is also survived by his siblings: John Kerle and his wife Kate of Knox, Doris Callen and her husband Butch of Florida, and Jerome Kerle and his wife Jan of Florida; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; both wives; a daughter: Stephanie Rhoades; two sisters: Anne Kerle and Mary Lou Ball; and a brother: Joseph Kerle.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion. A Christian Wake Service will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Rev. Monty Sayers presiding.

Entombment will follow at the Immaculate Conception Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, donations or memorials can be sent in James' name to Charitable Deeds and Services in Knox, 260 High Point Road, Knox PA 16232.

# Previous Events

## Wake

OCT **23**. 3:30 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home  
638 Wood Street  
Clarion, PA 16214  
(814) 226-6300  
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

## Viewing

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Clarion, PA 16214  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
720 Liberty St  
Clarion, PA 16214  
(814) 226-8433

# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James F. Kerle.* ”



October 22, 2019 at 08:27 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of James F. Kerle.* ”



October 22, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ *John and Joanne hate wish to express our sympathy! Jim. Was. A great. Man!* ”

Joanne & john - October 21, 2019 at 09:26 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies are extended to the families of Jim.* ”

Dean Hetrick - October 21, 2019 at 02:42 PM

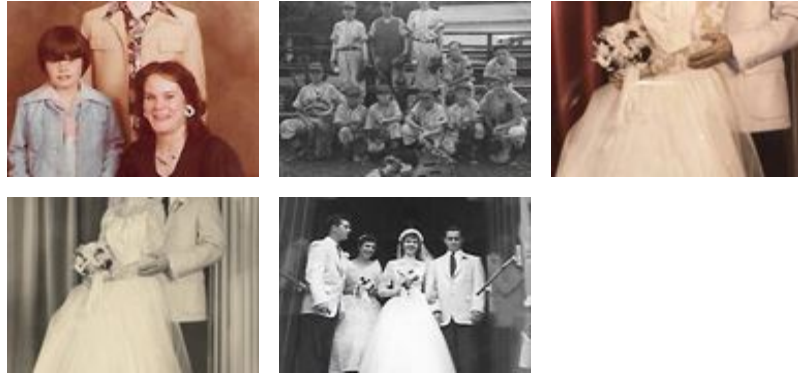


“ *My Thoughts & Prayers are with His Family. Jim and Martha were such nice people. I am a better person for knowing them. May God give you all comfort & strength* ”

Kim Graham - October 21, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - October 21, 2019 at 12:50 PM

ML

*I'm so sad to hear of the passing of Jim. Everytime I went to Kerle's for anything, I always looked around to find him and chat a little. I think he was usually in the other building. Thanks so very much for posting the awesome photos. We didn't visit that often when we were younger, but got to know him really well when we got older. I was especially glad to see his wedding picture and John standing there also. Very special cousins. He definitely has a seat in Heaven with the rest of the family.*

Mary Ann Lavery - October 21, 2019 at 04:30 PM

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*My name is Mary Ann Lavery, NOT Mary Lavery. Please correct it*

Mary Ann Lavery - October 21, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of James F. Kerle.



October 21, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of James F. Kerle.*



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October 21, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ *So sad to hear of Jim's death, but what a life. I look at his picture and I smell rubber and see him with tires. What a work ethic! Thoughts and prayers for all.*

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**Jerry & Pam Schill** - October 21, 2019 at 05:19 AM



“ *Calvin And Penny lit a candle in memory of James F. Kerle*



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**Calvin and Penny** - October 20, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ *Jim I am glad to have had u as a neighbor you an Martha were wonderful ppl an I enjoyed many visits with y'all when I lived on Flower Lane u have finally been called home n reunited with ur loved ones including Martha u will be missed by all will see u on the other side soon RIP my friend!! I will keep ur family in my thoughts an prayers as they mourn an also celebrate the life u had here on gods green earth*

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**Lil Spaller** - October 20, 2019 at 07:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James F. Kerle.



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October 20, 2019 at 06:39 PM