



James Aaron Krug

June 18, 1976 - June 27, 2025

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Age 49, of Coal City, IL, passed away peacefully at home on June 27, 2025. Born June 18, 1976, in Joliet, IL, he was the cherished son of Jimmie Dean and Mary Ann (née Frederiksen) Krug.

James had a lifelong passion for sports. He spent time in karate, but football was where his heart truly was. He proudly represented Coal City on the football team throughout all four years of high school, graduating with the Class of 1994. He later pursued higher education at Joliet Junior College and Olivet Nazarene University. James was employed at United States Cold Storage in Wilmington, IL. He will be remembered for his kind spirit and remarkable ability to connect with those around him, leaving a lasting impression on everyone who met him.

He leaves behind his loving parents, Jimmie Dean and Mary Ann Krug of Coal City, IL, who were a constant source of love and support throughout his life. Closest to his heart was his daughter, Mia Ann Krug of Ottawa—the light of his world who brought him endless pride and joy, and whom he truly adored. He is also deeply missed by his devoted girlfriend, Lisa Kelly, whose presence brought comfort, love, and companionship.

James is survived by his aunts and uncles: Nancy Carter; Jackie Krug; Doug

and Cheri Sutton of TX; Cindy and Mike Conroy of AZ; Lark and Deb Frederiksen of Verona, IL; LeAnn Havekos of FL; and Michelle and Don Wilson of Shorewood, IL. He is also survived by his great-aunts and great-uncle, Elenor Bowman and Ethel McConnell, as well as Jerry and Angie Krug of Godley, IL, and many dear cousins.

Preceding him in death were his beloved grandparents, James and Joan Krug, Earl and Lois Frederiksen, and Betty Vilt. He was also preceded by several aunts, uncles, great-aunts, and great-uncles, including Alice Riddenback, John and Suzanne Frederiksen, Don and Jerri Krug, Gary and Doris Krug, and Ed McConnell.

Cremation rites have been accorded and entrusted to R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory in Braidwood, IL. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

To share memories or offer condolences, please visit James's online guestbook at www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

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Tribute Wall

RD

“ James, I was a grade above you. I remember you from junior high and high school. We had gym class together a couple of times through out the years. You're a great guy. God must have needed a cool guy like you. God bless you!

Rich Diaz - July 15, 2025 at 09:59 PM

MC

“ So Sorry For Your Family's Loss.



Marycalhoun Calhoun - July 06, 2025 at 03:14 PM

KA

“ We were so sorry to read about James passing. We remember him as a young boy when we lived across the street. Kathy and Dave Cecil

Kathy - July 05, 2025 at 08:49 AM

KA

“ RIP Jamie. I remember babysitting you & we fell down the icy steps. I broke my foot that day but held you tightly so you would not get hurt. My thoughts & prayers are with the entire Krug family. 💔💔💔

Kathy - July 03, 2025 at 04:11 PM

AC

“ I Love & Miss you Cuz💔 Going to miss everything about you including your aggravating since we were kids 👧👦 Obviously God needed you & have welcomed you with open arms along with you being at peace 🙏 Fly high until we meet again ☐ Love always & forever, your crazy Cuz(sis)A Nut 😊



annette chavez - July 03, 2025 at 08:52 AM

JK

“ Its really hard to believe your gone. I still remember when you was little (yes he once was little lol) an your mother an you an me were in a store, an like 2 or 3 isles over i hear real loud " aunt Jacque , aunt Jacque " by then every one around knew who my nephew was lol. You was my only nephew an I love you. R.I.P.

Jacque Krug - July 03, 2025 at 01:37 AM

LM

“ I have no words, my prayers and sympathy goes out to his beautiful daughter and his family he was a great friend for over twenty years I will miss my dear friend!

lisa moczynski - July 03, 2025 at 12:49 AM

SC

“ We've been friends since Kindergarten and even went to the same college. You we're always supportive and always willing to talk about anything, your sense of humor light up the room. Your heart was good and you will always be remembered with memories and never forgotten. Get your rest my Friend and until we meet again. 🙏🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️



Sherri Conley - July 02, 2025 at 11:24 PM

SC

“ My heart & prayers go to James' family.



Sheila Carlson - July 02, 2025 at 04:51 PM

EB

MaryAnn and Jim. My sympathy on the loss of your dear son. From Evy (across the street)

Evy Bjelland - July 03, 2025 at 04:10 PM