



## James Gilbert Kremer

November 7, 1942 - June 12, 2021

James Gilbert Kremer, 78, died Saturday, June 12, 2021 in Fort Wayne. He was known as Jim by his friends, and as Mr. Kremer by nearly everyone in New Haven, IN. Born in Milwaukee, WI in 1942, he was the son of the late Gilbert and Norma Kremer. Jim is survived by his children, Sarah (David) Schroeder and John (Ann) Kremer; sister Judy (Neal) Strehlow. He was the proud grandfather of Ben and Zach Kremer and Levi, Caleb, and Naomi Schroeder. Jim graduated from Milwaukee Lutheran High School in 1960. He graduated with a teaching degree from Concordia University River Forest in 1964. He also earned a master's degree from St. Francis University in Fort Wayne, IN. Jim used his many talents to serve God and others. He taught junior high at Central Lutheran School in New Haven from 1965-2007. He taught many subjects including science, art, music, and theater. He was a talented musician who played the organ and lead various choirs. In his early years at Central he was a youth group leader and basketball coach. Over the years he directed plays at Central and was often involved in lighting and sound. He was very interested in computers and technology. He spent countless hours working on computers, creating and editing videos, as well as leading the robotics Lego team at Central. He helped produce Lutheran worship services for shut ins called Worship Anew. He was a talented carpenter and woodworker. He also loved to travel, sometimes serving others and often for pleasure. He was proud to have visited numerous countries around the world as well as nearly all of the 50 states. The older he got, the more adventurous he became going on safaris in Africa, zip lining in Costa Rica, and 4-wheeling in Cabo. Funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 17, 2021, at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 800 Green St., New Haven with visitations one hour prior to service. Visitation is also Wednesday 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Harper's Community Funeral Home, 740 State Road 930 E., New Haven. Burial in the church cemetery. Preferred memorials to the Theater Department at Central Lutheran School, New Haven.

# Cemetery

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## Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery

Edgerton Rd., West of S. Doyle Rd.

New Haven, IN, 46774

# Events

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**JUN Visitation 02:00PM - 04:00PM**

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Harper's Community Funeral Home  
740 State Road 930 E, New Haven, IN, US,  
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**JUN Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM**

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**JUN Visitation 09:30AM - 10:30AM**

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Emanuel Lutheran Church  
800 Green St, New Haven, IN, US, 46774

**JUN Funeral Service 10:30AM**

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Emanuel Lutheran Church  
800 Green St, New Haven, IN, US, 46774

# Comments

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“ Mr. Kremer was my 7th grade homeroom teacher. During that year, we read through the entire book of Acts with the class. He was not only very gifted teacher, but he was a man of great faith in the Lord so not only did I learn a lot academically, but I also grew spiritually in his class. I will remember him fondly. His classes were super cool and he allowed the students lots of hands-on experiences in science,..growing plants...mixing chemicals...detective work with different ink and fingerprints...dissecting all sorts of things including fetal pigs...these huge mousetrap contraptions... He really did a lot of cool things with us. I also remember in 3rd grade when the entire school took turns to go to the library to witness the dial up internet for the first time and he was there explaining everything. He played a very unique role in every student he touched. I am so very sorry Sarah and John for your great loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Tiffany (Koeneman) Ellis

Tiffany Ellis - June 22 at 07:19 AM

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“ Mr. Kremer was my girls' Science teacher. I always learned with my girls with the many projects he had his students do. But what always impressed me was his patience when working with his students. Well done good and faithful servant. Sending our condolences to Jon, Sarah and family.

Beverly J Stein - June 16 at 02:16 PM

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“ Jim was my Youth Group Leader when I was in high school. He and couple other drivers took us to Milwaukee for a weekend to spend time with his parents and Judy and Neal's Youth Group from their church. Such great times there. Then Judy and Neal brought their Youth Group down to New Haven for a weekend to spend with us. I believe we ate at Three Kings Tavern in Hoagland with them. He was all about the "Youth".  
Many will miss him whether at Central or Church or just being there for someone who needed something! Rest in Peace until we meet again!

Nancy Losher - June 15 at 02:00 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you  
Blessings Lisa Cardinale

Lisa Cardinale - June 15 at 09:42 AM

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“ When I came to Central to teach, Jim answered several computer questions. He reassured me that I couldn't "break it" and I could just "play around with it" to get used to it. I have often remembered how he viewed students from the point of view of how he could get along with the student. He took the expectation off the student and put it on himself.

Gretchen Weerts - June 14 at 11:07 PM

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“ Jim always was very kind ; and he came up to me many many times... he loved my pictures of the kids and all my travels and sports with them etc...  
Logan loved his cars. It was always just a good experience talking “ shop” with him or about my next adventure with my kiddos.  
I'll miss that. I'm sure Logan's talking his ear off right now.  
Your a good man Jim.

I can't wait see you guys again.  
Chad Bauer

Chad Bauer - June 14 at 04:25 PM

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“ What a talented & incredible man. Mr. Kremer will be missed. We are thankful for his service, guidance, & love all these years. Especially Thinking of you John, Ann, Ben, & Zach during this time of loss. Our prayers are with you. Love from The Schorey's

Krystal Schorey - June 14 at 10:34 AM

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“ Judy and Neal purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of James Gilbert Kremer.



**Judy and Neal** - June 14 at 10:27 AM

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“ With our deepest sympathy. purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of James Gilbert Kremer.



**With our deepest sympathy.** - June 14 at 10:22 AM

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“ Jim was a fantastic teacher, he also worked with us as a youth leader and great example of life long devotion to our Lord. I have so very many memories of his service to us at CLS and beyond. He lived a wonderful servants life, Well Done Jim!

**Denny Stuerzenberger** - June 14 at 07:43 AM

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“ Bill, Jan, John, Karen, Linda, Kathy and families purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of James Gilbert Kremer.



**Bill, Jan, John, Karen, Linda, Kathy and families** - June 13 at 04:18 PM

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“ he was a great since teacher when I went to central Lutheran school

**Daryl Doehrmann** - June 13 at 03:03 PM

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“ Matthew (Jim's great nephew) had a project at school in 5th grade on the weather. Uncle Jim offered to come to Cincinnati, arriving with green screen and full camera equipment and filmed every one of Matthew's classmates individually giving a weather report.

I'm not sure if the kids were more impressed with being filmed (and receiving their own personal burned discs of the whole class), or Matthew riding home that day in a red convertible Porsche.

It was such a fun day. Jim was always a giver and never a taker. He tried to always include everyone and make them feel special. We will miss him dearly, but am thankful he is now in a better place.

Becky, Dave and Matthew Hildeman

**Becky, Dave and Matthew Hildeman** - June 12 at 05:25 PM



“ Jim let us use his yellow convertible after our wedding in LaCrosse to ride to the reception. Always giving!!!

**Marlis and Kenn Kremer** - June 13 at 09:48 PM



“ Mr. Kramer was an amazing science teacher! I remember dissecting baby pigs in 8th grade and learning to program a turtle to move on the 1985ish Apple computers. He was always doing hands-on science lessons that made us love learning. Now, as an adult with children at Central, he was such a servant in his retirement sharing his passions of technology and faith with my kids. From recording the weather reports for Miss Hockemeyer's 3rd graders to teaching my Jr High student how to live-stream chapel, theater programs, and athletic events, he was so generous and kind. He was patient and funny. Most of all, he shared his God-given talents and his love of Jesus with everyone that he interacted with throughout his life. Thank you Mr. Kramer! Well done, good and faithful servant!

**Renee' (Werling) Spieth** - June 14 at 01:51 PM



“ I remember many fun times with Jim. We took 6th graders to Camp Lutherhaven for many years. He always loved that teachable moment, and he loved to keep learning. I am thankful for his ability to move Central Lutheran ahead of other schools in technology. He ventured to Purdue and brought back a robotics program for the school, he was the first to do some computer programming at the school, and then later brought live streaming to CLS just in time for the 2020/2021 pandemic. He saw each child as an individual and took time to get to know that child as a person. I will miss those late night faculty gatherings on his deck and his love for just hanging out with friends. I just wish he had more time. He was volunteering this school year even when he wasn't feeling well. My prayers are with his family...I know he will be missed.

**Janet Hayward** - June 17 at 10:01 AM