



## James Francis "Jim" Lercher

March 5, 1930 - May 29, 2019

James Francis Lercher "Jim" of McRae passed away May 29, 2019. He was born in Chicago, Illinois to Herman and Elizabeth Lercher. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, William Lercher and John Lercher.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Betty Lercher, ten sons Jim H. Lercher (Gloria) of Little Rock, Rodney Lercher (Sherry) of Sheridan, Joseph Lercher of McRae, Michael Lercher of McRae, Thomas Lercher (Margie) of McRae, Mark Lercher (Alice) of Searcy, Frank Lercher (Pam) of Clarksville, Tenn., Robert "Bob" Lercher of McRae, Steve Lercher (Tanya) of Searcy, David Lercher (Laine) of Buckeye, Arizona, five daughters, Sandra Cowgill of Pryor, Okla., Diane Bausom (Mark) of Conway, Theresa Gilliam of McRae, Mary Elsinger of Conway and Elizabeth "Liz" McReynolds (Bruce) of Beebe. He is also survived by 40 grandchildren and 55 great-grandchildren.

Jim graduated from Glenbard High School in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. In his early years he worked in construction on the campus of what was then Harding College. He also worked for Wood Freeman Lumber Co., and later worked at Remington Rand as a supervisor. Upon retiring in 1974, he started farming full time which was his passion. He and his family raised cattle, hogs and chickens. In 1979, the family was honored as the White County and North Central District Farm Family of the Year. Jim always had a project to work on and he instilled that work ethic in all of his children. Jim valued education and, in the evenings, you could always find him with a book in his hand.

Jim was a long time member of St. James Catholic Church and a member of

the Knights of Columbus.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy  
Searcy, AR 72143  
(501) 268-7220  
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## Rosary

MAY 31. 7:30 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
1102 Pioneer Rd.  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James Francis "Jim" Lercher



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 30, 2019 at 11:13 PM

DK

“ Jim was always such a kind sole. He loved teaching children about life and where the food we eat came from. He shared so much with my children and they will never forget going to their farm and fishing and seeing animals born! Thanks for all the memories!!

Debbie Kent - July 09, 2019 at 03:50 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Francis "Jim" Lercher.



June 01, 2019 at 09:46 AM

TM

“ Fine man & wonderful family, privilege to have taught/coached his outstanding sons  
God Blessings

Tommy Morrison - June 01, 2019 at 07:22 AM

DH

“ Sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Lercher family.

Debra Hall - May 31, 2019 at 07:27 PM

TS

“ Jim was a great friend who was like a brother. He was a member of a prayer group of men which he and others started in Heber Springs many years ago. After he moved to his farm he continued to attend every one of the meetings of the group weekly when his health and the weather cooperated. He shared many feelings and experiences with the group. He was our senior member and leader and will be missed.

Jim, I am sure Our Lady was at the Gate to welcome you. We love you . Put in a good word for us ! God Bless, Tom Shaw

Thomas Shaw - May 31, 2019 at 12:51 PM

LF

“ Love, Frank, Pam, Skie, Gabriel, and families. purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of James Francis "Jim" Lercher.



Love, Frank, Pam, Skie, Gabriel, and families. - May 31, 2019 at 10:58 AM

JH

“ I worked at Remington Rand during part of Mr. Jim's tenure and was always delighted and informed listening to his accounts of life. He had your attention once he started talking. Johnny Hodges

Johnny Hodges - May 30, 2019 at 11:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Francis "Jim" Lercher.*



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May 30, 2019 at 11:31 PM