



Remembering James A. “Jim” Andrew

James A. Andrew passed away peacefully on April 11. Born on July 4, 1949, in Lafayette, IN, Jim spent his formative years on a farm in West Point, IN.

Jim graduated from West Lafayette High School in 1967 and earned his degree from Ball State University in 1971 where he joined Sigma Chi Fraternity and was on the varsity swim team.

Jim joined Henry Poor Lumber in 1972 and in 1983 he purchased the business from his close friend and mentor Frank Taylor, Henry Poor’s son-in-law.

In 1996 he relocated HPLC to a 85,000 sq. ft. 10 acre lumber yard and showroom on Brady

Lane in Lafayette. His current operations also included Flooring Express.

Jay Andrew reflected, “My dad lived large, he loved life and he truly loved connecting with people. You experienced this through his actions, the random drop ins, or sitting down at your desk just checking in to see “what you were working on”. He was a generous man. One who grabbed your hand and brought you up as he climbed. One who took chances on others. He always saw the potential and never the obstacle. He was passionate about his family,



James A. “Jim” Andrew (1949-2024)

his community and his team. He was a true leader. He created a legendary legacy that we hope to carry on and honor him in years to come. It’s truly an honor to be part of his team, it is even a greater honor to be able to call him Dad.”

A Long History

Jim led Henry Poor Lumber and its related businesses for the past 52 years.

In 2018 Henry Poor Lumber celebrated its 100th year in business. At that time Jim remarked, “100 years is a long time. I’m very proud that this business has contributed to our community for so many years. I am grateful for our employees, our customers, our many friends in the community, and especially my family for all they have done to make this business a success. We look forward to the next 100 years.”

Jim’s longtime friend and business associate Jerry Withered commented, “Finding words to describe the life of Jim Andrew is no easy task. He was so much

to so many people: devoted husband, father, and grandfather, highly successful businessman, committed community leader --- we could go on and on.

But Jim was more than those accolades and adjectives. Deep down, he was just a good man, a solid citizen who was loyal to his family, friends, business associates, and employees, a man who could laugh at himself more than he laughed at others, and a man who was compassionate and forgiving, even to those who had done him wrong.

Jim had a passion for life, family, business, and community, and he wore that passion every day on his sleeve. His family and this entire community will miss that.”



Henry Poor Lumber Past and Present

Community Involvement

Jim served his industry as President of the Indiana Young Lumbermen's Association and President of the Indiana Lumber and Building Association.

Locally he served on the Lafayette Board of Works, Railroad Relocation, Greater Lafayette Commerce, Lafayette Savings Bank, Tippecanoe Republican Party, and as a Tippecanoe County Councilman for sixteen years and as President for eight years.

Jim was very active on the YMCA, Camp Tecumseh and Sigma Chi Fraternity boards, taught Junior Achievement, and was part of the Intersection Connection project involving Ivy Tech, the YMCA and Junior Achievement. He has also been an avid supporter of Purdue, Ball State and Jefferson High School.

Over the past several years Jim,

Laura and the Andrew family have taken an active role in promoting and supporting Lafayette's Community Cancer Network. This organization provides support for local cancer patients. They reflected: *"It is with a heavy heart we say goodbye to a dear friend, mentor and volunteer. Jim touched the lives of many with his countless endeavors in our community. A family man, successful business owner and longtime volunteer for CCN.*

He always used his platform to help those around him- even during his multiple bouts of cancer... you found him out and about serving our community. It's good to donate money and items, but what people really need is time. They need you to show up. Thank you, Jim Andrew for your impact on our community. Your legacy lives on."



Laura and Jim Andrew taking part in the "Carry the Torch" walk for the Community Cancer Network.

Throughout his life, Jim received numerous accolades for his contributions to his community, including the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award, the highest recognition given by an Indiana Governor.

A Large Family Legacy

On August 19, 1972, Jim married Laura McCarty, who survives him, in West Lafayette. Their family includes their four children and 15 grandchildren.

His family was Jim's greatest joy. He always enjoyed when they could all be together. Holidays, family trips, and having grand kids stop by made his day.

Jim has left a lasting legacy through his children and grandchildren that will be part of this community for years to come.

Jim, the world has gained new luster by your life, you will be missed by so many. Rest in peace.



Laura and Jim with their 15 grandchildren.

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