



## James "Jim" J. Hotop

February 23, 1949 - June 2, 2025

James "Jim" J. Hotop, 76, of Biehle, Missouri, peacefully passed away surrounded by his loving family, Monday, June 2, 2025 at The Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, MO.

He was born February 23, 1949 to Julius E. and Violet M. (Snyder) Hotop.

He and Dorothy Jean Geile were married on April 8, 1978 at St. Maurus Catholic Church in Biehle, MO. She preceded him in death on July 10, 2024.

Jim was the owner & operator of the Biehle Tavern. He worked 32 years as a Leadman on the dock for Gilster Mary Lee Cereal Plant in Perryville. He enjoyed cooking kettle beef for many events and loved farming and raising goats. Jim was a dedicated blood donor for the American Red Cross, donating over 26 gallons of blood.

He was a member of St. Maurus Catholic Church and a former member of the Jaycees.

Survivors include daughter, Vickie (Dean) Menard of St. Mary; two sons, Keith Gross of Perryville, Derek (Angie) Gross of Perryville, MO; son-in-law, Larry Ernst of Biehle; brother, Tom (Sharon) Hotop of Perryville; three sisters, Katy (Richard) Ruesler of Sedgewickville, Tess Miller of Altenburg, Joan Hotop of

Perryville; sister-in-law, Bonnie Ehlers of Perryville; ten grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dorothy Hotop; daughter, Jeannie Ernst; two grandchildren, Lindsay Finley, Trevor Gross; brother, Bernard Hotop; two sisters & brothers-in-law, Pat (John) Meyer, Agnes (Richard) Farrar.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday, June 9, 2025 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville and continue from 8:00 am to 9:20 am on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at the funeral home. The Rosary will be recited at 8:30 am.

Funeral Mass will be 10.00 am on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at St. Maurus Catholic Church in Biehle, MO with Rev. Michael Benz officiating.

Burial will be at St. Maurus Catholic Cemetery in Biehle.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Maurus Catholic Cemetery in Biehle.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Maurus Catholic Cemetery

Biehle, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home  
110 S. West St.  
Perryville, MO 63775

## Visitation

JUN 10. 8:00 AM - 9:20 AM (CT)

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Perryville, MO 63775

## Rosary

JUN 10. 8:30 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

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JUN **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Maurus Catholic Church  
10198 Hwy. B  
Biehle, MO

# Tribute Wall

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“ Nancy Hahs lit a candle in memory of James  
"Jim' J. Hotop



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**Nancy Hahs** - June 09, 2025 at 04:42 PM

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“ I will always remember Jim for his famous wine. He could make the best wine. My heart filled condolences go out to the family and his friends. May the Lord wrap his arms around each of you and offer you his comfort and peace.

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**Jennifer Will (Turnbough)** - June 03, 2025 at 06:24 PM

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“ Prayers for the family!

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**Tom Hart** - June 02, 2025 at 06:22 PM