



James "Jim" Ehlers

December 12, 1948 - October 2, 2018

Jim Ehlers, age 69, of Newell, Iowa died on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at the Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake after a four-year long battle with Parkinson's Disease

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the Evangelical Free Church in Albert City, Iowa. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place on Friday, October 5, 2018 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

James "Jim" Henry Ehlers, the son of Helmuth and Rosella (Gerdes) Ehlers, was born on December 12, 1948 in Storm Lake. In his youth, Jim attended grade school at Zion Lutheran and graduated high school in 1967 from Albert City-Truesdale. Jim furthered his education after high school by attending Iowa State where he earned an Ag degree in Farming Operations in 1971.

Jim enlisted in the Army National Guard in January of 1969. He would serve his country for six years before being honorably discharged in 1975. Jim loved his country and was proud to serve.

On September 2, 1972, Jim was united in marriage to Gwenn Sather in

Franklin, Minnesota. The couple was blessed with three children: Sonya Lynn, Joel James, and Emily Pauline.

Jim was very active in his community and in his church. Jim received a Believer's Baptism at a pool through the Evangelical Free Church in Albert City. He served his church through teaching Sunday School, serving as a Deacon, church chairman, and as an Elder. In his community, Jim was an Albert City Legion member and a member of Farm Credit Services of America Board of Directors from 2009-2017.

In his free time, Jim enjoyed being on the lake, taking motorcycle trips to Colorado, the Black Hills, and traveling with Gwenn to Hawaii and Mexico where he enjoyed seeing God's beauty. Above all, Jim loved spending time with his family and going to his children's activities.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 46 years, Gwenn of Newell, Iowa; children: Sonya (Jeff) Veverka of Overland Park, Kansas; Joel (Brooke) Ehlers of Albert City, Iowa; Emily (Justin) Rethmeyer of Kansas City, Missouri; brother, Steve (Betty) Ehlers of Newell, Iowa; sister, Judi Hubbard of Seattle, Washington; grandchildren: Joseph James and Jackson Henry Veverka; Emma Elizabeth Ehlers; Madelyn Pauline Rethmeyer; extended family and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents Helmuth and Rosella; parents-in-law, Victor and Adelle Sather; and nephew, Joshua Ehlers.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **5**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Service

OCT **6**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church- Albert City
212 Flower St
Albert City, IA 50510

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Ehlers*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 04, 2018 at 05:42 PM

EM

“ *What a pleasure dealing with Jim over the years. He and brother Steve reminded me so much of my dad and uncle that farmed together for over 40 years. Blessed be our memories of a fine man. May God take care of you until we get to meet again in His great Heaven.*

Erik "Hondo"and Mariellen Mosbo - October 06, 2018 at 10:16 AM

DJ

“ *Thank you for posting the beautiful remembrance video. Felt like you were sharing his life with us. Most of my memories of Jim came from our childhood days and the many baseball games all the Ehlers cousins shared at our many get-togethers. God's blessings on you and your whole family today and in the future.*

Delores and Larry Jobe

Delores (Boettcher) Jobe - October 05, 2018 at 11:36 PM

PI

“ Power Solutions Inc. purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of James "Jim" Ehlers.



Power Solutions Inc. - October 05, 2018 at 02:18 PM

PB

“ Phillip & Bryan purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of James "Jim" Ehlers.



Phillip & Bryan - October 05, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ehlers.



October 05, 2018 at 10:13 AM



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



October 04, 2018 at 05:39 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ehlers.*



October 04, 2018 at 05:34 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ehlers.*



October 04, 2018 at 05:27 PM



“ *233 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 04, 2018 at 04:23 PM

MF

“ *Mary Farrell lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Ehlers*



Mary Farrell - October 04, 2018 at 04:22 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ehlers.*



October 04, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ *Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ehlers.*



October 04, 2018 at 03:43 PM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - All White was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ehlers.*



October 04, 2018 at 03:11 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ehlers.



October 04, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ehlers.



October 04, 2018 at 02:36 PM



“ *Gwen and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.*
Ray and Sandy Eickholt



Sandy - October 04, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ 134 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 04, 2018 at 11:50 AM

BB

“ Brady & Emily Bonin purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of James "Jim" Ehlers.



Brady & Emily Bonin - October 04, 2018 at 11:31 AM

BM

“ Brad & Natalia Meyer purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of James "Jim" Ehlers.



Brad & Natalia Meyer - October 04, 2018 at 11:04 AM

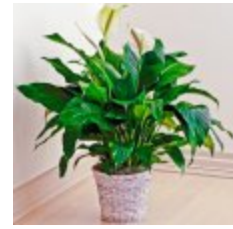
Brad Meyer

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a great friend to Mom and Darold.

Brad Meyer - October 04, 2018 at 10:09 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ehlers.*



October 04, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



Emily Kyser - October 04, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ *Ben & Judy Malcom lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Ehlers*



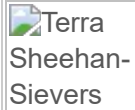
Ben & Judy Malcom - October 03, 2018 at 11:11 PM



“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Ehlers*



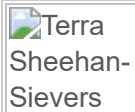
John and Connie Demers - October 03, 2018 at 10:11 PM



“ *Terra Sheehan-Sievers sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jim" Ehlers*

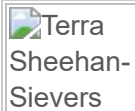


Terra Sheehan-Sievers - October 03, 2018 at 05:25 PM



“ *Darold and I enjoyed the fun times we had with Jim and Gwenn, Jim was able to free me from my big fear of water, Jim got me in a boat, and I've actually enjoyed it ever since Thank you dear friend. Darold and Terra Sievers.*

Terra Sheehan-Sievers - October 03, 2018 at 05:23 PM



“ *Terra Sheehan-Sievers lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Ehlers*



Terra Sheehan-Sievers - October 03, 2018 at 05:19 PM



“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Ehlers*



Deb and Kevin Jesse - October 03, 2018 at 05:02 PM

BH

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jim’s death; we were elementary school classmates and remained friends through high school years. A wonderful memory is a youth trip to Squaw Valley, CA with Judy, Jim, Steve, Richard and Donald. He now is with his Lord and Savior. Peace and comfort to his family! Fondly, Barbara Hoberman Huebner in MN

Barbara Hoberman Huebner - October 03, 2018 at 04:57 PM

LN

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My love and prayer's to all of the Ehlers family.

Lee Nordine

Lee Nordine - October 03, 2018 at 01:10 PM

JF

“ The Ehlers' family were neighbors to us growing up. Wonderful, loving, Christian family. So sad to hear this news. My sympathy to all of the family. Much too young!!

Joyce Franzmeier/Vitzthum - October 03, 2018 at 12:33 PM

ES

“ So sorry to hear about Jim's death. Our sympathy to your entire family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ron and Eloise (Schultze) Swanson

Eloise Swanson - October 03, 2018 at 12:30 PM

BE

“ Jim was a great person and we feel blessed to have known him through the years. God Bless all the family and may you have peace knowing he is not struggling any longer. Prayers for you all.

Erik and Barb Erickson and family

Barb Erickson - October 03, 2018 at 12:28 PM

DH

“ My family has been life-long friends of the Sioux Rapids Ehlers family. Jim and his siblings often were part of a get-together. Many good memories. My sympathy and prayers for Jim's family and friends. God be with you all.



Doris Harvey - October 03, 2018 at 12:07 PM

VS

“ Vicki Sorbe lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Ehlers



Vicki Sorbe - October 03, 2018 at 11:48 AM

AW

“ So sorry to hear of Jims passing. He was such a wonderful man with a contagious smile. He will be missed so much. Thinking of you all and praying for you during this difficult time. Doug & Allison White and family

Allison White - October 03, 2018 at 10:37 AM