

James "Jim" B. Moody

April 25, 1926 - December 24, 2020

James "Jim" Moody, age 94, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Thursday, December 24, 2020 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Private family services will be held on Saturday, January 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. To watch the live stream of the service, please click the link- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83970112046?pwd=MUYyMGJ6TW54T2VPREZyM0EyYm5UUT09> and enter the password: funeral. Burial will take place in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Sioux City. Masks are required for family in attendance. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to the family of Jim Moody. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

James Bernard Moody was born April 25, 1926 to Lee and Gertrude (Arnoldi) Moody in Lamberton, Minnesota. The family moved to Sioux City when Jim was four and a half years old. Jim received his education in the Sioux City schools. After high school he enlisted in the U.S. Navy during WWII where he served for twenty-six months as a medical corpsman. While in the Navy he took the course of study in neuropsychology which qualified him to be an assistant for a psychiatrist. Following his Navy duty, he attended and graduated from Morningside College in 1950 with a teaching degree. His first

teaching job was in Clarinda, IA for two years. Then he taught High School Speech and Drama for thirty-five years in Storm Lake, Iowa, retiring in 1988. He was honored to be selected as a member of the Iowa High School Speech Association Hall of Fame. Jim enjoyed being a certified lay speaker at United Methodist churches in Northwest Iowa. Jim loved music. He loved playing the fiddle and harmonica for various retirement homes in Storm Lake. He also taught himself to whistle every tune he knew. Jim didn't retire in full! He had a couple part-time jobs. For over 20 years he worked part-time at Merrill Manufacturing Co. and also worked for Mello-Dent Company as a foreman and bus driver for detasslers for over 20 years. In 1964, he married Carmen Smith. He was very proud of his five daughters. He had three daughters from an earlier marriage, Cheryl, Diane and Cynthia all who live in Sacramento, CA area. His two daughters with Carmen are Beth of Deerfield, IL and Trudy of Sioux City.

Jim is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carmen; daughters: Beth (Scott) Mercola, Trudy (Christopher) Rants, Cheryl (Gary Muck) Moody, Diane (Kenneth) Tucker, and Cynthia Moody; eight grandchildren: Jack (Michael Sepulveda) Mercola, Dana Mercola, Grace (Jay) Welp, Katharine Rants, Ashley Tatum, Courtney Tatum, Jenny (Justin) Child, and Nina Mosell; four great-grandchildren: Benjamin Child, Zachary Child, Brody Tatum, and Jayde Tatum; sister-in-law, Janice (Duane) Goff; brothers-in-law, Howard Smith and Ronald (Anne) Smith; several nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Margie (Don) Shoemaker; parents-in-law, Orville and Alma Smith; and sister-in-law, Verna Smith.

A public Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to the family of Jim Moody.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery -- Sioux City, IA

6605 Morningside Ave
Sioux City, IA 51106

Previous Events

PRIVATE SERVICE

JAN 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KM

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Moody. He was one of my favorite teachers I ever had. Of course, I was there a lot as I was friends with Cindy. My heart goes out to all of you!!!

Kathy McDole

Kathy McDole - December 25, 2021 at 05:22 PM

AM

“ I'm going to miss this sweet man so very much! Thank you for helping me bust out of my shell in high school, and it was an honor taking care of you these last months! Cutest guy ever!! I miss you every single day
xoxoxoxo Allyson "Hartwig" Munger

Allyson Munger - January 08, 2021 at 09:27 AM

TS

“ Mr. Moody was my speech teacher and I went to state to compete, thanks to Mr. Moody. We had fun and the experiences made all of us more confident. I didn't know he had a background in psychiatry but it makes sense. I remember his insightful comments about me and others. He was right. Condolences to his family, Trudy Faust Samuelson class of 1965

Trudy Samuelson - January 03, 2021 at 10:30 PM

KW

“ *Carmen, Beth and Trudy - your husband/dad was one of a kind! I have so many wonderful childhood and teen memories of Mr. Moody. He treated our family like we were one of his crew. And of course he was my favorite teacher! We still share such entertaining, funny Moody stories 😊. I hope you find comfort knowing the joy he brought to so many lives.*
Kaye Appleseth Wikstrom

kaye wikstrom - January 02, 2021 at 10:14 PM

VI

“ *Mr. Moody was a great teacher*

Vern Illum
SLHS 1965

Vern Illum - January 02, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Live Stream of Service*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 02, 2021 at 12:26 PM

AT

“ This amazing sweet man is my grandpa. I live in California and he and Carmen would travel to visit. One time when I was a little girl maybe six or seven years old he came to California. He loved to go on walks when he visited. He asked me if I would go on a walk with him. We went on a VERY long walk. He made me crack up the entire walk. He kept teasing me and saying I was going to get him lost and that he was scared.

When was older in high school, my mom let my sister and I go to Iowa to visit. I spent the summer working in the corn fields. My grandpa was the bus driver. We would wake up sooo early, eat a bowl of cereal and get in his truck. Every morning we wouldn't say much to each other and just watch the sun rise as we made our way to the school bus. I sat in the front and would watch him drive as we picked up all the other kids in the mornings.

When we were there we took several road trips and my grandpa would play his harmonica in the front seat. He'd play any song you could think of on it.

When I was visiting there, I brought my guitar and several times we sat out in his front porch together and I'd strum my guitar and he'd play his fiddle.

He use to sing "oh won't you tip toe through the tulips!" I loved his voice.

No words will describe what he meant to me. I love him dearly and will miss him for eternity.

Ashley Tatum - January 02, 2021 at 01:16 AM

BF

“ Jim will be missed by all who knew him. We have many fond memories of Jim. He was a very upbeat & positive man!! Prayers sent to Carmen & family!!

Brian & Barb Fox - January 01, 2021 at 06:16 PM

LT

“ I am saddened to hear about Mr. Moody's passing! I'll always remember him as an awesome teacher, encourager, and friend. He was one of the Kahl kids' favorite teachers, and he made such a difference in the lives of Storm Lake students! Whenever I ran into him, even many years later, he remembered my name and we would reminisce old times. Sending condolences from the Kahl family to his family.

Lori Tuttle - January 01, 2021 at 11:39 AM

AS

“ Mr.Moody was one of my favorite teachers. I have awesome memories of his teaching in speech class . I was a quiet shy kid and he helped me learn to open up and stand in front of an audience and speak up and out . I sing too Thank you Mr Moody for being an inspiration to your students . RIP Alice (Bannister) Spooner

Alice Spooner - December 31, 2020 at 07:49 PM

BM

“ I am saddened to hear of the loss of Jim. He was one of my favorite teachers at SLHS. My condolences go out to his family!

Barb Anderson Murphy - December 31, 2020 at 10:13 AM

AH

“ I remember Mr. Moody as a kind and encouraging teacher whose speech class helped me in my efforts to overcome crippling shyness. May he Rest In Peace after a life well lived.

Allie (Madsen) Hayes - December 30, 2020 at 08:41 PM

PM

“ Dear Carmen & family, we just read about Jim’s death; we’re so sorry and you will be upheld in our prayers. May God’s grace surround you and keep you... God be with you ‘til we meet again. Blessings, Pastor Matt & Carol Miller, West Des Moines

Pastor Matt Miller - December 30, 2020 at 07:01 PM

KA

“ So many wonderful memories of our neighbor and friend ‘Moody!’ He was so great to our family, especially our dad, who looked up to him as a father. He will be missed. Thinking of your family during this trying time.
-The Croker family

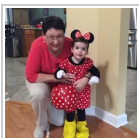
Katelyn (Croker) Adams - December 30, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 30, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ Mr. Moody had such a big impact on my education--he coached our debate team, which I participated in throughout high school and college. And I met my husband of 50 years on the college debate team! I learned so much from Mr. Moody. He was always encouraging and positive. My sympathy to his family--he made such a difference in the lives of so many students.

Laurie Cory - December 29, 2020 at 04:12 PM

JC

“ Loved my Grandpa very much and will always cherish the visits spent with him. Loved his fiddle and card playing. One of my most cherished memories of when i was a kid and we wrote letters back and forth to each other like pen pals. Rest In Peace Grandpa.



Jennifer Child - December 29, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" B. Moody.



December 29, 2020 at 01:39 PM

TZ

“ Terry And Kim Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" B. Moody



Terry and Kim Zimmerman - December 28, 2020 at 08:41 PM

RO

“ My deepest sympathies to the Moody family, especially Trudy. Mr. Moody was a great teacher.



Robbi - December 28, 2020 at 05:32 PM

KM

“ *Mr. Moody was one of my favorite teachers. His daughter Cindy, was one of my best friends!!! My sympathies go out to her and the rest of the family!!!*

Kathy McDole

Kathy McDole - December 28, 2020 at 03:15 PM

SV

“ *Mr. Moody was my speech teacher way back in 1968. He was a wonderful teacher. He took me aside after class one day and convinced me to go to speech contest. He believed in me, when I did not believe in myself. That experience changed my life. I went on to become a teacher and I credit a lot of my successes to him personally. I wrote him a letter several years ago thanking him. Rest In Peace Mr.Moody you made a difference in so many young lives.*



Shelley Robinson Vollmuth - December 28, 2020 at 03:07 PM

DA

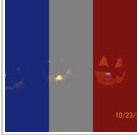
“ *Mr Moody was my absolute favorite teacher in Storm Lake High. He was the reason I became a radio announcer and the reason I am such a lover of the arts especially plays. I today tell my children about what a great person and teacher he was. Heaven has gained one special angel.*

Denise “McConkey” Allen - December 28, 2020 at 08:15 AM

DM

“ *My sympathies to the Moody family. Mr Moody was a fun teacher. I looked forward to his class.*

Dee Meyer - December 28, 2020 at 03:21 AM



“ So sorry for you loss. He was a great man. I remember him as the Summer Playground "teacher" back in the day. Alot of people looked up to him as a teacher. RIP Mr. Moody.



Sally Rassler - December 28, 2020 at 01:25 AM



“ Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" B. Moody



Cheryl DeMan - December 27, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ Prayers to Jim's family on his call Home. Over the years I enjoyed working with Jim at numerous large and small group speech contests when I was speech coach and play director at Fonda. Such a consummate professional. God's Peace. Randy Schmitt

Randy & Marilyn Schmitt - December 27, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ Steph/Sharon Mickelson lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" B. Moody



Steph/Sharon Mickelson - December 27, 2020 at 11:50 AM

MY

“ *Mark / Chris Young lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" B. Moody*



Mark / Chris Young - December 27, 2020 at 09:56 AM

BA

Like so many others writing before me Mr. Moody was one of my VERY favorite teachers. He just knew how to make each one of his students feel a little more confident in themselves. God Bless you, Mr. Moody, and God Bless your family and give them all the love and comfort they need at this time. Bobby (Allison)-Anderson

Bobby Anderson - January 02, 2021 at 03:46 PM



“ *One of the best teachers I ever had...great man!!!*



El Heffe - December 26, 2020 at 09:26 PM

RS

“ *I always liked going to Jim's house and spending time with his daughter Trudy as we where growing up .and going to church group on Thursday night and walking up town to get stuff to eat while we we where at youth group .he will greatly missed .my dad had him when he was in school .so know he and Jim can spend more time together in heaven .thinking of the mossy family at this time*

Robin Stephan - December 26, 2020 at 09:20 PM

PG

“ OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO CARMEN & ALL THE MOODY FAMILY. JIM & I WORKED TOGETHER AT MERRILL MFG. HE WAS QUITE A JIM. I KNOW HE TAUGHT SCHOOL FOR MANY YEARS TOO. MAY HE RIP.

PEACE & PRAYERS,
LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE

PATTY GUNVILLE - December 26, 2020 at 07:01 PM