



Jim Bisenius

April 29, 1949 - January 21, 2019

Jim Bisenius, age 69, of Schaller, Iowa died on Monday, January 21, 2019 at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa.

Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Schaller. Burial will be in the Schaller Cemetery in Schaller. Visitation will take place on Friday, January 25, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the SCHALLER GYM in Schaller. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller is in charge of arrangements.

James Joseph Bisenius was born in Emmetsburg, Iowa on April 29, 1949.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents: J.W. Bisenius and Lois (Leuer) Bisenius.

He is survived by his wife Marthajane (Schill) Bisenius Schaller, IA; Daughter Marjorie (Dennis) Omaha, NE; Son Adam (Amy) Holstein, IA; Daughter Molly (Terry) Odebolt, IA. Grandchildren: Jasmin, Junior, Jacob, Brody, Brock, Brayden, Erin, Ella, Ben, Kara and Brooklyn.

Jim was born and raised in Emmetsburg, IA. He graduated from Emmetsburg Catholic High School in 1967. He attended Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa and graduated in 1971. Upon graduating BV, he moved to Schaller

to teach and coach.

Jim and Jane, both students at BV, were married August 6, 1971. Jim taught and coached all ages over several decades in the Schaller and Schaller-Crestland School Systems. Fondly known as Mr. B, Coach B, Buzz or Jim, he started as little league baseball coach for Tri-County, high school football, basketball and track for many years. He then moved to Junior High football, basketball and track. The years coaching high school football with his dear friend Jim Taylor were some of his favorite years. Mr. B believed strongly in education and second chances and tutored and mentored kids of all ages—formally and informally.

Jim moved on from teaching to sell insurance and real estate full time. But his coaching and mentoring would continue. Eventually when health reasons confined him to a wheelchair, he made the difficult decision to retire from formal coaching at that point. However, his passion for kids, sports and young people kept him continuing to coach and mentor his entire lifetime—long past the formality of the official title. That was in his blood. That was his purpose.

Mr. B was very active in the St. Joseph Catholic church and the Schaller community. He taught CCD classes for the high school students; served on the Catholic Church Board, Schaller City Council and Schaller Chamber for several years. He loved Schaller and the people in it and would always advocate and support the small business owners.

Jim loved to golf, take kids fishing and go camping. A lifetime of memories were made camping and fishing with family and friends at various places. He enjoyed all sports but he loved football the most. Jim was a lifelong Buena Vista Beaver supporter and never missed a home game for 50 years. He loved attending his kids' school events and watching his son, nephews and neighbor play football at BVU. The years his son, Adam, spent coaching at BV

were very special to him. If he wasn't watching BVU, he would be watching the Iowa Hawkeyes on Saturdays and Minnesota Vikings on Sundays.

Jim was a loving husband , a devoted and encouraging dad to 3, an amazing grandpa to 11 and a true friend, confidante, mentor, teacher and coach to hundreds.

Cemetery Details

Schaller Cemetery -- Schaller

200th Street
Schaller, IA 51053

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schaller Gym
300 S. Berwick St
Schaller, IA 51053

Memorial Mass

JAN **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church -- Schaller
408 S Main St
Schaller, IA 51053
(712) 275-4238

Tribute Wall

TC

“ *Tresa (dierenfield) Cerny sent a virtual gift in memory of Jim Bisenius*



tresa (dierenfield) cerny - January 30, 2019 at 01:24 AM

TC

sorry to hear of jim's passing. his family will be in our prayers.

tresa (dierenfield) cerny - January 30, 2019 at 01:24 AM

TC

*so sorry to learn of jim's passing. he was a great neighbor and friend.---
-----eugene and hifumi dierenfield*

tresa (dierenfield) cerny - January 30, 2019 at 01:27 AM

TM

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. In our college years we always enjoyed and valued his friendship and the hospitality of he and his parents. Many great memories from times when Kitti and I would join Jim and his parents and brothers and sisters at the Bisenius home when Jim would come home from BV. We are sorry the miles from Washington to Iowa were not conducive to more visits over the last years. We pray for Jane and the family at this difficult time. Tim & Kitti McCarthy*

Tim & Kitti McCarthy - January 27, 2019 at 01:18 PM

GM

“ Jane and family - Jim remembers hunting with Jim, along with Steve Harnack, Larry Ober and Al Burr-5 rather large guys in one car, hunting pheasants. We enjoyed our trips to Emmetsburg for the famous St. Patrick's Day festivities, and many happy times socializing at your home. God bless and sincere sympathies.

Gail Morris - January 26, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Jim Bisenius.



January 25, 2019 at 09:44 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Jim Bisenius.



January 25, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jim Bisenius.



January 25, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Jim Bisenius.*



January 25, 2019 at 11:57 AM



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



January 25, 2019 at 09:24 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Jim Bisenius.*



January 24, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Jim Bisenius.*



January 24, 2019 at 08:45 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Jim Bisenius.*



January 24, 2019 at 05:18 PM



“ *Nick, Amy, Sophia & Claire Schumacher purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Jim Bisenius.*



Nick, Amy, Sophia & Claire Schumacher - January 24, 2019 at 03:48 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jim Bisenius.*



January 24, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ *Kenny and Marlys Kroese, Todd and Kris Bloyer purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Jim Bisenius.*



Kenny and Marlys Kroese, Todd and Kris Bloyer - January 24, 2019 at 02:43 PM



“ *Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Jim Bisenius.*



January 24, 2019 at 02:21 PM



“ *Bless your family during this time of sorrow. SHS and the memories of being one of his students has had a lasting impression. With deepest sympathy, Mary Beth (Dick) Morris*

Mary Beth (Dick) Morris - January 24, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 24, 2019 at 01:32 PM



“ *May God enfold the family of Jim in his loving arms for their loss and all they have been through during his illness. Jim had lots of kindness and patience with my Son Kelly and all those young ball players. A great role model. Eternal rest for Jim.*

Mrs (Hooley)Jan McGuire - January 23, 2019 at 08:51 PM

MM

“ *Mrs (Hooley)Jan McGuire lit a candle in memory of Jim Bisenius*



Mrs (Hooley)Jan McGuire - January 23, 2019 at 08:19 PM

JK

“ *Condolences to Jim's family, He was great neighbor, teammate and friend to grow up with...RIP*
Jim Kliegl

James Kliegl - January 23, 2019 at 07:24 PM

CJ

“ *Jim was such a positive influence in our sons' lives and many kids in and out of sports. Many people were blessed by his special personality and caring heart. God bless your family. Rollie and Cindy Joens*

cindy Joens - January 23, 2019 at 05:24 PM

DD

Our sincere sympathy to the whole family. So grateful that he touched so many people with his life. You must be so proud.

Diane Droegmiller - January 24, 2019 at 02:47 PM

RT

*Jim was my Little League All-Star coach in 1970. Being from Fonda, Schaller was one of our biggest rivals. The team was talented and well coached by Jim. I remember we were taking infield one day and Jim told us to stop the ball by whatever means necessary. I can only paraphrase today but the jist was to stop the ball even if you take it in the face, then you can go home and tell Mom you made the play. After 50 years, I still remember. Rest in peace Coach. You are not and will never be forgotten. When men were men and boys were boys.
Richard Tischer, Fonda.*

Richard Tischer - January 26, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Jim Bisenius.



January 23, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Bisenius.



January 23, 2019 at 04:15 PM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Jim Bisenius.



January 23, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Jim Bisenius.*



January 23, 2019 at 12:53 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Jim Bisenius.*



January 23, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ *Jim was my first cousin, we spent a lot of fun times together as kids. Have had some good visits with him on messenger this last year. I'm glad he got this last year to spend with his family. He will be missed by many, but the good memories will live on forever. May God be with the family during these sad days. You will remain in my prayers.
Our deepest sympathy to the family*

Sheryl Chamberlain

Sheryl - January 23, 2019 at 11:13 AM

BC

“ *Coach Bisenius was my High School Basketball/Baseball coach at Schaller High and I had interaction with him daily most of my high school years. (YR-70 thru 74) He was always very passionate about any coaching program he guided and was especially 'in tune' with young high school athletes both on and off the court or ball field and without overlooking studies! He was an excellent role model and had a unusual sense of humor that I enjoyed greatly. Even though, I have not seen him since High School, I would have like to have caught up with him and just reminisce about those years & times. I know he was well respected and he held a bookmark in a very 'special' time of my life and my love of sports at Schaller High School!*



I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Coach's family and inner circle of friends.

*Sincerely,
Bryan Bruce Compton & Wife Helen
St. Charles/Chicago IL.*

Bryan B. Compton - January 23, 2019 at 09:31 AM

JB

“ *Used to “shoot buckets” on outdoor court w Jim. We were in same class and also played football together. Lived block away down the alley*

J Joe Brown - January 23, 2019 at 09:28 AM

RO

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Bisenius Family. Jim will be missed.. Are prayers are with you at this difficult time. Bob & Rose Baker

Rose - January 23, 2019 at 07:49 AM

RB

“ Rose&Bob Baker lit a candle in memory of Jim Bisenius



Rose&Bob Baker - January 23, 2019 at 07:46 AM

LS

“ Prayers for peace and comfort for the Bisenius family.



Lydia Shipley - January 23, 2019 at 06:34 AM

SH

“ I will always remember Jim shooting baskets outside after a basketball game in the middle of winter, he truly loved the game! He also was a wonderful family man

Steve Harnack - January 22, 2019 at 10:57 PM

SH

“ *Lit a candle in memory of*



Steve Harnack - January 22, 2019 at 10:51 PM

SH

“ *I will always remember him shooting baskets outside following a basketball game, his true love for the game. A wonderful man*



Steve Harnack - January 22, 2019 at 10:47 PM

MN

“ *Jim was a great story teller and enjoyed coaching for many years after retirement from teaching. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bisenius family.*



Mary and Marvin Nehring - January 22, 2019 at 07:58 PM

KB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Jane and family! God bless you during this difficult time!*

John and Kathy Breuklander

Kathy Breuklander - January 22, 2019 at 06:40 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Breuklander lit a candle in memory of Jim Bisenius*



Kathy Breuklander - January 22, 2019 at 06:35 PM

MJ

“ *Marsha Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jim Bisenius*



Marsha Johnson - January 22, 2019 at 04:18 PM

PG

“ *WE LIT A CANDLE IN MEMORY OF JIM BIENIUS. MAY HE NOW RIP. TO HIS FAMILY WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS, SYMPATHY, & PEACE..*



*LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE
STORM LAKE, IOWA*

Patty Gunville - January 22, 2019 at 03:20 PM



“ *"Buzz" "Mr. B" "Coach" was a one-of-a-kind man....they threw away the mold after they made him. He was a man everyone respected and looked up to. He taught me in "middle school".....and taught me ALOT!!!alot about life in general and that if I'd just keep my mouth shut we'd get along alot better!!! I know I wrote more pages from the history book because of my talking than any other student ever and then he had to resort to using masking tape to tape my mouth shut. He left his mark while he was here....one that will be remembered by many!!! My deepest sympathy to the Bisenius Family!*

Patti Snyder - January 22, 2019 at 03:11 PM

KB

“ *Kris Bloyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Jim Bisenius*



Kris Bloyer - January 22, 2019 at 02:52 PM



“ *Condolences to the entire Bisenius family. Michael Foy*

Michael Foy - January 22, 2019 at 02:42 PM

JR

“ *Joyce Roling lit a candle in memory of Jim Bisenius*



Joyce Roling - January 22, 2019 at 02:02 PM

BO

“ *Bernie/Ann Onnen lit a candle in memory of Jim Bisenius*



Bernie/Ann Onnen - January 22, 2019 at 12:55 PM

TM

“ *Tammy Miller lit a candle in memory of Jim Bisenius*



Tammy Miller - January 22, 2019 at 12:39 PM