



## Jim Treat

January 28, 1935 - March 22, 2020

Jim Treat, age 85, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Private family graveside service will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2020 at the Storm Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be given to the Buena Vista Rifle and Pistol Club Youth Program, P.O. Box 852 Storm Lake, Iowa 50588 or to UnityPoint Hospice, 214 South 25th St. Fort Dodge, IA 50501. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

James Carlisle Treat was born January 28, 1935, in New Hampton, Iowa, the son of Melvin "Sonny" and Doris (Sjobakken) Treat. After graduating from New Hampton High School in 1953, he served in the Army for two years. He graduated from Upper Iowa University in 1963 and taught and coached in the Starmont Community School until 1965. In the summers he went on to get his master's degree at Colorado State University. From 1965 to 1970 he taught and coached at Maquoketa, Iowa. Since 1970, he has lived in Storm Lake, Iowa, serving as Vice Principal and Athletic Director at the High School, until retirement in 1997. Following retirement, he drove school bus for 18 years.

On June 6, 1959, Jim married Roma Schlesselman in Aurora, Iowa. They were blessed with two children: Todd and Traci and have celebrated 60 years

of marriage together.

Jim was a faithful member of the Storm Lake Independent Baptist Church. God, Family, and Country were very important to him, and he let his voice be heard at Patriotic events and in the many Editorials he wrote over the years. He served on the City Council from 1998 to 2009 and was well known for being unafraid to stand up for his beliefs.

Besides having a great love for his family, he thoroughly enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trap shooting, and was happiest when outdoors instructing and enjoying these things with his children and grandchildren. The annual turkey hunting trips were always one of his favorite times, with pheasant hunting being a close second. He liked to be “on the go” and in his later years enjoyed spending time with the “coffee boys” at Hardees.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Roma, his two children: Todd (Janet) Treat of Andrew, Iowa; Traci (Derek) Wharton of Indianola, Iowa; grandchildren: Tucker (Mikayla) Wharton of Milo, Iowa; Molly (fiancé, Kirk Hudson) Wharton of Des Moines, Iowa; twins, Tanner and Trevor Wharton of Des Moines, Iowa; step grandchildren: Jadya (Kara) Root of Ankeny, Iowa; Jordyn (Chad) St. John of Fort Dodge, Iowa; step great grandchildren: Kasyn and Karver St. John of Fort Dodge, Iowa; sister, Connie DeVries of Louisville, Kentucky; brother-in-law, Gene (Esther) Tonn of Lady Lake, Florida; five nephews, two nieces, extended family and many friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Ray Bartz; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Philip and Phyllis Schlesselman; brother-in-law, Bob DeVries; sister-in-law, Jane Tonn; and nephew, Jerry Schlesselman.

# Cemetery Details

## **Storm Lake Cemetery**

Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 14, 2020 at 10:21 AM

GT

*What a wonderful tribute to a truly gracious and godly man.*

Gene Tonn - April 24, 2020 at 01:30 PM

CF

“ *Roma and children,  
We were saddened to hear of Jim's passing, but gladdened to know about his graduation to Heaven. He truly was one of the most Godly men we have ever known. He walked with wisdom and integrity, but he was such a down-to-earth person, we felt instantly at ease. We remember the first time we met you both.....as newcomers to the community, we didn't know anybody. But you and Jim invited us to lunch that first Sunday we met at church. That led to a lifelong friendship.....the kind that one only experiences a few times in this life. We love you.....Mike and Cheryl Freeman*

Cheryl Freeman - April 10, 2020 at 07:10 PM

HS

“ Howard Schultze lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat



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Howard Schultze - March 31, 2020 at 10:18 AM

HS

“ Dear Roma and Family , Jim will be truly missed by many Family and Friends , so many people he has helped in the Storm Lake High School through so many years , We all will miss his wisdom in life , we know that you are in Heaven now Jim and we are looking forward to seeing and talking to you again someday . Howard and Kathy Schultze



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Howard Schultze - March 31, 2020 at 06:47 AM

TL

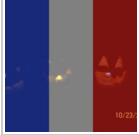
“ Dear Roma and family,

*You have our deepest sympathy and prayers. Jim was a great friend, colleague, and leader. He helped many young people to grow and become productive adults. I always enjoyed working with him, and I treasure the time I spent at SLHS working with him.*

*Tom and Ann Langenfeld*

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Tom Langenfeld - March 26, 2020 at 09:45 PM



“ *Sally Rassler lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat*



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**Sally Rassler** - March 26, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ *Dear Roma,  
We remember so fondly our chats with Jim often at HyVee. Still recall your joining with us at our wedding decades ago. Jim was a class act and added so much to our educational callings. May God's Peace be with you all as Jim is called Home. Randy and Marilyn Schmitt, Fonda*

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**Randy and Marilyn Schmitt** - March 26, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *I do remember Mr. Treat's office, although I didn't spend a lot of time there. Looks like he lived a full life. My sympathy to the family. Jean Biggins Toillion*

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**Jean Toillion** - March 25, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ *So Sorry for your loss he was a good guy and now I light a candle in memory of Mr. Treat!!*



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**Vicki Schreier** - March 24, 2020 at 10:48 PM

SN

“ Dear Roma and family,  
Mr. Treat was our principal, our friend and  
someone who we loved working alongside for  
so many years! I smile just thinking about him  
strolling the hallways and his conversations  
with students. We will always remember him as one of the best!  
Our thoughts are with you.  
Salli & Jim Nichols



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**salli nichols** - March 24, 2020 at 09:41 PM

GS

“ A man of integrity and fairness. He helped so  
many of us become successful adults. His  
influence will shape lives for generations to  
come.



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**Gordon Stull** - March 24, 2020 at 09:20 PM

HI

“ Hollie Imming lit a candle in memory of Jim  
Treat



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**Hollie Imming** - March 24, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ *Mike Hallengren lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat*



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**Mike Hallengren** - March 24, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ *Mr. Treat was a great man and educator. Spent plenty of time with him in his office. Ha! You could tell he loved his job and cared for all of his student. Rest well Mr. Treat.*

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**Mike Hallengren** - March 24, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *Dave Anderson lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat*



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**Dave Anderson** - March 24, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ *Deb Starr lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat*



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**Deb Starr** - March 24, 2020 at 04:19 PM

CR

“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat*



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**connie roche** - March 24, 2020 at 03:35 PM

BM

“ *Barb Murphy lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat*



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**Barb Murphy** - March 24, 2020 at 03:12 PM

AD

“ *Angie Dirks lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat*



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**Angie Dirks** - March 24, 2020 at 03:06 PM

RH

“ *RIP Mr Treat. Prayers to the Treat family.*

*Ronda Utter Hogan*



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**Ronda Utter Hogan** - March 24, 2020 at 03:01 PM

JH

“ Jessica Hudspeth lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat



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**Jessica Hudspeth** - March 24, 2020 at 02:46 PM

JK

“ I'm so sorry for your family's loss of, Mr. Treat. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Joanne Koth

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**Joanne Koth** - March 24, 2020 at 02:04 PM

DW

“ Dave & Lindsay White lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat



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**Dave & Lindsay White** - March 24, 2020 at 01:40 PM

JD

“ John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat



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**John/Connie Demers** - March 24, 2020 at 01:21 PM

PA

“ Peg Anderson lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat



Peg Anderson - March 24, 2020 at 10:25 AM

JM

“ Jeff Myers lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat



Jeff Myers - March 24, 2020 at 08:15 AM

JM

JIM TREAT=GREAT MAN!!!!, BETTER FRIEND!!!!

Jeff Myers - March 24, 2020 at 06:43 PM

RD

Mr. Treat was a caring individual that enjoyed working with the faculty, staff, and students at Storm Lake. He was a great mentor and friend for a second-year instructor. My prayers and thought go out to his family.

Rick Dawson - March 25, 2020 at 03:43 PM

PM

“ Roma and family,  
Heartfelt sympathy upon the loss of your dear Jim. I enjoyed spending time with the two of you. You are all in my prayers. I will stop over soon. Love, Pam 🙏💙

pam mcclannahan - March 24, 2020 at 12:20 AM

TZ

“ Terry & Kim Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat



Terry & Kim Zimmerman - March 23, 2020 at 08:27 PM

SM

“ Steph&Sharon Mickelson lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat



Steph&Sharon Mickelson - March 23, 2020 at 06:48 PM

RR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Mr Treat was Truly one of the finest I've ever met in my life.



Rex Rimmer - March 23, 2020 at 05:42 PM

JC

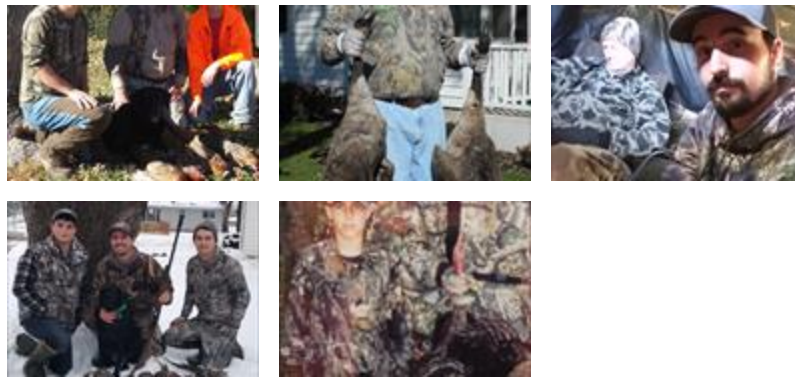
“ Jeff And Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat



Jeff and Jean Chindlund - March 23, 2020 at 05:29 PM

TW

“ We are really going to miss you grandpa. You were an amazing role model and the best grandpa anyone could ask for. Thank you for teaching us how to hunt and fish. I will never forget all the turkey and pheasant hunting memories we made or catching walleyes with you and grandma on the boat. I can't wait to tell my kids all of our hunting stories. We are still going to keep the tradition going each year opening weekend of pheasant season and spring turkey season. Todd and I are planning to hunt our lucky spot up on the pasture and use your gun. We love you so much and will always remember you. Love your grandson, Tucker James Wharton.



Tucker Wharton - March 23, 2020 at 04:46 PM

PM

“ Prayers to his family for comfort ... pat mauch

pat mauch - March 23, 2020 at 04:41 PM

DJ

“ Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Jim Treat



Deb and Kevin Jesse - March 23, 2020 at 03:17 PM