



James Behrens

January 28, 1930 - March 12, 2016

James Behrens, 86 of Carroll, died early Saturday morning at Regency Park Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Con-Celebrant will be Fr. Steven Brodersen. Music will be by Barb McDermott and the Holy Spirit Choir. Mass Servers will be: Mollie Hurd, Maggie Hurd, and Jessi Krause. Lectors for the funeral mass will be: Vern Behrens, Ken Behrens, and Vernell Wittrock. Gift Bearers will be: Michelle Doerer, Katie Yager, Rachel Prior, Amanda Prior, Sarah Vazquez, Amy Smith, Erin Schon, Emily DeBolt, and Anna Behrens. Eucharistic Ministers will be Madonna Schreck and Mary Ann Sibenaller. Casket Bearers will be: Joseph Luing, David Luing, James DeBolt, Daniel Prior, Andrew Behrens, Chris Behrens, and Mark Behrens. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 3 p.m. on Wednesday where there will be a rosary at 4 p.m. by the Templeton Knights of Columbus and a Christian Wake Service at 6:30 p.m. by Holy Spirit Parish.

The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church on Thursday morning where

visitation will resume from 9:30 a.m. until time of the funeral mass.

Memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for Kuemper Catholic Schools Foundation or Holy Spirit Church.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Jim's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on January 28, 1930 in Carroll, Iowa, James was the son of Henry and Mayme (Heithoff) Behrens. He spent his younger years in the Roselle area and attended Holy Angels School, later graduating from Carroll High School.

Jim served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict as a medic and was proud that his children followed in his footsteps being doctors and nurses. Jim was honorably discharged in 1953. On December 29, 1953 he was united in marriage to Margaret Hansman at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Willey, with Fr. H.J. Dries officiating. The couple made their home southeast of Roselle where Jim was engaged in grain and livestock farming. Jim and Margaret later moved to the Carroll community.

He enjoyed playing cards and fishing with his family and friends. Jim loved spending time with his entire family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Jim served as President of Farmers Mutual Insurance of Roselle for 34 years. He was a lifetime member of the Templeton Knights of Columbus, 50 year member of the Carroll American Legion, former member of Holy Angels Parish in Roselle where he was active in the church board and currently a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Carroll.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years Margaret of Carroll; his children: Dr. Arthur (Rose) Behrens of Carroll, Carol Luing of Bondurant, Marilyn (William)

Prior of Virginia, Joleen (Mark) Schon of Cedar Rapids, Joyce DeBolt and fiancée Terry Dickinson of Carroll, and Dr. Robert Behrens and fiancée Kelly Leggett of Polk City; 15 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; his brother, Donald (Arlene) Behrens of Carroll; his sisters-in-law, Virgene Behrens of Carroll and Phyllis Sibenaller of Carroll; as well as other extended relatives and many friends.

James was preceded in death by his parents; his parents-in-law, John and Rose Hansman; his son-in-law, Marlin Luing; his brothers: Robert Behrens in infancy, Harry (Dorothy) Behrens, and Virgil (Louise) Behrens; his sisters: Marie (Ed) Siepker, Florine (Harold) Eich, and Rita (Erwin) Vonnahme; and his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Melvin (Florence) Hansman, Marcella (George) Grossman, Lauris (Corrine) Hansman, Robert (Betty) Hansman, and Leroy Hansman in infancy.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ *All my sympathy to you, Art and Rose, and your family...*

Russ Reineke - March 30, 2016 at 01:56 AM

SA

“ *I am so sad to hear about the loss of my "Grandpa" James from Iowa. I always had a very good time at the home of James and Margaret when I went over to them while I was an exchange student with the family of Art and Rose Behrens. "Grandpa" learnt me a new game of cards which we loved to play together. Later even my parents from Germany learnt this game and then they played together withouth talking too much - English and German are just two different languages :)*

"Grandpa" always made me laugh and liked to joke with me. We had a good time together and I will keep him in my memory forever. My thoughts are especially with "Grandma" Margaret and the entire family Behrens. A loss of a beloved relative is one of the hardest things in life but time will help to let you smile again whenever you think of the beloved one.

Our deepest sympathy from Germany ... Sabine & Steffen with Tobias and Gabriele

Sabine - March 25, 2016 at 07:38 AM

JO

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Joleen - March 14, 2016 at 09:43 PM

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Joleen - March 14, 2016 at 09:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Behrens.



March 14, 2016 at 03:06 PM

AB

“ *James daughter Joleen is a co worker of ours in Hiawatha Iowa. She is a wonderful nurse and even more amazing human being- this can only be a reflexion of her wonderful family. Our hearts and prayers are with her and her family as they send their loved one into the arms of OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST! Many blessings and warm thoughts are with the Behrens family.*

Angie,Betsy and Brad - March 14, 2016 at 01:57 PM

MO

“ So sorry to hear about "Jimmy John". He was such a great guy and loved getting to know him. I would always get that smile from him and always made my day. I will truly miss him and your family. Prayers to the whole family. Melissa Olberding, Nurse at Regency Park

Melissa Olberding - March 14, 2016 at 10:18 AM

KS

“ Prayers sent to all of you from the Schroeder Family - Arcadia.

Kristi Schroeder - March 12, 2016 at 03:49 PM

CF

Please know you are all in our prayers..
the Niceswanger family

Carole freed - March 13, 2016 at 10:11 PM

LH

Whenever I think of Jimmy I get a smile on my face and I chuckle a bit. This is a result of many happy memories surrounding him. From when he combined for us and came in for supper to the times we baled for him and sat around after eating Margaret's wonderful dinners, he always seemed to be smiling and in a good mood. Also, I am glad I had the chance to make him laugh a bit. From the night I stretched his barbed wire fence to the last time we met and we talked about it, that event brought him a good belly laugh. I am fortunate to have known Jimmy and his family and believe mention of his name will always bring a smile to my face.

Peace
Loras Hackfort

Loras Hackfort - March 16, 2016 at 10:55 AM