



James Mielk

August 29, 1937 - February 9, 2026

James Mielk, 88, of Carroll, died Monday, February 9, 2026, at Thomas Rest Haven in Coon Rapids.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at St. John Paul II Parish ~ St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott. Kathy Halbur and Sherry Loughran will provide the music. The Lector is Kathy Marsh. The Mike Mielk family will be Gift Bearers. Ann Fitzpatrick is the Eucharistic Minister. Jim's family will serve as Casket Bearers. Military Honors will be conducted by the Arcadia American Legion. Burial will follow in Carroll City Cemetery.

A visitation will be held after 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Thursday at the church prior to the Mass.

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

James Arnold, son of Gordon and LaVerna (Killeen) Mielk, was born August 29, 1937, in Carroll, Iowa. In 1955, he graduated from Westside High School.

At the age of 17, James enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on active duty

until 1958. He remained in the reserves until receiving his honorable discharge on August 1, 1963.

On September 5, 1959, James was united in marriage with Patricia Christensen at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Vail. That December, he started work as a contract carrier for Moorman Manufacturing of Quincy, Illinois until 1971 at which time he then became a licensed operator for Decker Truck Lines of Fort Dodge. In March of 1973, James sold his equipment and went to work for Crouse Cartage Co. in Carroll, working there until retiring in October of 1998.

During retirement, James continued to work part-time for Crouse Transportation Services. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and playing cards.

James is survived by his wife Pat Mielk of Carroll; five children: Mike (Cathy) Mielk of Ankeny; Kathy (Gregg) Marsh of Mapleton; Diane Mielk of Houston, Texas; Carolyn (Jeff) Tingwald of Grimes; Colleen (Mark) Motsinger of Des Moines; 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Daniel, a brother Charles and brothers-in-law Jim Baumhover and Robert Christensen.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ sending My Sincere Sympathy To Jim.s Family ,May He Rest In Peace Above ,Amen

Denny Wiederien - February 13 at 08:34 PM

GF

“ George Crouse Family purchased the "On Ange l's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial for the family of James Mielk.



George Crouse Family - February 12 at 09:25 AM

GF

“ George Crouse Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Mielk.

George Crouse Family - February 12 at 09:25 AM

 Jackie Reineke

“ My deepest sympathy Pat and family. I enjoyed working with Him at the KC fish fries. I remember all the card playing with Tillie that she enjoyed so much.

Jackie Reineke - February 11 at 07:43 PM

CT

“ Thoughts and prayers for all of Jim's family. So many beautiful memories!

Cecelia Thelen - February 11 at 06:26 PM

JF

“ Joanne Schroeder & Kathy Palmer & Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of James Mielk.



Joanne Schroeder & Kathy Palmer & Family - February 11 at 12:11 PM

PS

“ Jim is my grandmother's nephew. I remember when he and Pat would stop and see her on their way back from the Spencer fair. Whenever I would see him he was such a nice guy always gave me a hug. Sorry that I can not attend the funeral but you are all in my prayers

Paula Schwabe

Paula Schwabe - February 10 at 11:03 PM

JM

“ Jeff, Mary Ann and Melissza planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Mielk.

Jeff, Mary Ann and Melissza - February 10 at 10:12 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Mielk.



February 10 at 10:12 PM

LG

“ Thoughts and prayers to Jim's family.

Lisa Gallagher - February 10 at 08:30 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Mielk.



February 10 at 04:43 PM

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“ Arnold . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Mielk.

Arnold . - February 10 at 10:15 AM

JJ

“ Justin, Jennifer, Josie and Jay purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of James Mielk.



Justin, Jennifer, Josie and Jay - February 10 at 09:44 AM

EP

“ Eileen philbin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Mielk.



Eileen philbin - February 10 at 08:05 AM