



James Riesberg

January 9, 1953 - December 19, 2009

James A. Riesberg, age 56, of Maple River, Iowa, died early Saturday, December 19, 2009, at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 A.M., Wednesday, December 23, 2009, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Mt. Carmel. The Celebrant will be Father Joe Dillinger. Con-celebrant will be Father Leo Riesberg. Lector will be a son-in-law, Andy Behrens. Gift Bearers will be Sarah Stevens, Janelle Stevens, Kathy Johnson, and Tammy Rickers. Mass Servers will be Max Heithoff, Maddie Bauer, and Tori Bauer. Eucharistic Ministers will be Jenna Campbell and Tom Kollasch. Casket Bearers will be nephews, Andy Stevens, Nick Stevens, Nathan Riesberg, Jason Riesberg, Pat Riesberg, Chris Riesberg, Joe Wiederien, Gene Wiederien, Ron Wiederien, Tom Wiederien, and Mark Wiederien. Graveside Services will be held at 1:30 P.M. Wednesday at St. Francis Cemetery in Maple River. Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 3:30 P.M. Tuesday. A rosary will be prayed at 4 P.M. Tuesday by the Carroll Knights of Columbus. There will be a Christian wake service at 7 P.M. Tuesday by the Parish. In lieu of flowers memorials may be left at the funeral home or church for the American Cancer Society or the Kuemper Catholic Schools Foundation.

Mr. Riesberg was born on January 9, 1953, at Carroll, Iowa, the son of Andrew J. and Hilda B. (Sturm) Riesberg. He spent most of his lifetime in the Maple River community and attended St. Francis School and graduated from

Kuemper High School in 1971. On September 25, 1976, he was married to Jean Stevens at Sacred Heart Church in Templeton. The couple made their home in Maple River. In his earlier years Jim was employed by the Farmland Foods Company in Carroll and since 1985 until the present day he has been employed in the transportation department at the Farner-Bocken Company in Carroll. He was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and long time member of the former St. Francis Parish at Maple River. He was also a member of the Carroll Knights of Columbus. Jim enjoyed his family, especially his grandson, and enjoyed his work and watching wrestling on television. Survivors include his wife, Jean Riesberg of Maple River; his son, Jay Riesberg of Maple River; a daughter, Jenny Behrens and her husband Andy and their son Hayden of Minneapolis, Minn.; sisters, Sister Linda Riesberg F.S.P.A. of LaCrosse, Wisc., and Doris Wiederien and her husband Daryl of Glidden; his brothers, David Riesberg and his wife Linda of Lincoln, Nebr., and twin brother John Riesberg and his wife Marge of Carroll; and brother and sister-in-law, Dan and Pat Stevens of Carroll. He was preceded in death by his parents; and by his father and mother-in-law, Don and Dorothy Stevens.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time. I'm probably not going to make it to the funeral because of the weather but you will be in my thoughts and prayers at that time and throughout the Christmas season. Take comfort that he is at peace and that he suffers no longer. God bless you all.*

Sandy Riesberg - December 22, 2009 at 09:35 AM

MM

“ *Jean and Family, Our thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.
We are cousins to Tim and Denise. Our heart goes out to you all.
We will keep you in our Prayers.*

Marge& Dan Miller - December 21, 2009 at 03:28 PM

SG

“ *Dear Riesberg family-- Our hearts go out to you at this time. Jim was the most gentle and welcoming person around and we will miss him so much. Our memories are good ones and they will sustain us during this difficult time. May they do the same for you. Blessings.
Sandy, Buddy, Lauren and Eric Comer*

Sandy Goetzinger-Comer - December 21, 2009 at 02:37 PM

DD

“ To Jim's Family: As we grieve the loss of a darn good person, we must remember what we have gained from him.
I will always remember Jim's "can do" attitude that he never lost, even as he knew the end was close. I will always remember the positive way he approached the good and bad elements of life.
I feel a great deal of sorrow for the loss of Jim and wish his family all the best as they deal with this.
I take comfort, though in the fact that he has a great family who will carry on in the great spirit that was his.
Don

Don and Doris Dobesh - December 20, 2009 at 07:06 PM

PT

“ Jeanie and Family, We are thinking of you and praying for all of you. Always remember you have friends who care and will listen at anytime and we are some of them. Love and prayers Paul and Judy Testroet

Paul & Judy Testroet - December 20, 2009 at 11:14 AM

JC

“ Jean, Jay, Jenny, Andy, & Hayden- We just wanted to let you know our sympathy is with you and we are thinking about you during this time. Jim was a fighter and a wonderful man. He is in a better place and will always be looking out for you.

Jenna & Steve Campbell - December 20, 2009 at 09:30 AM

JK

“ Jean, Jay & Jenny,
Our deepest sympathy on the loss of Jim. May memories help you through this time.
Love, Julie & Rob Klink Hunter & Abby

Julie Klink - December 19, 2009 at 08:29 PM