



James Thielen

July 31, 1945 - April 4, 2015

Jim Thielen, age 69, of Maple River, died Saturday, April 4, 2015 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Music will be by Barb McDermott and the Holy Spirit Choir. Lectors for the funeral mass will be Shauna Nemetz and Jenny Harp. Gift Bearers will be Justin and Eric Malcom. Eucharistic Minister will be Mickey Snyder. Casket Bearers will be: Eric Thielen, Mark Thielen Jr., Jason Gibson, Mike Harp, Gary Beyerink, and Steve Heinrichs. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery in Maple River with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 5 p.m. on Tuesday where there will be a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m.

The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church at 10 a.m. on Wednesday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass.

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 July 31, 1945 at Carroll, Iowa, James B. Thielen was the son of William and Marie (Grossman) Thielen. He attended Kuemper and Exira Schools before enlisting in the United States Air Force where he served from 1964 – 1968 until his honorable discharge.

Jim returned to the Carroll area where he was employed at Reinart Service which he later purchased with Mike Mosman what today is Iowa Small Engine.

On April 29, 1972 he was united in marriage to Joleen Bernholtz at St. Francis Church in Maple River by Rev. Richard Birdsall. Following their marriage they made their home in Maple River. Jim owned and operated Iowa Small Engine until 2008 when he sold the business.

In his spare time Jim enjoyed fishing, gardening, cooking and baking. Anywhere Jim went he thoroughly enjoyed socializing with his many friends. His greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Jim was a lifelong member of St. Francis Catholic Church in Maple River.

Jim is survived by his wife Joleen Thielen of Maple River; his daughters: Anna (Nathan) Malcom of Maple River and Allison Thielen of Carroll; his grandchildren: Justin, Eric and Kaitlyn Malcom and James and Ashley Wiskus; his siblings: Larry (Sandy) Thielen of Carroll, Duane (Barb) Thielen of Carroll, Mary Carol (Glenn) Collings of South Carolina, Jane (Pat) Neary of Omaha, NE, William (Barb) Thielen of Omaha, NE, Cheryl (Larry) Cruchelow of Carroll, Kathy “Tiger” Thielen of Omaha, and Mark (Anna) Thielen of Omaha, NE; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Mary (John) White of Carroll, John (Mary) Bernholtz of Carroll, and Jean (Steve) Gibson of Carroll; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other extended relatives and many friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, William and Marie Thielen; his brother Tommy Lynn Thielen; and is parents-in-law, Laverne and Lillian Bernholtz.

Tribute Wall

GS

“ Joleen, I am very sorry for your loss.
I remember when Mom and Dad, You and Jim and I would go
fishing. We all had a terrific time. Wish those days never ended.
May God bless you and your family.
Gail (Winker) Simmering

Gail Simmering - April 22, 2015 at 05:19 PM

CN

“ Thielen family: You have our sincere sympathy in the loss of Jim.
He was always so friendly and had time for a chat or a good word.
I'll always remember his interest in my mother and how she was
doing after he had met her as a customer at the store. He always
wanted the best for Carroll. Our thoughts will be with you in the days
ahead.
Wes & CJ Niles

CJ Niles - April 08, 2015 at 05:28 PM

RW

“ It is with great sadness that I heard of Jim's passing.
He will be missed by all who knew him.
Jolene and family my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rick Williams

Rick Williams - April 08, 2015 at 05:20 PM

KB

“ Jolene and family.....we were so sorry and sad to hear of Jim's passing. What a fun friend he was and always had time to share a funny story or laugh together about something. The world was sure a nicer place with Jim in it and he will be missed so much. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you as you get thru this hard time.
Bill and Kathy Rupiper.

Kathy & Bill - April 07, 2015 at 08:16 PM

MP

“ Always a smile & a good word. That was Jim. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

Marv & Kristi Pudenz - April 07, 2015 at 04:28 PM

ML

“ My family were neighbors of Bill and Marie when they lived near Exira. Even after all of the years between then and now Jim would still stop and spend time talking to my Dad and reminisce about those days on the farm. My parents thought a lot of Jim, and I know that Jim and Dad will be retelling those stories in heaven. My sincere sympathy to the entire Thielen family, there is no doubt he will be greatly missed by many.

Melissa (Mitzi) Madsen-LaFoy

Melissa LaFoy - April 07, 2015 at 04:26 PM

JV

“ Prayers go out to Jim's family. Sorry I can't make the services, but my thoughts and sympathies go out to you all.

I'll always remember Jim as one of my favorite cousins.

Jerry Venteicher - April 07, 2015 at 01:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Thielen.



April 07, 2015 at 10:51 AM



“ It seems like only yesterday that Jim and the rest of the “Sugar Shack” gang would meet almost daily in Rich Roger’s garage. But that was in high school over 50 years ago. Where did the time go? The good thing was the Shack reunion we had the last two years in Maple River. It was great revisiting old times and catching up on our lives. I’ll treasure those life long memories the rest of my life. My deepest sympathies go out to all of Jim’s family and friends.

Paul “Duck” Tranter

Paul Tranter - April 07, 2015 at 09:53 AM



“ Jolene I am sorry to hear about Jim I am so glad that we got together after Mons funeral it was so good see him. He will be missed . Peg and I will keep you in our prayers.

John and Peggy Walz

John Walz - April 06, 2015 at 09:19 PM

JR

“ Joleen, Anna, & Allison,
Thinking of you at this time and how difficult it is to lose someone.
Memories of going to the shop to drop off the lawn mower and
playing at your house growing up bring many smiles.
With deepest sympathy,
Dean, Jackie (Beyerink), & Marissa Rahe

Jackie Rahe - April 06, 2015 at 09:19 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of James Thielen.



April 06, 2015 at 08:39 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of James Thielen.



April 06, 2015 at 07:57 PM

JT

“ Jeffery T. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet
for the family of James Thielen.



Jeffery T. - April 06, 2015 at 05:20 PM

TM

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We were in the same class. What a nice man.

Tom Madigan

Tom Madigan - April 06, 2015 at 12:09 PM

CL

“ *Cousin Mary Lynn*

Cousin Mary Lynn - April 05, 2015 at 08:19 PM

CL

“ *Cousin Jim always had a big smile and good conversation every time we met! He always told me his visits with my mom years ago were the best ! They talked about everything from fishing to his favorite....politics! He told me my mom was a very smart lady...and I agreed! God bless you Jim, and all the Thielens! May he and mom share many more conversations in heaven!*

Cousin Mary Lynn - April 05, 2015 at 08:12 PM

PH

“ *I am so saddened by the news of Jims passing. Oh my the memories from when we were younger. They moved here from Exira just down the street from my parents. Mary and I got to be good friends, therefor I was able to know all the Thielen kids and their parents. Laugh, oh we used to laugh and have such good times. My heart goes out to each and every one of them, especially Joleen and the girls. May he rest in peace. He will truly be missed.*

Patt Heithoff Hultman - April 05, 2015 at 10:02 AM

ER

“ *Deepest Sympathies.*
Ed and Roxie Rohner

Ed Rohner - April 05, 2015 at 07:57 AM