



Jim Higgins

October 4, 1949 - August 29, 2020

A livestream of Jim's Funeral Mass will be provided by St. John Paul II Parish - Holy Spirit Church at this link : <https://youtu.be/QaAyR-eNoys>

Jim Higgins, 70 of Carroll, died Saturday, August 29, 2020 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Friday, September 4, 2020 at St. John Paul II Parish – Holy Spirit Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter. Concelebrant will be Fr. Shinoj Jose. Homilist will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Deacon Butch Stone will assist with the Funeral Mass. Music will be by Jake Gute and Kathleen Macke. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Karen Anderson. Honorary Gift Bearers will be Noah Wellhausen, Luke Wellhausen, and Daniel Higgins III. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Don Gerken, Gary Rupiper, Keith Wellhausen, John Hood, Tom Hood, and the Staff of Sharp Funeral Home. Casket Bearers will be Steve Renze, Randy Schreck, Tom Twit, Dave Higgins, Mike Higgins, Jeff Steinkamp, and Jason Steinkamp. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. There will be no public visitation on Friday at the church. Jim's family asks that those attending the visitation to please wear a face covering. Face coverings are required for those in attendance at the Funeral Mass.

Memorials may be left at the funeral home for Kuemper Catholic School, Clarinda Lutheran School and Our Lady of Lourdes. Those wishing to mail a memorial please direct to Sharp Funeral Home, c/o Jim Higgins Family, 226 W. 8th St. Carroll, IA 51401. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Jim's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born October 4, 1949 in Lake City, Iowa, he was the son of Joseph and Margaret (Burke) Higgins of rural Lake City. He graduated from Lake City High School in 1968. After graduating, Jim attended Iowa State University and studied agronomy. He then moved back to the Lanesboro area to begin farming with his dad.

Jim and Denise Hood were married August 7, 1976 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lohrville. Jim began farming outside of Carroll in 1977. He enjoyed his life of farming, feeding cattle, and buying and selling farm equipment. Jim was well-respected for his knowledge of machinery. For the past 6 years, he was employed at Sharp Funeral Home. Prior to this, he was employed at Twit Funeral Home. Jim's caring and compassionate nature made this role a true calling for him. He thoroughly enjoyed the people he worked with and interacted with while working at the funeral home.

Jim belonged to St. Paul John II-Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll, Planning and Zoning Committee, and Pork Producers.

He enjoyed spending time with his wife, Denise and family. He had a special love for his 3 grandsons who shared the same love for farming, rodeos and the Beach Boys. One of his hobbies was collecting toy farm equipment.

Jim is survived by his wife Denise, daughters, son-in-laws, and grandchildren: Angela and Dan Higgins and their son, Daniel, of Clayton, MO, and Allison and Chad Wellhausen, and sons Noah and Luke of Clarinda, IA; sister Colleen (Kenny) Steinkamp and brother Bill (Pat) Higgins, sisters-in-law Mary (Dick) Vogel, Diane (Dick) Devries, Susan (Curt) Willette, Patty (Steve) Harrison, Karen (Bob) Anderson; brothers-in-law Tom Hood and John (Janice) Hood and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Margaret Higgins, parents-in-law, Patrick and Margaret Hood, niece, Jennifer Steinkamp, and nephew, Michael Hood.

Tribute Wall

KV

“ *Kent/Karen Vollstedt lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins* ”



Kent/Karen Vollstedt - September 14, 2020 at 12:57 PM

KV

“ *Jim - we met during the most difficult time in my life - you were so faithful and compassionate - you will be remembered as a great / outstanding servant on earth!* ”

Kent/Karen Vollstedt - September 14, 2020 at 12:56 PM

SL

“ *Shelly Loew lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins* ”



Shelly Loew - September 04, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jim Higgins.* ”



September 04, 2020 at 09:51 AM

FC

“ Denise please know of my prayers and love for the whole family.
Jim was such a loving man

frank cognata - September 03, 2020 at 06:15 PM

CN

“ Denise & Family: Please accept our sincere sympathies in Jim's death. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. May happy memories bring peace to your hearts. Wes & CJ Niles

CJ Niles - September 03, 2020 at 04:27 PM

EL

“ Denise and family, we are very saddened to hear of Jim's passing. I learned to know Jim at the Carroll sale in 1991 and have considered him a great friend and mentor since. Jim's heart of care and compassion has been an inspiration to me thru the years. He loved machinery and farm history as much as I did and we looked forward to stopping and chatting every time we were in the area. Jim's faith in God and in his fellowman was inspiring and may you find comfort in that faith and trust. Julie, Anthony and I will greatly miss his smile!!! Love and prayers Emerson, Julie and Anthony Leid Lime Springs, Iowa

Emerson Leid - September 03, 2020 at 11:05 AM

JS

“ Praying for you and your family Denise as you celebrate Jim's life . May your faith bring you comfort in your time of sorrow. Eternal rest grant unto Jim and may the perpetual light shine upon him. May he Rest In Peace. Julie Kapustka Schraeger

julie Schraeger - September 03, 2020 at 09:12 AM

MC

“ I was so sorry to read about the loss of your husband, Denise. My prayers are with you. Marcene Cates(old fellow worker from St Anthony's Regional Hospital

Marcene Cates - September 02, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Higgins.



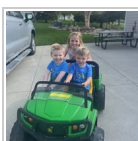
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MK

“ Mark, Autumn, Kinley and Claire Kline purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jim Higgins.



Mark, Autumn, Kinley and Claire Kline - September 02, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ Jeanne Boeckman lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins



Jeanne Boeckman - September 01, 2020 at 08:47 PM

NK

“ *Denise and all your family you have our deepest sympathy for your loss, I knew Jim through the implement business and consider him a competitor and friend. May he rest in peace. Nolan and Mari Kreft*

Nolan R Kreft - September 01, 2020 at 03:47 PM

DH

To a great friend & COUSIN.

David Higgins - September 01, 2020 at 09:24 PM

FO

“ *Denise and family! Can not tell you how sorry we were to hear of Jim's passing. Please know we are praying for you all. God bless.*

Foval - September 01, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jim Higgins.*



September 01, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim Higgins.*



September 01, 2020 at 09:50 AM

PJ

“ Peg And Joleen lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins



Peg and Joleen - September 01, 2020 at 08:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jim Higgins.



September 01, 2020 at 08:16 AM

CF

“ Denise, Dave and I were so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Jim and Dave were classmates and Dave has very fond memories of Jim. He was a very special person and you had the joy of living a great life with him. May God wrap his arms around you and your family and comfort you today and in all days to come. Prayers for you and your family's.

Cindy and Dave Ford. - August 31, 2020 at 11:02 PM

SW

“ Sandy Wittrock lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins



Sandy Wittrock - August 31, 2020 at 10:35 PM

NI

“ *Denise and Family,
I want to tell you my thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family. Jim was always so kind and always reminded me of how he knew my family and he always had a smile when I would see the two of you together. He never seemed to be a judgemental person whom always gave people the benefit of the doubt. The two of you I looked up to as a marriage religious couple who are two of the kindest people I have ever known. I am truly sorry for your loss. He won't be forgotten Hod Bless you. Natalie Holm (Irlbeck)*

Natalie (Holm) Irlbeck - August 31, 2020 at 09:03 PM

LH

“ *My name is Linda Lou Parker Hay. You know my younger brother and sister. Jane and Butch. I graduated with the class of 1959. I am truly sorry for your loss. May God comfort you at this time, as only he can. lovingly Linda Hay*

Linda Lou Parker Hay - August 31, 2020 at 08:38 PM

PS

“Denise – my heart breaks for you and your family. I wish I could turn back the clock to the years that you and Jim occupied our little farmhouse in Maple River. You both seemed so happy and that place was always immaculate. I remember the excitement when you finally built your own home. Your family has been such an extension of our own for so many years, that it is hard to believe that Jim is really gone.

What isn't gone, however, are my memories of him. I remember him sitting at the kitchen table advising my widowed Mother about the crops and farm programs. I still see the two of you walking into the kitchen to visit, usually with some sort of food in hand. I see him in his yard as I drive to our other farm, waving at me with a big smile, and stopping for a quick chat. It just won't be the same this year, staying at the farmhouse that was once your home. It won't be the same driving by your beautiful home on Jade and not seeing him in the yard. I cannot believe how quickly time flies and how fleeting our lives are.

May God give you the strength you so freely have given to others, Denise. May He help guide you through this time of such pain and loss. . Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Patricia Kuker Staub, Chris and Denise Staub, Barbara Kuker

Patricia Staub - August 31, 2020 at 08:29 PM

LO

“LoriSteckelberg lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins



LoriSteckelberg - August 31, 2020 at 07:34 PM

LO

“ *LoriSteckelberg lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins*



LoriSteckelberg - August 31, 2020 at 07:29 PM

JV

“ *Joseph & Tonya Vogel purchased the Pretty Plea se for the family of Jim Higgins.*



Joseph & Tonya Vogel - August 31, 2020 at 07:03 PM

JW

“ *Denise, Allie, and Angie - thinking of all of you during this difficult time. I remember him as always kind and supportive to family and friends. May those around you provide comfort and peace during this difficult time. - Jill Wittrock (Seattle, WA)*

Jill W - August 31, 2020 at 05:53 PM

SR

“ *Shannon Reising lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins*



Shannon Reising - August 31, 2020 at 04:20 PM

KS

“ *Denise and family including the Hoods, you have my deepest sympathy for your loss. Be thankful that during these difficult times that you will have your memories of Jim that no one can take away from you. Your families will be in my prayers.*

Kent Sandburg

Kent Sandburg - August 31, 2020 at 03:09 PM

JR

“ *Denise n family. Just to let you know we are thinking n prayers for you n Jim
Jim was truly a good guy with lots of friends
We will include Jim in our weekly rosaries in Roselle.*

jerry rupiper - August 31, 2020 at 02:41 PM

JU

“ *Denise and Colleen I extend my deepest sympathy to both of you and to your family. I know how hard it is to endure a loss like this but have faith you will get through this.*

Jim Ulveling - August 31, 2020 at 02:09 PM

MF

“ *Mike and Margaret Higgins and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jim Higgins.*



Mike and Margaret Higgins and family - August 31, 2020 at 01:58 PM

BL

“ Denise & family: I want to express our sincere sympathy to you. I am praying that God will bless your family through these trying days & the days to come. We were always so close to Jim & the Higgins' growing up. Lots of picnics in the yard & family gatherings with many games of tag. And then we all grew up & went our separate ways. It sounds like Jim inherited Uncle Joe's calm disposition & from reading was a wonderful caring man. Cherish his memories of the fun times you all have shared with Jim. Know that we are thinking of you & sending prayers that God will ease your pain.

God Bless you all,
Roger & Barb (Kavanaugh) Luebbe
Grand Island, Nebraska

Barb Luebbe - August 31, 2020 at 01:39 PM

AR

“ Denise, I'm so sorry to hear this. You and the girls are in my thoughts and prayers. Always enjoyed the banter we had back and forth. XXOO "Daryl"

Amy Riddle - August 31, 2020 at 01:16 PM

JB

“ He was a very kind well liked person working at the funeral home.
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Jerry Boger - August 31, 2020 at 01:01 PM

RW

“ *Our condolences to the entire family.
Grant and Rita (Berning) Wolf*

Rita Wolf - August 31, 2020 at 12:50 PM

MG

“ *Denise & Family, Our condolences to you and your family. Jim attending many of our auctions over the years and was a good friend. So sad to hear the news of his passing. Mike, Jeani & Jim Green.*

Mike Green - August 31, 2020 at 12:12 PM

SW

“ *Denise, Allie and Angie, Our deepest sympathy in the loss of Jim. Curt and I plus our daughters and their families are so sorry for the loss. W will keep you in our prayers. Love Susie and Curt*

Susan Willette - August 31, 2020 at 11:06 AM

TB

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. I remember growing up with your family and will always remember Jim as kind and friendly, and he always had a smile for everyone. My heart hurts for you. Hugs and prayers to you and the girls. Tricia Renze Buhrfiend*

Tricia Renze Buhrfiend - August 31, 2020 at 11:02 AM

RR

“ *Denise and family....Jim will be missed.....such a kind man and always a gentleman*

reen rupiper - August 31, 2020 at 10:32 AM

DU

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss, Jim was a kind and amazing person. Prayers to your family.



Dawn Uhlenkamp - August 31, 2020 at 09:35 AM

JH

“ Denise, Angie, Allie & Family:
I am thankful to have shared memories with Jim. I will miss his Big smile & his impact on our family. We truly felt loved by his kindheartedness. He will be missed. Prayers for Jim, you & your family. May he Rest In Peace with the Lord.

Jennie Higgins - August 31, 2020 at 09:32 AM

MD

“ Denise and family,
Our deepest sympathy to all of you during this very difficult time. We always enjoyed visiting with him & Denise whenever we would see them out. He was such a friendly person with the biggest smile. May God be with you as you hold those memories close to your hearts.

Jim & Mary Lou Dopheide

Mary Lou Dopheide - August 31, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ Share the Health was purchased for the family of Jim Higgins.



August 31, 2020 at 09:00 AM

SS

“ *Denise, Angie and Allison*
We are so sorry to hear of Jim’s passing and offer you our deepest sympathies.
He was a very good friend and very supportive of me in my auction career and was always willing to help me out and give advice, which I needed frequently. We also remember the great times we had playing volleyball, working at the salebarn where we first became acquainted and serving on the Pork Producers Board together. We will miss his friendly smile and his charming personality.
Steve and Sue Seidl

Steve Seidl - August 31, 2020 at 08:12 AM

RF

“ *My sympathy and prayers go out to the family at this time, so sorry for your loss.*
Roxie (Dumdei) Fergason

Roxanna Fergason - August 31, 2020 at 06:39 AM

MF

“ *Mike Burke Family purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Jim Higgins.*



Mike Burke Family - August 31, 2020 at 06:18 AM

JS

“ I was devastated when hearing of. Jims passing,what a great person. After working with Jim during burials at the cemetery I gained a great respect for him. I cosidered him a freind and will miss him dearly. My heart goes out to Denise and family. RIP JIM and may the good lord bless your soul with his own. John Snyder and family

John Snyder - August 30, 2020 at 11:44 PM

LA

“ My sincere condolences to Jim's family. He was a classmate of mine at Lake City HS and I remember riding the school bus with him. I think I also worked at the Wheel Inn with Colleen as well. It's a terrible loss of a nice, quiet man.
With sympathy,
Linda Deuel Ames

Linda M. Ames - August 30, 2020 at 11:15 PM

KJ

“ Denise & family, so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. As a classmate I remember Jim as a very kind person. Please know that we will keep you in our prayers in the days to come. Ron & Kathy McCaulley Johnson.

Kathy Ron Johnson - August 30, 2020 at 11:06 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jim Higgins.



August 30, 2020 at 09:43 PM

RZ

“ *Denise and Family, you are in our thoughts & prayers. Seek God to help you through your loss and know that Jim was an admired man. In Sympathy and Friendship, Randy & Karen Zubrod*



Randy & Karen Zubrod - August 30, 2020 at 09:12 PM

LL

“ *Denise and Family,*

I was so sad to hear of Jim's death - my heart goes out to you all! Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers for whatever you will need in the days ahead.

Lois Last

Lois Last - August 30, 2020 at 08:44 PM

RG

“ *Jim Higgins Family, our deepest sympathy, what a great guy, I always enjoyed my dealings with Jim on farm issues, and what a big smile, Rick, Jill, Jack and Doreen Grote*

Rick Grote - August 30, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jim Higgins.*



August 30, 2020 at 08:21 PM

VD

“ Vickie Duff lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins



vickie Duff - August 30, 2020 at 07:53 PM

CS

“ Denise and family, our hearts are hurting for you during this difficult time. You will be in our thoughts and prayers! Jim was always such a friendly gentleman and will be missed by many.
Sincerely, Carol and Gary Stark

Carol Stark - August 30, 2020 at 07:37 PM

GM

“ Allie and family, so very sorry for your loss. Life will never be quite the same, but God has you in the palm of His hand and will give you peace in the days ahead.

Gail Mier. - August 30, 2020 at 06:28 PM

DD

“ At machinery auctions, if Jim saw you he would take a moment and say hi. He will be missed. Jack, Deb, Dave Dowling

dave dowling - August 30, 2020 at 06:16 PM

MP

“ Mike & Maria Piveral lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins



Mike & Maria Piveral - August 30, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim Higgins.



August 30, 2020 at 05:44 PM

JZ

“ Denise, Allie and Angie, , so sorry to hear about the loss of Jim. Prayers for peace and comfort as you go through the next few days. Love to you all, Justine Zirbes

justine zirbes - August 30, 2020 at 05:41 PM

KJ

“ Kristi Jorgensen lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins



Kristi Jorgensen - August 30, 2020 at 05:15 PM

SH

“ *Denise, Angie & Allie, So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He always had a smile and something good to say. Thoughts and prayers.*

Jerry & Sherry Renze

Sherry - August 30, 2020 at 03:39 PM

PC

“ *Denise and girls, we send our deepest sympathy to you in this time of sadness. We all have wonderful memories of Jim and take consolation that God will reward Jim abundantly and He will bless your family during these difficult days and beyond.*

*Dick and Pat (Hardy) Collins, Cousins
Sioux City*

Pat Collins - August 30, 2020 at 01:59 PM

DN

“ *Denise & family, We want to express our deepest sympathy in your loss of Jim. We are keeping all of you in our thoughts & prayers as you go thru this most difficult time.*

Brian & Denise Nieland

Denise Nieland - August 30, 2020 at 01:14 PM

MD

“ *Denise, Angie, Allie - I am so saddened and sorry for your loss. Many pleasant experiences with Jim on your farm and farm related activities through the years. He was always a perfect gentleman - kind and caring. Let us remember Jim lived everyday to the fullest - always hardworking, humble, and genuine - an example for all of us to follow. We will all miss Jim and his smile, but he will be with you in spirit forever!*

Dr Mike and Nancy Davis

Mike Davis - August 30, 2020 at 01:04 PM

KW

“ *Denise and family,
So sorry to hear about the dear loss of Jim. He was a friendly and great guy. He touched many peoples lives and will be remembered. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers for comfort and understanding.*

Charlie and Karen


karen whalen - August 30, 2020 at 12:47 PM

JD

“ *So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. You and you family's are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time*

Jerry and Mary Dopheide - August 30, 2020 at 12:42 PM

 Cathy Andersen

“ *Denise, I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was such a wonderful caring gentleman. You are in my thoughts and prayers* 

Cathy Andersen - August 30, 2020 at 12:09 PM

DD

“Denise and family, you are in my thoughts today and during the coming weeks as you celebrate Jim's life. A fellow classmate and farmer. So very sorry for your loss.

Dwight Dial

Dwight Dial - August 30, 2020 at 11:47 AM

DO

“May God make the coming days a little more bearable. I am so very sorry for your loss and I pray for healing for you and your family. 🙏

Diane Olson - August 30, 2020 at 11:44 AM

MJ

“Marilyn Jeschke lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins



marilyn jeschke - August 30, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“Denise, Am so sorry to hear about Jim. My heart goes out to you and your family. Prayers sent as you go thru this time. Donna Brown

Donna Brown - August 30, 2020 at 11:12 AM

MP

Denise, We are so very sorry to learn about Jim! our hearts go out to you and family! Prayers for you and your family as you go through this time of loss! Deepest sympathy,
The Pearsons, Marty & Sharon, Sac City

Martin/Sharon Pearson - August 30, 2020 at 11:19 AM

TG

*I remember Jim well playing together as little kids @ Lanesboro.
Good guy. Good bless.*

Tim Gaffney

Tim Gaffney - August 30, 2020 at 04:38 PM

MS

“ *Denise and family...We were so saddened to hear about Jim's passing. He and Mike spent many hours together at sales over the years and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Mike and Linda Stotts - August 30, 2020 at 10:51 AM

TS

“ *Oh Denise and Family we were so sorry to hear the news about Jim. He will be truly missed. Your Family will be remembered in our prayers 🙏🙏*
Tom & Patty Simons

Tom & Patty Simons - August 30, 2020 at 10:30 AM

RL

“ *Denise and Family,
We are so so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. May God put his arms around all of you now and through this terrible time and the days and years ahead. Please know many are praying for you and thinking of you.*

Steve and Robyn Lane

Robyn Lane - August 30, 2020 at 09:23 AM

DH

“ Darrell and I are so very sorry for your loss. Our prayers continue for you and your family. It is so hard to understand. We both had the virus at the same time. In Jesus name, hear our prayer for this family.

Darrell and Mary Heuton - August 30, 2020 at 08:51 AM

VB

“ Denise and your beautiful daughters and precious family, sending our thoughts and prayers I

vicki behrens - August 30, 2020 at 05:47 AM

BK

“ oh Denise, my heart just hurts to hear this sad news. There just are no words.....sending you many prayers and thoughts of the many memories of you and Jim thru the years. He was just such a nice man and will be missed by so many.

Bill and Kathy - August 29, 2020 at 10:11 PM

LB

“ Dear Denise and family, my sincere sympathy and many prayers in the coming days 🙏 Jim RIP 💙🕊️

Linda Bluml - August 29, 2020 at 09:14 PM

KB

“ Kim Bauman lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins



Kim Bauman - August 29, 2020 at 09:12 PM

T(

“ *Tracy Sturm (Meiners) lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins*



Tracy Sturm (Meiners) - August 29, 2020 at 09:05 PM

KB

“ *Jim was always so friendly and a hard worker! My prayers to Denise and family!*

Kim Bauman - August 29, 2020 at 08:48 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Schuette lit a candle in memory of Jim Higgins*



Michelle Schuette - August 29, 2020 at 08:04 PM