



Jim Shymanski

September 23, 1938 - February 14, 2019

Jim Shymanski, age 80, of Carroll, died Thursday, February 14, 2019 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at St. John Paul II Parish – Holy Spirit Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter. Music will be by Dr. Franklyn Busby, Pastoral Musician, and the Holy Spirit Resurrection Choir. Lector will be Diane Shymanski. Gift Bearers will be Jim's grandsons: Jeff Shymanski, Jake Denny, and Adam Denny. Eucharistic Minister will be Florence Oswald. Honorary Casket Bearers will be the Members of the Carroll Municipal Golf Course Men's Senior League. Casket Bearers will be: Jim Vogele, Craig Denny, Paul Wiedemeier, Mark Wiedemeier, Terry Olsen, and Matt Swatzki.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 5 p.m. on Monday, where there will be a Carroll Knights of Columbus Rosary prayed at 6:30 p.m.

The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church on Tuesday morning where additional visitation will be held from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Memorials may be left at the funeral home or at the church to be directed to St. Anthony Hospice, or Kuemper Catholic Schools Foundation.

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.

Jim, the son of Leonard and Margaret (Schneckenberger) Shymanski was born on September 23, 1938 at St. Charles, Illinois. He grew up in Omaha, attended school at Sacred Heart Elementary, Creighton Preparatory, and graduated from Holy Name Catholic High School. After high school Jim enlisted in the United States Coast Guard. After his Honorable Discharge he returned to Omaha, and enrolled at I.B.M. Computer School.

On October 7, 1961, Jim was united in marriage to Joan Mack in Omaha. The couple made their home in Omaha while Jim worked for Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company in the computer department. Jim then worked in sales for Keebler Company. While working for Keebler, Jim was transferred to Carroll. He continued to work for Keebler for a brief time before working for Crouse Cartage for eight years.

In 1981 Jim became manager of the Carroll Municipal Golf Course. This was a job he thoroughly enjoyed. During his time as manager he oversaw the course expansion to the current 18-hole course today, a flourishing membership, and the beginning of the Men, Women, and Senior Golf Leagues. Jim retired from the Carroll Municipal Golf Course in 1996. After his retirement he and his wife Joan, owned and operated Denny's Restaurant in Carroll until his full retirement in 2006. Customers patronizing his establishments were always warmly welcomed.

Jim enjoyed the outdoors. He was an avid reader, golfer, hunter, and fisherman. He enjoyed playing many competitive card games, and telling his many jokes. Jim was an avid sports fan, including cheering on his treasured Nebraska Cornhuskers. Most of all he enjoyed his grandchildren, and attending as many of their events that he could. Jim was a member of Holy

Spirit Church, and Men's Club, the Carroll Knights of Columbus, and the Carroll Municipal Golf Course Senior League, serving as coordinator.

Left to celebrate Jim's life is his wife, Joan Shymanski of Carroll; children: Kathy (Jim Voge) Shymanski of Portland, Oregon, John (Cindy) Shymanski of Carroll, and Amy (Craig) Denny of Council Bluffs; grandchildren: Jeff Shymanski, Jake Denny, and Adam Denny; his siblings: John (Diane) Shymanski of Omaha, Delores Swatzki of Thornton, CO; his brother-in-law: Lee (Eleanor) Mack of St. Louis, MO, and sister-in-law: Judy Mack of Laguna Beach, CA; as well as nieces, nephews, extended relatives, and numerous friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Margaret Shymanski; his sister Peg (Merle) Wiedemeier; brothers-in-law: Doug Mack, and Jack Swatzki; his father-in-law: Lee Mack; and his mother-in-law Fritzie (Howard) Ellis.

Tribute Wall

AO

“*Joan, Cathy, John, & Amy, I am so sorry to here about Jim. There is not much more to say about him that all the neighbors haven't said already and consistently - he was a hard-working, fun-loving, generous guy that made you feel like you were his best friend! You could see his love for you Joan (in the way that only he could show it), and always doting about you kids (and then the grandkids.) He was so proud of you! And you could not have chosen a better picture of him, that is exactly how I think of and remember him for more than 40 years - he seemed ageless.*

Alan Oswald - March 09, 2019 at 03:25 PM

LW

“*Joan and family,
So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Leon and Cathy Williams

Leon and Williams - February 23, 2019 at 12:07 PM

JA

“*Jim coached the little league team I was on. I was privileged to know Jim later in life. He always had a smile and a story. Jim will be missed. Our prayers to Joan and the family.*

Jim & Deb Auem

Jim Auen - February 20, 2019 at 06:00 AM

GP

“ Joan, Cathy, John and Amy,
You are in our thoughts and prayers. I always loved babysitting for you guys. One of the reasons is your dad liked it when we made popcorn while babysitting. He always said he LOVED left over popcorn the next day. Another reason is I got to make the popcorn at your house! (My dad always made the popcorn at our house) I'm not sure if he really liked old popcorn but I do know he was always very kind and happy about it. You are a wonderful family. Jim will be missed by all of our old neighborhood!

Gail and George Poland - February 19, 2019 at 02:15 PM

GP

Gail AND George Poland (my middle name IS NOT George)

Gail and George Poland - February 19, 2019 at 02:17 PM

TB

“ Joan and family,

Jim will fill the hearts of so many with memories of good times, laughter and kindness. My memories are mostly from nearly 50 years ago, but live on to this day. He was a great neighbor to the young Nelson girls, including them on trips to the Weidemeyer farm and the Mack's home in St.Louis. He hunted with our brother and spent wonderful times with our parents as well. He lived "big" and loved "big" and filled a room with his laughter and presence in such a big way. I am truly blessed by having known such an honorable man all of these years. I am certain he will be missed greatly by many, like his family and you, Joan. Just know that there are many people he touched along the way that will never forget him. Rest in Peace.

*Love,
Tavi*

Tavi Nelson Baker - February 19, 2019 at 01:09 PM

JH

“ Uncle Jim will live forever in the hearts of his nieces and nephews to whom he always took the time to treat each of us as special to him. I have many memories of the fun times he shared with us and the stories he would tell us about Mom and Dad from the perspective of being the little brother. Who can forget his Pollack jokes and the smiles and hugs he always greeted you with?

My special memory of Uncle Jim happened when I was 17. He brought a wonderful plate of grilled steak and baked potato to my hospital room when I needed a boost to my blood count in order to be discharged from the hospital. I remember him crying as he stood by my hospital bed after the accident. Who could want a sweeter more kinder man for an uncle?

Uncle Jim will forever have a piece of my heart.

Julie Heiderscheit

Julie Heiderscheit - February 18, 2019 at 09:21 PM

CW

“ Dear Joan and family. I was very sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. He was a great man and I know he will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Chellie Egan Williamson

Chellie Williamson - February 18, 2019 at 04:20 PM

TM

“ The Marascos purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Jim Shymanski.



The Marascos - February 18, 2019 at 03:26 PM



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



February 18, 2019 at 01:52 PM



“ *Joan, Kathy, John and Amy,
We share in your sadness as you remember Jim and our thoughts are with each of you, during this difficult time. Jim was a wonderful person with such a great spirit and gift for storytelling. We feel blessed to have met him.
With prayers and sympathy,
Deanne and Leroy Steiner*

deanne steiner - February 18, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim Shymanski.*



February 18, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim Shymanski.*



February 18, 2019 at 11:01 AM



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



February 18, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ *Dale Oswald purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jim Shymanski.*



Dale Oswald - February 18, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ *I can honestly say that there is not a person on this earth that got more out of 80 years than Jim did. He was such a funny and welcoming person with his sharp wit and quick smile. He was always fun to go over and visit along with you Joan, his perfect compliment. I have a lot of fond memories but one I think of most is how the Jim and Joan would let me and my friends access to their basement to play pool at any time when we were kids. We shot pool and played the jukebox until they got home, then Jim would join us and teach us the game. Jim will certainly be missed and the Oswald's in KC will be thinking of you all.*

Dale Oswald - February 18, 2019 at 08:52 AM

MD

“ Memories of 60 years come to mind of Jim. Mike knew Jim before Joan or I did, from Holy Angels time. Although our paths haven't crossed for many years, we have never forgot those young years. God bless all that are left behind and I'm sure God has blessed Jim. Mike and Terri Clemens Darby

Mike and Terri Clemens Darby - February 17, 2019 at 02:58 PM

AD

Thank you for your lovely memory. We are glad to hear from Mom and Dad's early friends. You are remembered as well!

Amy Denny - February 17, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Shymanski.



February 17, 2019 at 02:28 PM

BD

“ CB Denny's and Shymanski family - deepest sympathies and thoughts to you all during this difficult time. What a wonderful husband, father and grandfather Jim was - we know he will be deeply missed.

The MG Denny's

Brenda Paulson Denny - February 17, 2019 at 01:49 PM

AD

Thank you for being wonderful in laws.

Amy Denny - February 17, 2019 at 04:12 PM

TF

“ *The Denny families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jim Shymanski.*



The Denny families - February 17, 2019 at 01:46 PM



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



February 17, 2019 at 10:51 AM

CM

“ *I loved babysitting the Shymanski clan. Jim was a great man and I will remember him fondly. Both Jim and Joan worked hard and had a wonderful love for life and the people in their lives. Joan, Kathy, John and Amy-you and your family will be in my prayers. God rest Jim's soul and may perpetual light shine upon him.*

Connie Staley McDonough - February 16, 2019 at 07:38 PM

AD

Connie you were our favorite babysitter. Don't tell Jane Staley. Love, Amy

Amy Denny - February 17, 2019 at 04:11 PM



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



February 16, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ *What a GREAT GUY!!! I enjoyed working for Jim and Joan at Denny's as they always made it fun. My grandma K. loved going in there on Fri nights and always wondered what joke Jim was going to tell her. I am sure my grandma will love hearing his jokes again in Heaven.*

Thoughts and prayers go out to Joan and the family. ❤️❤️❤️

Carol Reinart - February 16, 2019 at 11:44 AM



Attention all you angels and saints up above. If Jim ever tells you "you've Wintered well," that's the Jim way of telling you you've gained a few pounds. You'll be missed. Peace and prayers to all. ❤️

Pat Masching-Wiedemeier - February 16, 2019 at 11:54 AM



Carol-thank you for positing. What a fun memory. And Pat-you made us laugh!!

Amy Denny - February 17, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ *Jim and his wife Joan were giants of the Carroll area! They ran a first class operation at the muny golf course!*

Denny O'Grady - February 14, 2019 at 08:32 PM

DO

“ Jim and wife Joan did so much for me while I lived in Carroll. They ran the mint golf course and treated me like a son! I wish I had a way to pay them back! RIP Jim and my deepest condolences to Joan and family! He was a giant of. Aerological and the area like his wife Joan!

Denny O’Grady - February 14, 2019 at 08:29 PM

AD

Good to hear from you, Denny. Thanks for writing!

Amy Denny - February 17, 2019 at 04:13 PM

AG

“ Joan, Kathy, Johnny,Amy and families. What a special man Jim was! Always smiling and laughing and making you feel right at home whenever you were at the house. I will never forget him! Prayers for all of you!
Ann Staley Gohr



Ann Gohr - February 14, 2019 at 09:32 AM

AD

We love you Ann!!

Amy Denny - February 17, 2019 at 04:13 PM

LD

My heart goes out to the Shymanski family this week. Please know that Jim had a positive impact on many.

I will always remember him as our beloved softball coach. He would take us to the Dairy Queen after the game and let us get whatever we wanted.

His fun loving attitude and energy will never be forgotten. I'm sure that Faith is welcoming him into his eternal home.

*With Love from Dallas
Danzer*

Lisa Danzer - February 18, 2019 at 06:18 PM