



## Jim "Strauto" Strautman

February 2, 1956 - April 4, 2022

Jim "Strauto" Strautman, 66 of Scranton and formerly of Carroll, died Monday morning, April 4, 2022 at Greene County Medical Center in Jefferson.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Holy Spirit Church - St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Patrick Behm. Music will be by Kathy Halbur, Sherry Loughran and Kathleen Macke. Lectors will be Leah Taylor, Ellen Baker, Heather Jeffers, and Bridget Kosmach. Gift Bearers will be Jim's children: Sarah Pike, Debbie Koster, Marissa Strautman, and Michael Strautman. Casket Bearers will be Will Stoffel, Frank Kosmach, Ron Baker, Kaden Kaiser, Max Irlmeier, Kegan Croghan, Karsen Croghan, Brody Beane, Paxton Beane, and Cooper Irlmeier. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a Christian Wake Service and a time of sharing at 7 p.m. There will be no public visitation on Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for Kuemper Catholic Schools.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Strauto's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Jim was born February 2, 1956, in Carroll, IA. He was the son of Jim and Joetta (Clark) Strautman. Jim grew up in Carroll and graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in 1974. Jim was married to Carol Irlmeier on September 14, 1974, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Templeton, IA. Jim and Carol made their home in Templeton then later moved to Carroll where they

continued to raise their four children Sarah, Debbie, Marissa and Michael. Beginning at a young age, Jim assisted with his father's business, Strautman Tree Farm and continued to plant trees throughout his life. Directly after high school, Jim learned customer service and life skills from Bernie Janning and Chico Kanne. Jim had an entrepreneurial spirit and opened his first business, Strautman Lawn Care, in 1977. At Strautman Lawn Care, he had the pleasure of working with two lifelong friends, Kenny (Suds) Lux and Stan Daiker. In 1990, Strauto and Tom "Tank" Wieland started their partnership of several businesses the first being Bloomers Bar N Grill. It was Jim's lifelong dream to live out in the country where he and Carol spent many years enjoying wildlife, hunting, fishing, restoring the land and sharing it with family and friends. He spent countless hours seeding conservation acres and assisting Kuemper with upkeep on their sports fields. Jim was very proud of his 30 years of sobriety and helping others with their journey to sobriety.

Jim was a friendly, outgoing, and gentle man whose community meant much to him. He was hardworking and often sacrificed himself for others in a quiet and unassuming way. He had the capacity to deeply love his family and friends. Jim made the final gift of tissue donation through the Iowa Donor Network that will help up to 50 people.

Jim is survived by his wife, Carol of rural Scranton; three daughters: Sarah Pike (Terry) of Clive; Debbie Koster (Barry) of West Des Moines; Marissa Strautman of Minneapolis, MN; son Michael Strautman (Brandi) of Carroll; granddaughter Lucy Pike; three grandsons Charlie Pike, Cameron Koster and Ari Koster; siblings: Jan (Bill) Stoffel; Mary Jeffers; Patricia Strautman; Ellen (Larry) Johnson; John (Kate) Strautman; Katie (Kenny) Kaiser; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: JoAnn (Dave) Beane; Donna (Loren) Eischeid; Deb (Kyle) Hansen; Connie (Dave) Hoffman; Jan (Tim) Andersen; Bruce (Anissa) Irlmeier; Tom (Kim) Irlmeier; Linda (Luke) Croghan; Brenda (Paul) Croghan. many nieces and nephews, extended family members and good friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his father Jim and his spouse Joan Strautman; mother Joetta and her spouse Ray Peterson; brother Thomas Strautman; his

parents-in-law Frank and Mary Ann Irlmeier; his brothers-in-law, Mark Irlmeier, Kenneth Irlmeier, and Danny Meiners.

# Tribute Wall

KF

“ Carol & Family,

*My family and I have many memories of Jim and the Strautman family, having grown up just one block away. Jim always had a smile and handshake and was a genuine guy. I pray for the repose of his soul and that he rest in peace.*

*Kevin (Leo) Furey*

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**Kevin Furey** - May 16, 2022 at 12:49 PM

AO

“ Carrol, I am so sorry to hear about Jim. I don't have words that will ease the pain, but knowing how he loved and cared for you and your family will, hopefully, bring some peace and, eventually, a smile.

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**Alan Oswald** - April 14, 2022 at 11:53 AM

AO

*Carol*

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**Alan Oswald** - April 14, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



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April 09, 2022 at 03:49 PM

PR

“ Jim was a great classmate. I asked people about him at our class reunion because he didn't make it. Carol and family, so sorry for your loss.

Patricia M Rohner - April 09, 2022 at 12:26 PM

AL

“ Bo and I would like to send our condolences. Jim was a part of the Daiker family for what felt like my whole life. So many memories of the guys talking hunting and fishing. Hugs to all of you. Amy Daiker Larrington



Amy Larrington - April 08, 2022 at 09:17 PM

ME

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Ebner - April 08, 2022 at 02:36 PM

AO

"There's some new Marshalls in town!!"

You two haven't changed a bit.

Alan Oswald - April 14, 2022 at 01:02 PM

YB

“ Your Friends at BASF purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



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Your Friends at BASF - April 08, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



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April 08, 2022 at 08:05 AM

JB

“ Jolene Berger lit a candle in memory of Jim "Strauto" Strautman



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jolene berger - April 07, 2022 at 11:01 PM



“ [https://www.sharpfuneral.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518"; target="\\_blank">Memorial Trees</a> was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.](https://www.sharpfuneral.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518)

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April 07, 2022 at 10:44 PM

KS

“ Heartfelt condolences to all the Strautman family. May you all cherish the memories of good times shared. Ken and Jeanne Stoffel

Ken Stoffel - April 07, 2022 at 09:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



April 07, 2022 at 12:39 PM

C(

“ Sorry to hear of Strauto's passing. My condolences to Carol and family!  
I have so many fun memories of Strauto from high school. Most of the time when I came home to visit I would go out to Bloomers to see if he was there. Many times he was. Rest in peace!

Carol Fischer (Diers) - April 07, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



April 07, 2022 at 10:47 AM

EM

“ Carol and family you have our deepest sympathy on your loss.

*Gene & Diane Meiners*

Eugene Meiners - April 07, 2022 at 09:54 AM

BR

“ Carol and kids, just no words to tell you how very sorry we were to hear the sad news of Jim passing away. Such a nice guy always and such a great laugh. He loved all his adventures with you at his side to share his joy. He will be missed so much.

Bill and Kathy Rupiper - April 06, 2022 at 10:34 PM

ML

“ Jim (and Carol) have been close friends of our family for many, many years. Always willing to lend a hand or give a hug when needed, we will miss you Strauto. Hugs to you Carol and family, so sorry for your loss!

Mary (O'Leary) Lawler - April 06, 2022 at 09:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



April 06, 2022 at 09:41 PM

ND

“ Carol and family so sorry for your loss. Jim was a life time friend of the Daiker family. May he rest in peace.

Nancy daiker - April 06, 2022 at 09:40 PM

DO

“ My deepest condolences to Carol their children and all of Jim’s families! I got to know Jim first when I was the sports editor at the Carroll Daily Times Herald! He was Avery fine football player for the Knights and our friendship grew from there! Just a great guy who did so much for Carroll and the area! RIP friend!

Denny O’Grady - April 06, 2022 at 08:30 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



April 06, 2022 at 08:22 PM

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“ 2019 seniors- Alli, Anna, Cass, Isabel purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



2019 seniors- Alli, Anna, Cass, Isabel - April 06, 2022 at 07:43 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



April 06, 2022 at 06:03 PM

AG

“ Our sincere condolences to Carol and family. Deeply sorry for your loss.

Anvar Gabidullin - April 06, 2022 at 05:58 PM



“ Full Heart was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



April 06, 2022 at 05:21 PM

BV

“ My sympathy Carol and family. May he Rest In Peace.

Bev Vonnahme - April 06, 2022 at 02:53 PM

AS

“ My deepest condolences to his family. He was a great man & will be remembered for that always. Prayers & Support, Alyson Stork-Fleming

Alyson Stork-Fleming - April 06, 2022 at 02:45 PM

GP

“ Garfield Pike, Rodney and Kimberly Pike purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



Garfield Pike, Rodney and Kimberly Pike - April 06, 2022 at 12:41 PM

JV

“ Jim VonAhn purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



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Jim VonAhn - April 06, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



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April 06, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



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April 06, 2022 at 07:36 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



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April 05, 2022 at 11:28 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.*



April 05, 2022 at 09:18 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.*



April 05, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.*



April 05, 2022 at 06:19 PM



“ *Carol and family. I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

*Spud Irlmeier Anthony*

**Gloria Anthony** - April 05, 2022 at 03:37 PM

KJ

“ Carol & Family...My deepest sympathy to all of you on the loss of Jim.....He was a good guy.....Carry Jim"s life forward...Keep him alive in your hearts....Stay strong...God is always there for you.....May he rest in eternal peace..My thoughts & prayers go out to you...Kristi Schuler Jorgensen....



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**Kristi Jorgensen** - April 05, 2022 at 12:07 PM

SF

“ Steve Garbier and Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Jim "Strauto" Strautman.



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**Steve Garbier and Family** - April 05, 2022 at 11:49 AM

SG

“ Dear Carol,  
We send you and your Family our thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. We were shocked to hear of Jim's passing. But we we will forever remember Strauto's great friendships with so many around Carroll, and beyond. I will especially cherish how easy it was, after so many years of separation from high school, to easily relive memories, share laughs and catch up on life. Jim was a one-of-a-kind person and great friend. We will miss him very much. Our love to all of you,  
Steve Garbier and Family

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**Steve Garbier** - April 05, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *Carol and family,  
Bill and I want to tell you all how very sorry we are to hear of Jim’s  
passing. Your entire family is in our thoughts.*

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**Kathi Peters** - April 04, 2022 at 08:17 PM



“ *Carol and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I can’t thank you enough of being the  
kindest and most helpful neighbors when we moved across the  
street. I will forever remember Jim and Lacey and how he loved that  
dog. Jim always let Odie come  
over to play with her. He helped me out so much and I am forever  
grateful!!! You are all in my prayers!*

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**Renee Anderson** - April 04, 2022 at 03:16 PM



*Carol and Family, so sorry to hear about Jim. Many great memories of  
hunting and planting trees with him. You will be in our prayers.*

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**Eric Brincks** - April 04, 2022 at 07:23 PM



*Carol. You have my deepest sympathy.*

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**Darlene Onken** - April 04, 2022 at 08:45 PM



*Carol & Family; sending you my thoughts, prayers and deepest  
sympathy.*

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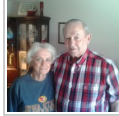
**Dan Wycoff** - April 05, 2022 at 06:20 AM



*Carol I just heard about Jim. My heart goes out to you and your family.*

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**sharon Langenfeld smith** - April 05, 2022 at 12:54 PM



*Carol and family, our sympathy and prayers for you. He was always friendly and happy.*

**Leon Oswald** - April 05, 2022 at 01:07 PM

JS

*We have so many fun memories of Jim and Bloomers. Bloomers had such great golf tournaments, it was a day of laughter and friendship. Somethings you never forget we share your grief*

**joan Shymanski** - April 05, 2022 at 02:56 PM

TR

*Carol, my heart hurts deeply for you and your family. Strauto cared for others and always took time for insightful conversations with me when we would chat. My family and I will say a Divine Mercy Chaplet in his honor. God bless, Tim*

**Tim Rial** - April 05, 2022 at 05:40 PM

RF

*Carol and family, Just heard of Jim's passing. We are so sorry for your lost and extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Bod and Linda Fisher*

**Robert Fisher** - April 05, 2022 at 09:41 PM

DO

*Carol and families, Our deepest sympathy to all of you . may you hold all memories close to your heart in the hard days ahead. .May you find comfort in all the friendships Jim made throughout the years. Diane and Terry Olson*

**Diane Olson** - April 06, 2022 at 02:26 PM

JF

*Ah Carol, sometimes life just sucks. Focus on the good memories to get through. Where are Bert and Ernie when ya need them? Janeen Lally Fischer*

**Janeen Fischer** - April 06, 2022 at 02:57 PM



*We will always do our best to keep the grass green...and keep Strauto proud....Nick Wittrock and Staff*

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**Nick Wittrock** - April 06, 2022 at 05:01 PM