

James F. Stein, 69

Dec. 5, 1947 - July 22, 2017

STORM LAKE – James Fred “Jim” Stein was born December 5, 1947 in Portsmouth, the son of Carl and Helen (Leinen) Stein.

He grew up and attended school in Portsmouth, graduating from Panama-Portsmouth High School in 1965. Jim continued his education at Iowa State University where he graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Animal Science.

On April 5, 1975, Jim was united in marriage to Darla Jackson McCune in Mount Pleasant. Together, they were blessed with two children, Melissa and James.

Jim worked for the United States Government as an Assistant District Director for FMHA for many years. In 1997, he retired as Loan Specialist for the Farm Service Agency. Following retirement, he became a full-time farmer.

Over the years, Jim was a member of the Knights of Columbus, served as President of the Columbus Club, and was a 4H Leader.

He enjoyed golfing, farming, playing cards, singing karaoke, bowling, and was an avid Iowa State Cyclone fan. Jim’s favorite thing to do was hanging out with his friends and family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jim died Saturday, July 22, 2017 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake at the age of 69.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Darla Stein of Storm Lake; children: Melissa Stein of Mount Pleasant; James Stein of Sioux City; grandchildren: Mandy (Larry) Hegwer, Kevin Willeford, and Marcus Campbell; four great grandchildren; brothers: Alfred (Jeanne) Stein of Lansing; Pete (Patty) Stein of Portsmouth; Carl (Sandy) Stein of Odessa, MO; Bill (Laurie) Stein of Thurman; Kenny (Julie) Stein of Portsmouth; Larry (Carol) Stein of Portsmouth; Paul (Denise) Stein of Amana; sisters: Dorothy Gross of Glenwood; Pat (Randy) Pash of Harlan; Mary (John) Murtaugh of Harlan; numerous nieces and nephews; extended family and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; brothers, Bob and Don Stein; and infant sister, Theresa.

A Funeral Mass was held Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial followed in the St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation was held Wednesday, July 26, 2017 from 5-8 p.m. with a KC Rosary prayed at 7:45 p.m. at the Fratzke and Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake.

The Fratzke and Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake was in charge of the arrangements.

