



James "Jim" Walter Lenger

December 23, 1944 - April 4, 2021

James "Jim" Walter Lenger, age 76 of Bussey, IA, passed away Sunday, April 4, 2021 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Jim was born December 23, 1944, to Albert and Kathryn (Flahive) Lenger on the farm at home east of Hamilton. He grew up and attended school in Hamilton and later in Lovilia. On October 11, 1969, Jim was united in marriage to Nancy Chance at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Weller, IA. To this union, 2 children, Jeff and Kevin were born. Jim and Nancy shared 51 years of marriage prior to his passing.

After school, Jim worked at Maytag in Newton for 30 years in various positions. He also farmed throughout his adult life. Jim was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lovilia and the Knights of Columbus in Albia. He enjoyed being outdoors, being on the farm, riding around in his gator and loved his German Shepherd, Blade. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes football and basketball fan. Jim cherished spending time with his family and loved attending his children's and grandchildren's sporting events.

Jim is survived by his wife, Nancy; 2 sons, Jeff (Gena) Lenger and Kevin Lenger; 3 grandchildren, Jacob, Josh, and Aydan Lenger; and 2 sisters, Theresa Lenger and Marge Comer. Jim is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Kathryn; 5 brothers John, Ed, Daniel, David and Joseph Lenger, and a sister, Pauline Conway.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Jim's family present from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 8, 2021, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lovilia, with Fr. Mark Yates, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow services in Osborn Cemetery in Monroe County.

Memorials have been established to Autism Speaks and the National Kidney Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Osborn Cemetery

Lovilia, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 8. 10:30 AM.

St. Peter's Catholic Church
603 West 6th Street
Lovilia, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Walter Lenger*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *James "Jim" Walter Lenger*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Your friends at Datatech Electronics purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of James "Jim" Walter Lenger.*



Your friends at Datatech Electronics - April 07, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *Nancy, I am sorry to learn of Jim's passing. You were both wonderful neighbors for many years. Prayers for peace.*



Kim (Bonnett) Stark - April 06, 2021 at 11:14 AM

LW

“ Larry Wilson lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Walter Lenger



Larry Wilson - April 06, 2021 at 10:32 AM

LW

So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. May God be with and Bless the entire Family during this difficult time. I worked with Jim at Maytag, he was a great guy and very well liked. God Bless.

Larry Wilson - April 06, 2021 at 10:34 AM

SW

“ Nancy and family, I am sorry to hear of Jim's death, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Susan Walter

susan walter - April 06, 2021 at 10:13 AM

CS

“ Nancy, Jeff & Kevin:
Christ's peace to you as you celebrate Uncle Jim's life. We take great dad's for granted - and they are a rare breed - God's grace is endless!

I remember Jim as quiet- but always smiling and laughing when all of the Lenger's would get together (and that was a big crowd!) I know he was involved in the memorable conversation at Grandma's house in Lovilia about an article in the National Enquirer telling what the fattest man in the world ate for breakfast. I still smile when I think of that discussion! Prayers to you all.

Catherine (Comer) Schmidt
Phoenix, AZ

Catherine (Comer) Schmidt - April 06, 2021 at 04:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Walter Lenger.



April 05, 2021 at 05:11 PM