



## James Edward "Jim" Summers

February 5, 1942 - January 1, 2012

James Edward "Jim" Summers, age 69, of Albia, passed away Sunday, January 1, 2012, at his home in Albia.

Jim was born February 5, 1942 in Ottumwa, IA to Clarence and Margaret (Hornback) Summers. He grew up in Tyrone, IA before moving to Albia, where he graduated from Albia High School. Jim served his country in the United States Navy. After the service, Jim married Beverly Brees in June 1969 in a little church in Illinois. They later separated.

Jim worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad and retired from John Deere in Ottumwa. He was a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles Club of Albia and the American Legion of Melrose. He enjoyed watching the Iowa Hawkeyes, mushroom hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his four children, Jason (Scarlett) Summers of Albia, Lance Summers of Burlington, Jimmie (Sara) Summers on Albia, and Murenda Meinders of Knoxville; nine grandchildren, Reba, Austin, Christian, Landon, Addison, Kalene, Kaelin, Lauren, and Kinnick. He is also survived by two sisters, Vonnie Christy of Albia and Lori Keiffer of Hampton, IL; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Margaret; five

brothers, Irvin, Kenny, Clarence "Shag", Loyal "Joe" and Chester; and 3 sisters, Evelyn Rhinehart, Mary Smith, and Margaret Keyes Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 7, 2012, at the Tharp-Winfield Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Brad Gray officiating. Burial will be in Oak View Cemetery in Albia, with military rites provided by the American Legion of Melrose, Albia, and Lovilia.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m., Friday, January 6, 2012, at the Tharp-Winfield Funeral Home, with the family present from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to youth sports broadcasting through the KIIC Radio Station.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.tharpfh.com](http://www.tharpfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ James Edward "Jim" Summers

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ To Jim's family:

*I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He has been a long-time friend of the Archibald family for years! Every holiday season, he was sure to send a gift basket to my mother-in-law, Kate Archibald. He will be sorely missed by many members of the Archibald family. My condolences to you all.*

Terri Archibald - Albia, IA - Friend - January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ summers family,  
sorry to hear about your dad and grandpa he was a good man and will truly be missed you all are in my thoughts and prayers

*god bless megan selby birkenholz and family*

megan selby birkenholz - chariton, IA - friend of the family - January 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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**megan selby birkenholz - chariton, IA - friend of the family** - January 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

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**Karen Smead Dicks - Ottumwa, IA - Friend** - January 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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**Karen Smead Dicks - Ottumwa, IA - Friend** - January 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our condolences to the Summers family. Jim was a heck of a good guy. We both collected Homecoming pins and we were always trying to find the same certain year.*

*Phil and Diane Whitson*

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**Phil and Diane Whitson - Albia, IA** - January 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jimmie, Sara, and all the Summers clan so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Treasure your memories, he lives in all of you.

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**Tammy Courtney - Oskaloosa, IA** - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jason, Lance, Jimmy and Miranda,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was a great guy and will be missed around the area. My thoughts are with you and your families during this time of loss. Treasure your memories and talk about them and help keep his memory alive because he will live on in all of you. God Bless.

*The Plackett Family*

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**Joy Plackett - LaSalle, IL - Friend** - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Tom & Phil Soory to hear about your Uncle Jim. He was a heck of a nice guy to be around from what I remember. He's in a better place now and he's watching ya'll

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**Tony Vaughn - Yukon, OK** - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ TO JASON AND ALL THE SUMMERS FAMILY, I WAS VERY SHOCKED TO HEAR OF JIMS PASSING. I HAVE BEEN FRIENDS WITH JIM FOR 40+ YEARS AND I DON'T THINK HE EVER MET A STRANGER. I HAVE HAD MANY GOOD TALKS OVER THE YEARS ABOUT THE HAWKEYES, FISHING ,AND A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING. HE WILL BE MISSED NOT ONLY BY FAMILY, BUT ALSO A LOT OF FRIENDS. I AM SURE THAT HE AND RED WILL BE ROOTING FOR THE HAWKEYES FROM HEAVEN.

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**MAX COX - ALBIA, IA - FRIEND** - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE SUMMERS FAMILY, JIM WAS ,A CLASSMATE IN GRANT SCHOOL AND ALBIA HIGH SCHOOL, WE ALSO WORK ON THE RAILROAD WITH EACH OTHER WENT HUNTING TOGETHER , WILL NEVER FOR GET THE DAY WE WALK FROM ALBIA TO TYRONE HUNTING MUSHROOMS, JIM WAS A TRUE HAWKEYE FAN,, MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

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**ED MCGINN - QUINCY, IL - FRIEND** - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Jim always had a smile and a hello to everyone he met. I don't think he knew a stranger. I personally didn't know Jim but I know he loved his family and was very proud of them.*

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**Kathy Elliott - Albia, IA - Friend** - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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