



James Bodensteiner

December 31, 1945 - December 14, 2012

CEDAR FALLS- Dr. James E. Bodensteiner, 66, of Cedar Falls, died Friday, December 14, 2012, at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

He was born December 31, 1945, in West Union, Iowa, son of Clem and Florence (Lusson) Bodensteiner. He married Roberta Ladd on December 22, 1973, in Cedar Falls.

He graduated from St. Luke's High School, St. Lucas, Iowa, in 1963 and earned his BA from Loras College in 1967. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam and later earned his MA and EdS from the University of Northern Iowa and EdD from Drake University. He was employed with UNI for twenty-six years, retiring as Dean of Continuing Education in 2009. He had also taught at junior and senior high schools in Dubuque and Waterloo.

Survived by: his wife, Roberta; two sons, Jeffrey (Anna Shimanek) of Edina, MN, and Jason (Mary) of Cedar Falls; three grandchildren: Stella and Josie Bodensteiner of Edina, MN and James Bodensteiner of Cedar Falls; three brothers: Clem "Tim" (Leona) Bodensteiner of Grinnell, John (Carolyn) Bodensteiner of Hot Springs Village, AR, and Ivan (Pat) Bodensteiner of Valparaiso, IN; one sister, Virginia Schmelzer of West Union; and a brother-in-law, Brad Brockman of Ossian.

Preceded in death by: one brother, Edward Bodensteiner; two sisters, Dolly Kuennen and Arlene Brockman; two brothers-in-law, Mel Kuennen and James Schmelzer; and one sister-in-law, Bernie Bodensteiner.

Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Cedar Falls. Visitation from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at Richardson Funeral Service where there will be a 6:30 p.m. time of sharing. Visitation also for one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Salvation Army, Wounded Warrior or donor's choice.

Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Remember him well from Loras. He was from my graduating class and a year younger than Don. Our sincerest condolences.

Don and Janet Marxen - October 15, 2013 at 03:36 PM

SG

“ Roberta so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. I know you will be comforted by the thought of how many lives he touched.

Sherri Gabbard - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

JA

“ Roberta,
I was so very sorry to hear that Jim had passed away. I know you were hopeful and strong for him. Every time I see you at church you always have a brave face and a strong hug. Please just know that if you need anything at all, you have only to ask. Remembering a favorite choir song, I hope you soon find "It is well with my soul".
With love,
Julie Alexander

Julie Alexander - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

KD

“ To Roberta, Jeffrey, Jason and your families,
In light of the life-threatening blizzard that is forecast to blanket the whole state of Iowa, it does not look like we will be able to get to Cedar Falls. But our spirits are with you and know that we mourn your loss. Uncle Jim being only 8 years older than me, closer in age than I am to my own siblings, always had such a unique perspective and we will miss listening to his opinions. Until we can meet in person and share hugs, I hope it is some comfort to know we will be wrapping you in our prayers.

Kathryn Sowder & husband David - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

BD

“ Roberta,
I don't believe I ever met you, but mom (Eleanor) used to be very fond of you. So sorry to hear about Jim. My favorite memory of him took place @ the farm. Mom took my sister, Julie & I over to visit & we found & were playing with Jim's model cars, which he wasn't too happy @ the time. I don't remember exactly what transpired, but I can remember Aunt Florence telling him that it was good to "share"!!

Barbara Franzen Duffy - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

JB

“ Farewell, my Loras friend. What a privilege to have known you.
Roberta, best wishes to you and family

Jerry Balk - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

PP

“ Roberta, (Miss Ladd, then) I was sorry to hear of your loss. I didn't know Jim, since I was an exchange student at OHS only 1970/71 and you had been my very friendly homeroom teacher. But I'm thinking of you and your family.

Peter Proeger

Peter Proeger - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

AW

“ Roberta,
My condolences to you and your family.
Audrey

Audrey Wallican-Green - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

JK

“ James Bodensteiner

Jerry Kuennen - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

CT

“ RB-
I have had you and the boys in my thoughts and prayers since I heard of Jim's passing last Thursday. Had hoped to make it in for the visitation but the weather didn't cooperate.
Sympathy and hugs.

Chris Thompson - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM