



James Flannery

September 23, 1944 - February 3, 2026

James Francis Flannery, 81, of Cedar Falls, died Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at the Denver Sunset Home.

He was born September 23, 1944, in Iowa City, Iowa, the son of Clifford and Portia (Quinlan) Flannery. Following his mother's death at age 5, his father married Helen Laughlin who helped raise him. Jim graduated from Janesville High School in 1962. On September 21, 1964, he was united in marriage to Suzanne Ewing in Cedar Falls. He first drove semi-truck for Western Transportation and then Standard Forwarding, retiring in 1999. He then drove a straight truck for Iowa Laser part-time during retirement. (Mom said it kept him out of trouble).

When not working, Jim could be found tinkering in his beloved garage and spending time with his family and friends. If anyone needed help repairing a car, mower, or finishing a home project, he was always there to assist. Family, Faith, and Friends were a cornerstone of his life.

Jim is survived by his wife Sue of Cedar Falls; three children: Jolene (Jeffrey) Helland, Jim (Juliet) Flannery, and Jill (Todd) Wilson, all of Cedar Falls; seven grandchildren, Ethan Flannery, Shayne (Josh) Ferguson, Quinn Flannery, Travis Wilson, Nicholas Wilson, Samantha Middleton, and Isabella Wilson; seven great grandchildren; Aria and Nora Middleton; Kennedy Ferguson, and

Harper, Graham, Lyndie, and Beckham Wilson; and sister, Mary Brown of The Colony, TX.

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother, and brother-in-law, Steve Brown.

Services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 9, 2026, at the Richardson Funeral Service and a celebration of life following at the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49, 19th and Irving St., with interment in the Greenwood Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, February 8, 2026, at Richardson Funeral Service.

Memorial flowers and contributions may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Receiving of Friends

FEB 8. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

FEB 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49
1934 Irving Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall

RS

“ 1 file added to the album James Flannery service



Richardson Funeral Service - February 09 at 12:36 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss, 🙏 and our deepest sympathys. Jim was a great guy.always smiling and Happy. Your all in our prayers. His journey is over and now has gone HOME, to be with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! In Jesus name, Amen! Rip Jim! I drove for Roadway Express. Another Teamster.

James A Wahner - February 08 at 11:12 AM

CM

“ I worked at Standard Forwarding as a senior in high school. Jim was very kind man.

Casey Macdonald - February 07 at 10:09 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Flannery.



February 06 at 02:47 PM

TH

“ Travis, Amanda, and Harper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Flannery.

Travis, Amanda, and Harper - February 06 at 02:47 PM

LM

“ I'm already missing seeing you, Jim. You're one of the really good ones!
Lynn M.

Lynn M. - February 06 at 11:29 AM

AR

“ Allan R. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Flannery.



Allan R. - February 05 at 08:24 PM

MC

“ So sorry for the family's loss of Jim. He was a wonderful man and I enjoyed speaking with him when I worked at Denver Sunset Home as a cook. I loved his stories and his wit, I often told him he reminded me of my father. Heaven gained an amazing angel. Love and prayers to you all in this difficult time 💜

Michelle Cole - February 05 at 07:22 PM

BH

“ *Bob Bonnie Whittle Paul Karla Henschel purchased the Fairest of All for the family of James Flannery.*



Bob Bonnie Whittle Paul Karla Henschel - February 05 at 03:09 PM

DE

“ *Our condolences. We enjoyed being your neighbor and friend.
Dianne & Larry*

Dianne Rae Everts - February 05 at 01:40 PM

KT

“ *The Flannery family always meant a lot to our family. I went to school with all the kids. I later worked at IIP with Jimmy and his dad Big Jim was always coming in to load up the Standard Forwarding truck for John Deere. I always looked forward to him coming in and chatting with me, with that WONDERFUL smile and GREAT attitude on life. I will miss him and I know a LOT of people will. It was a pleasure knowing you Big Jim. RIP our friend 🙏*

Keith Tripp - February 04 at 10:06 PM

MB

“ *Jim was my big brother. He called me BooBoo and he was Yogi. He was rock solid as a brother, son, husband, father, and grandfather. He always had a laugh and a big smile. I will miss him dearly.*

Mary Flannery Brown - February 04 at 04:22 PM

BE

“ Seeing Jim’s smile brings back many happy memories. When we bought our first home in 1971, they lived across the highway from us and were friends since then. Jim’s personality just drew you to him! Both Jim and Sue have always been so kind and helpful. Many times they stopped what they were doing to help others. Really going to miss you, a real friend! Love: Bart & Barb Elliott

Bart & Barb Elliott - February 04 at 02:06 PM

SM

Jim was my cousin by marriage to Sue. We always had the best of times when we got to visit each other. His sunny disposition and smile will truly be missed. Jim please give mom a hug from me. We live and will miss you.

Sherry McKinnon - February 04 at 08:16 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Flannery.



February 04 at 11:31 AM

MK

“ Mile akd Karen Kerley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Flannery.

Mile akd Karen Kerley - February 04 at 11:31 AM

MK

“ Jim was a true friend and “almost “ always a positive, cheerful individual. A man I admired and was blessed to know as a neighbor and a good friend. Rest in peace Jim.

Michael/Mike) Kerley - February 04 at 11:20 AM