



## Dr. James A. McCutcheon

July 17, 1933 - December 17, 2025

James "Jim" A. McCutcheon, 92, died December 17, 2025, under the care of hospice at the Deery Suites.

He was born July 17, 1933, in Traer, son of Arthur and Louise (Steffen) McCutcheon. Jim graduated from Traer High School in 1951 and from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry in 1957. He married Martha L. Stevens in Des Moines on December 19, 1954.

They moved to Cedar Falls in 1957, where Jim was a dentist until his retirement in 1996.

Jim participated in a range of Cedar Falls civic organizations, including the Rotary Club and Arcturus. He belonged to the First United Methodist Church and served as a member of its Board. Jim enjoyed UNI and Iowa sports, card games, travel, fishing trips, skiing and socializing. He loved swapping stories with his many friends, and will always be remembered by them for his generosity.

Jim is survived by his daughters, Jane McCutcheon of New York City, NY, and Barbara McCutcheon (Narayana) of Pittsford, NY; and grandchildren, Grace and Henry Palmer of Santa Fe, NM.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Martha, a daughter, Carolyn Ruth, his parents, and a sister, Ruth.

A memorial service will be held in the Spring, at 11am on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls, with inurnment in Buckingham Cemetery, Traer, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to: Cedar Falls Rotary Foundation, or Western Home Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
718 Clay Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
<http://aboutfirst.com>

## Memorial Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
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## Inurnment

APR 21. 1:30 PM (CT)

Buckingham Cemetery  
Traer, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richardson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. James A. McCutcheon*



Richardson Funeral Service - April 23 at 02:53 PM

DT

“ *I remember Jim growing up as our Dentist, he was such a great guy, my dad used to meet up with him and a few others for lunch and always enjoyed it so much ! Prayers to his family he will be missed very much !*

Darrin Thran - April 20 at 06:54 PM

BM

*Thanks for the memory! I know Jim loved to get together with friends for lunch and I am so glad to know that your dad was there!*

Barbara McCutcheon - April 30 at 03:13 PM

SS

“ *Jim was one of the friendliest, knowledgeable people in our condo. Always willing to help in emergencies. Great walks, laughs, stories and memories with Jim. We will miss his smile.*  
*George and Sue Stock*

Susan Stock - April 20 at 05:16 PM

BM

*Thanks for the memory! Jim loved going on walks and telling stories with people. He really enjoyed his time with friends!*

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**Barbara McCutcheon** - April 30 at 03:14 PM

AA

“ Hello Barb,

*I was so impressed and thankful when your Dad and Mom came to Amy's Celebration of Life at my sister Julie's house in Anoka, MN. I know it meant a lot*

*to all of us, but especially to our mother, Jeanne.*

*I've been thinking of you and Amy since I learned of your Dad's passing. Amy's life was much too short, but she did pack a lot of adventures, trips near and far, many memories with Myah, and she created lots of beautiful paintings that we treasure!*

*My sympathy to Jane also.*

*Love,*

*Audrey* ❤️

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**Audrey Adams-Sorge** - April 18 at 01:21 PM

BM

*Thanks Audrey! Amy was like another sister to us and your parents were like mine! I will always feel a closeness to Minnesota from spending time there with your family and living there. We were all lucky to have our parents for so long.*

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**Barbara McCutcheon** - April 30 at 03:16 PM

TG

“ When my husband and I moved to Port Belleair in Florida 26 years ago Jim was one of the first neighbors to come visit and introduce himself. He became a dear friend and my mentor as I spent time on our board of directors with him. We all shared great lunches and dinners and of course, lots of time at the pool. He was a true gentleman and I'm so glad we shared time and memories together. He is truly missed. Terri Gandy

Terri Gandy - April 16 at 07:15 PM

SS

Jim was a true gem, we enjoyed daily walks through the neighborhood. He was a wealth of information on almost any subject and he loved to talk. He is missed by many. We are proud to call him friend. George and Sue Stock

Susan Stock - April 17 at 07:24 AM

AA

P.S. Jim was a real gentleman and he loved to talk. I am glad Jim and Marty became good friends of our family. Audrey Adams-Sorge

Audrey Adams-Sorge - April 18 at 01:28 PM

DS

Jim was a true friend, who enjoyed living on the River(his getaway on the Mississippi, mine on Cottage Row Cedar Falls. We kept in touch, and I always looked forward to a chat w him! Brilliant guy full of stories and great laughter. God bless his Christian spirit. Dan Stumme

Dan Stumme - April 19 at 10:34 PM

BM

Thanks for the memory! His time at the pool in Florida which he called "the office" was spent with you and his other friends there. I know he really enjoyed your company!

Barbara McCutcheon - April 30 at 03:21 PM

LO

“ Sad to hear of his passing. Had many wonderful conversations with him around the pool at Port Belleair. Had a great mind and knowledgeable across the board! He'll be missed here.  
*Linda and George ouellette*

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**Linda Grecco Ouellette** - April 15 at 08:00 PM

BM

*Thanks for the memory! Jim loved his time in Florida and at the pool which he called "the office." Thanks for sharing his time there!*

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**Barbara McCutcheon** - April 30 at 03:23 PM

RK

“ *The McCutcheon family were my neighbors in Traer, Iowa when I was growing up. Jim was 8 years older than me but was a really good friend to me and my brothers. Jim had a basketball hoop on his garage and always shared it willingly with me and my brothers. We had a lot of good times shooting hoops in the driveway.*

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**Ronald Karr** - December 28, 2025 at 06:02 PM

BM

*Thanks for the memory! We liked visiting Traer as kids, fun pool and very friendly. I'm sure it was a good place to grow up!*

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**Barbara McCutcheon** - December 29, 2025 at 10:20 AM

LK

“ *I'll always remember when Jim swam across the Mississippi from his cabin to the sewage plant when he was in his 80s. He thought there was nothing to it.ha.*

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**Linda Kotz** - December 20, 2025 at 02:51 PM

BM

*Thanks for the memory! His last swim across was when he was 85. We were all amazed that he was able to do it! He kept up with swimming in a pool until the last few months.*

Barbara McCutcheon - December 21, 2025 at 08:13 AM

JK

“ *A Great Man! We would likely not have gotten the Hearst Center for the Arts done without Jim's leadership and dedication. Thank you.*

Jim Kerns - December 19, 2025 at 03:17 PM

BM

*Thanks for the memory! Jim really enjoyed the Hearst Center and was still interested in its future.*

Barbara McCutcheon - December 20, 2025 at 08:45 AM

JG

“ *My memories of Jim include lap swimming and since I lived down the street often sharing the ride to lap swimming. One time Jim took me to your island cabin on the Mississippi as he shut it down for the winter. The cabin was obviously a special family getaway with many great memories.  
I remember having great discussions and always enjoyed our visits.  
My deepest sympathies in your loss.*

Jerry Green - December 18, 2025 at 01:43 PM

BM

*Thanks for the memory! Thanks for helping with the fall work at the cabin, Jim appreciated all the people who helped him there!*

Barbara McCutcheon - December 20, 2025 at 08:44 AM

RB

“ My brother was Jim’s first patient back in 1957 and he was the dentist for 5 generations of my family.  
We fell out of touch upon his retirement, and reconnected when Martha passed. He was indeed a generous gentleman and we enjoyed so much having him over for fish fries whether it was in Iowa or Florida.  
His attitude, disposition and kindness was surely an example of a selfless man and we give God thanks for having him in our lives.  
Bob and Pat Biersner

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**Robert Biersner** - December 18, 2025 at 01:05 PM

BM

Thanks for sharing the memory! Jim enjoyed all the get togethers with you in Florida and Iowa. He always looked forward to the fish fry!

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**Barbara McCutcheon** - December 20, 2025 at 08:45 AM

MR

“ Our wonderful memories of your father are so vast. We had so many great visits. Most recently, he invited Mike & I and my Aunt Donna Wolfgram who was a high school classmate of his, to his apt. in Cedar Falls and had dinner with him in the restaurant there. He stayed connected with us over many years through his mother and father and the Clothing Store in Traer. He had the best memory and could tell you who lived where in Traer.  
Love & Prayers to you all.  
Mike & Joan Reuman  
Traer. Iowa

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**Mike & Joan Reuman** - December 17, 2025 at 11:18 PM

BM

Thanks for the memory! It is great that Jim was able to get together with you and his classmate this summer. I know he really enjoyed all your times together!

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**Barbara McCutcheon** - December 20, 2025 at 08:46 AM

DP

*I have many, many memories of Jim and his kindness to me. I started working for him the summer of 1960 and worked on and off until we both retired in 1996.*

*After we both were retired, Jim would bring me strawberries and sweet corn in the summer-always doing little things that meant a lot.*

*Donna Pohl*

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**Donna Pohl** - December 21, 2025 at 12:14 PM

BM

*Thanks for the memory Donna! Dad was always so happy that you worked with him and proud of your career at Marquette. He talked about you all the time. I am glad you were able to spend time together during retirement.*

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**Barbara McCutcheon** - December 21, 2025 at 03:32 PM

SR

*I am sorry I just heard of Dr McCutcheon's passing. I knew him since childhood from First United Methodist and as my dentist. He was close to my parents and they were active in many of the same groups/organizations. I saw him many times when I was back visiting after they all retired and the years passed. He helped my mother with so many of her city projects over the years. I remember when we had to tell him my dad would be going into Hospice and his true care. He would continue to visit my parents until they passed and they had true joy at his visits. I feel blessed having known him. May the many happy memories comfort you as you move forward.*

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**Sallie Redfern** - January 05 at 02:40 PM