



Jim Clements

March 25, 1944 - October 12, 2022

James L. “Jim” Clements

CEDAR FALLS – Jim Clements, 78, died Wednesday, October 12, 2022. He was born March 25, 1944 in Mason City, IA to John and Juanita (Pavey) Clements and was raised in Klemme, IA.

He graduated from Klemme High School in 1962 and attended and graduated from Mason City Junior College in 1964 with an Associate Degree in Drafting Technology. He was hired by John Deere Waterloo Works that year. He was drafted by the U.S. Army in April 1965 and trained as a Medical Corpsman. He was discharged in October 1967 and returned to work at John Deere. He married Karon “Kay” Wessels in December 1966. He retired in 1998 as a Senior Designer. He was a member of Orchard Hill Reformed Church and Amvets Post 49 in Cedar Falls. He also was a scout leader when his sons were younger and helped do maintenance work at the scout camp.

He is survived by his wife Karon of 55 years; sons, Jeffrey (Kris) Clements of Cedar Falls, Jonathan Clements of Colorado Springs, CO and Jason (Sheri) Clements of West Des Moines; grandchildren, Kelsea Clements and Connor (Jenna) Clements both from Waterloo, Madelyn Clements of Ames and Joshua Clements of Des Moines; brother, Jerry (Judy) Clements of Aiken, SC; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and both his paternal (Lloyd & Emma Clements) and maternal (Wallace & Anna Pavey) grandparents.

Services will be at 10:30 AM Saturday, October 15, 2022 at Orchard Hill church. Military rites will follow the service followed by a luncheon. Visitation will be available 1 hour before the service. Inurnment at Hillside cemetery (Lone Tree Rd) in Cedar Falls.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Lone Tree Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Orchard Hill Church
3900 Orchard Hill Drive
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Memorial Service

OCT **15**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PL

“ so sorry to hear of Jim's passing.....My sympathies to Karon and families.....Pat Ulrich Lee

pat Ulrich Lee - October 21, 2022 at 11:37 AM

LS

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. All those years at Deere and we didn't really get to know each other. But a flooded house and many church projects more than made up for it. Miss those times.
Larry and Jackie Shinn

Larry Shinn - October 15, 2022 at 08:06 PM

PC

“ Kay, I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Please know that you are in my prayers.
Pat

Patricia Cole - October 15, 2022 at 05:21 PM

KH

“ I extend my sincere sympathy regarding the passing of Jim. I worked with Jim (work nickname "Clem") on the 7000 Series tractor program during the 90's and he was a great source for design recommendations as well providing great conversations on many other topics. He will be missed by many.

Kirk Hackbarth - October 15, 2022 at 02:21 PM

VL

“ So sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. I remember Jim when he worked at the Tractor Works. He was a great guy and really good at woodworking. I had him make a cabinet to hang my son’s sports metals. It was beautiful. My sincere sympathy to all of Jim’s family. I am sure you will miss him tremendously.

Verna Lansing - October 15, 2022 at 12:36 PM

DG

Hi darling, Jim & you were great friends. He did so much for me; wood working was his expertise. There wasn't a thing he couldn't do.

I live in Austin Texas now; I am close to Jamie's family and love being able to see them weekly.

Hugs to you 🤗❤️

Dianna Geiger - October 17, 2022 at 05:08 PM

BF

“ So sorry to hear Jim’s passing. I was at PEC with Jim in the 1980’s - 1990’s. I remember him as being very personable and a good designer. My condolences to Jim’s family. Berton Feuchtwanger



Berton Feuchtwanger - October 15, 2022 at 04:47 AM

SH

“ We will miss you, forever, dear friend in Christ..... "A friend's a friend forever if the Lord is Lord of them . A friend will not say never, cause the welcome will not end. Tho it's hard to let you go, in the Father's hands we know, a life is not too long, to live as friends. " . . . michael w. smith wrote and sang it so well....we give this song in memory of Jim, on this day. . . . the heerts. . . .

Steve Heerts - October 14, 2022 at 07:23 PM

BC

“ Always remeber when we went toboganning on the wooden one that you dad made--he pulled us all over behind his truck--So much fun and that made up for being snowed in--I knew you from kindegarten thru high school and you were always great friend--RIP....Bill Clabaugh

Bill Clabaugh - October 14, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jim Clements.



October 14, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jim Clements.



October 13, 2022 at 11:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jim Clements.



October 13, 2022 at 09:23 PM

MA

“ My sympathy . Jim was a good man.

Mel Anderson - October 13, 2022 at 04:04 PM

KK

I grew up next to Jim! He graduated with my brother. Many good memories! Please know that that his family are in our thoughts and prayers! 🙏

Karen (Clabaugh) and Ron Knudtson - October 14, 2022 at 12:57 PM

LL

He and Kay took my parents kitties after their passing and we were so happy to know they were going to such a great home w loving people. Kaytee kitty loved him like she did my dad. Your physical presence will be missed. There are other kitties to sit on your lap in heaven I have no doubt.

Lynda Loy - October 15, 2022 at 12:57 AM

BH

“ Sending deepest heartfelt sympathy to all of Jim's family. Jim & Jerry grew up next door to my parents in Klemme as they were at their Grandparents alot Ann and Wallace Pavey. I got to see Jim often over the years in Klemme usually at the cemetery and what a real gentleman always a delight to visit with him. I must have seen Jim at the Golden Year Reunion one of the years. Beverly Christiance Hummel & Ron Hummel, Ankeny, Ia.

Beverly Hummel - October 13, 2022 at 03:40 PM

VG

Always enjoyed Jim during the four years of high school. Sorry I can't make it Saturday, I will be in Chicago area. My thoughts will be there. RIP.

Virgil Goodrich - October 13, 2022 at 05:10 PM

CF

I just read of Jim's passing. I worked with Jim's designs being in Manufacturing. I also played basketball with him many years ago. I always enjoyed his sense of humor and talent. Our paths never crossed after retirement but I just thought of him recently biking by the lumberyard in North Cedar where I believed he worked after retirement.

Clyde W Franklin - October 15, 2022 at 04:41 PM

SM

Jim was one of the nicest guys I've ever known. Gave up every other Saturday morning to help me at my lumberyard. Not many would do that. Re-built my cabin, built me a beautiful garage and helped me reconstruct the exterior of my 100 year old home. A very talented craftsman . I am so glad to have known Jim all these years and his passing makes me very sad. He lives on through his 3 sons and his wonderful wife Kay.

Steve Mumm - October 17, 2022 at 07:03 AM

RS

Jim was a team player, excellent designer, detail thinker. Great mentor for our MR Axle team. May the Lord himself comfort you, Kay and family.

Ralph Shirley - October 18, 2022 at 06:00 PM