



# Jim Gerard

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Jim Gerard, 77, of Centerville passed away Sunday, July 23, 2017 at Mercy Medical Center in Centerville. Jim was born to James & Tressa (Watts) Gerard on August 6, 1939 in Brazil, Iowa. He received his education from Centerville High School, graduating in 1957. After school, Jim began working at Hy-Vee until his retirement in 2002. Jim was united in marriage to Ruth Goodman, she preceded him on September 7, 1999. Jim was an ornery guy, he loved teasing and joking with people. He always had a smile and a funny statement. In his spare time, Jim enjoyed traveling in his motorhome. He loved visiting Branson, Missouri and traveling to Colorado. He also enjoyed watching western movies. In Jim's younger years, he also enjoyed hunting. Survivors include three children: Jim Gerard (Debbie) of Ames, Jill Gerard of Centerville, Jana Logston of Cincinnati, four grandchildren: Rhiannon Gerard, Branwen Gerard, Emilie Harwell, Mallory Logston, three sisters; Janet Willier of Centerville, Marie Sales (Claude) of Orion, Illinois, Alice Mathews of Loveland, Colorado and numerous extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Ruth and infant grandson, Rowan. Graveside service will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 28, 2017 at Haines Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, July 27, 2017 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville. Condolences may be shared at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com). To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Jim Gerard please visit our Sympathy Store. Cemetery Details Haines Cemetery Hwy 5 & 470th Street

Centerville, IA 52544 Visitation JUL 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CDT) Thomas Funeral Home - Centerville 501 North 18th Street Centerville, IA 52544[[emailprotected](mailto:[emailprotected])]  
Graveside Service JUL 28. 10:00 AM (CDT) Haines Cemetery Hwy 5 & 470th Street Centerville, IA 52544



# Tribute Wall

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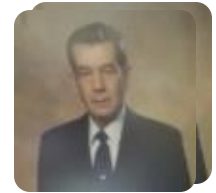


**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 11:50 AM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 12:23 PM



**Kaye Sleeth Ancell Martin** posted:

I remember Jim working at HyVee. A very nice guy, my sister Faye Sleeth Guffey worked with him at HyVee many years ago. Sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for the family.

July 26 at 7:00 PM



**Tom Livengood** posted:

So Sorry to hear about Jim, I worked with him for several years at Hy-Vee ----- Without a doubt Jim was the best person I have ever worked for. Always fair and he was the model that every boss should follow. He worked hard helping his employees, and never ask anyone to do something he would not do himself----We had great times working together--Rest in Peace Jim,-  
-----Tom Livengood

July 25 at 7:00 PM



**Ron Gatrel** posted:

I worked with Jim at Hy-Vee for several years! We have stayed in touch by phone, and enjoyed sharing memories! Jim always had something funny to say, and would leave our conversations with me laughing. He was one of a kind and will be missed. Rest In Peace, Jim Ron Gatrel

July 25 at 7:00 PM



**Darla And Bruce Fuller** posted:

Sorry, to hear of Jim passing. I always enjoyed seeing him at Hy-Vee and he told me once he pushed me in the cart out to the car with the groceries when I was little. He was always smiling. Prayers for the Gerard Family.

July 25 at 7:00 PM



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FB

**Florist Choice Bouquet** posted:

Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim Gerard.

July 25 at 7:00 PM

RJ

**R. J.** posted:

In the old days back in the 50's, Jim and I used to have some very adventurous times. Going to miss you buddy. R.J.

July 25 at 7:00 PM

TM

**Tony Milani** posted:

I worked with Jim at the Centerville Hy-Vee over 20 years ago. He taught me about work ethic and dedication just by being Jim, and was well-liked and respected by all at our store. I'm really sorry to hear this. My deep condolences to his family.

July 24 at 7:00 PM

DC

**Diona Crowder** posted:

I knew him for many years he was a great guy and was loved by alot if families.so sorry to hear of his passing.n ay God bless each and everyone.

July 24 at 7:00 PM

WL

**Will Lester** posted:

I worked with Jim when I started with Hy-Vee over 40 years ago. He was always the force behind the hard working crew in Centerville, and led by example. A fearless hard worker that never met a stranger. Always so friendly and fair to all customers and employees. Definitely one of the good guys from my past. He always be in my thoughts. Prayers and healing to his family. Will Lester.  
Red Oak, Iowa

July 24 at 7:00 PM

DL

**Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson** posted:

Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers, and may your memories give you peace.

July 24 at 7:00 PM



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**Kim Coatney** posted:

My deepest sympathy to the Gerard Family. May You find peace and comfort in your treasured memories and each other during this difficult time. You are all in my thoughts & prayers.

July 24 at 7:00 PM



## Media

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