



# James W. Fisk

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## **James W. Fisk**

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**J**ames Fisk, 84, of Centerville passed away Saturday, October 5, 2013 at Mercy Medical Center in Centerville. James was born on December 13, 1928 in Franklin Township (Cincinnati) to Edgar & Ellen Merle (Houdesheldt) Fisk. He received his education from Cincinnati High School graduating in 1946. After high school James attended Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University) and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education and later would receive a Master of Arts Degree in Elementary Administration. James was united in marriage to LuEtta Husted on June 26, 1949 at the Drake Avenue Christian Church in Centerville. He taught at Brush College in Livingston Township, Moravia, and Brooklyn, Iowa. He would return to Centerville where he would teach Science at Howar Junior High for 33 years retiring in 1991. James dedicated his life to Christ at the Franklin Baptist Church in October 1948. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Centerville for over 50 years. While at First Baptist he was a part of the Diaconate Board, Board of Christian Education and served as teacher of the Home Builders Sunday School class for 51 years. He was a lifetime member of the National Education Association and the Iowa State Education Association. He also held memberships in the Gideons International, Appanoose County Historical Society, Iowa Mormon Trail Association and the Appanoose County Genealogical Society. Educating Centerville's youth was his passion. Survivors include three children: Marshia Miller of Mt. Ayr, IA, Marcus (Linda) Fisk of Centerville, Melody (Max) Rehm of Richland, IA, eight grandchildren: Marcy (Kevin) Maak, Kevin Miller, Amanda Miller, Stephen Rehm, Angela Rehm, Ryan Fisk, Adam (Kelsey) Fisk, Spencer Fisk; two great grandchildren: Daniel Maak, Ayden Miller and many nieces and nephews. James was preceded in death by his parents, wife LuEtta Fisk in 1988, infant son, James Ronald Fisk and a sister Betty Radda. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at Thomas Funeral Home. Funeral service will be



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10:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at First Baptist Church in Centerville with Pastor Lloyd Johnston officiating. Interment will follow in Livingston Cemetery near Cincinnati. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials may be given to First Baptist Church or the family. Condolences and video may be shared at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com). To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of James W. Fisk please visit our Sympathy Store. Cemetery Details Livingston Cemetery 590th St.

Franklin, IA Visitation OCT 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CDT) Thomas Funeral Home - Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544[[emailprotected](#)] Service OCT 9. 10:30 AM (CDT) First Baptist Church 603 W. State St.Centerville, IA 52544



## Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 12:02 PM



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



October 13 at 12:37 PM



**Jeff Kelley** posted:

Like many who went through the Centerville school system I too had Mr. Fisk as my science teacher in junior high. Like most immature teens I never truly appreciated how lucky I was to have a teacher of his caliber. Mr. Fisk, like all of my teachers in Centerville had an impact on who I have become as an adult... for that I am truly thankful. I send my condolences to Jim's family and friends. God Bless, Jeff Kelley Class of 1980

October 15 at 7:00 PM



**Sarah Lindley-Marshall** posted:

I went to church with Mr. Fisk for most of my childhood...he always had a smile and a story for me and my brother and sister. I also remember one Christmas when things were especially tight and someone left a card on our front stoop with \$50 in it. Mr. Fisk wouldn't take credit for it but we know that it was him. He made our Christmas that year and I will never forget that. He was a wonderful person and I have many fond memories of him. May God bless the family at this time.

October 8 at 7:00 PM



**Brian K. Harrington** posted:

Mr. Fisk, Thanks for putting up with all of us youngsters so many years ago, I know we probably gave you some grief but you did give us a great lesson, I remember some very funny things from your class but the one that comes to mind the most is you taking away my slinky, I know I shouldn't have brought it to my class, also my classmate I will not mention having the bone cadaver out of the closet trying to dance with it around 1979 I think that was the year. Thank you for giving so much to so many of us. Your memory lives with us. Brian K. Harrington

October 7 at 7:00 PM



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RM

**Richard Mason** posted:

Mr. Fisk was my 8th grade teacher at Moravia back in 1954-55. The first day of school was just a half day. I went home and told my parents that I learned more in half-a-day than I learned in the entire 7th grade. Great teacher.

October 7 at 7:00 PM

JP

**Jerry Power** posted:

James was a great human being. Our class was the first to graduate from Howar Junior High and he was our science teacher. Science wasn't my favorite class but he did make it more interesting, knew the material very well. Our condolences to his family.

October 7 at 7:00 PM

BM

**Bil Milligan** posted:

James was a great Christian man and I know he will be missed. He could always tell me the history and background of anything I am him.

October 7 at 7:00 PM

JT

**Julie Baughman Tremmel** posted:

Last week in my classroom, I taught something to my students that I learned from Mr. Fisk while I was in junior high. He was a great teacher. I don't remember ever seeing him after junior high, so I never got the chance to tell him. My sympathies to the family.

October 6 at 7:00 PM

CK

**Carol Kelley** posted:

Mr. Fisk was my junior high science teacher and I never gave much thought to him being anymore than that. However, in years past I would run into him around Centerville and realized what a nice man he was. He knew alot about geneology and I enjoyed the visits. Peace and God's blessing to Jim's family. Carol Pickard Kelley

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WW

**Winona Whitaker** posted:

I was sorry to hear of Mr. Fisk's passing. I have fond memories of him as my 8th-grade science teacher. My condolences to his family and friends. Sincerely, Winona Lawson Whitaker

October 6 at 7:00 PM

GC

**Gary Craver** posted:

Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I served with Jim on the Appanoose County Historical Society Board and the Appanoose County Genealogical Society. He was always willing to help with the Appanoose County Pioneer Cemeteries Commission. Jim always had interesting stories to tell. My condolences to his family!

October 5 at 7:00 PM

KA

**Kathy Allen** posted:

I thought I just saw him as he was called in at the Dr office. I didn't say hello to him. I really wish I had. I am sorry for the family's loss, He helped shape a lot of kid's lives. Kathy Marshall Allen

October 5 at 7:00 PM

PP

**Pam Pauley** posted:

Melody thinking of you so sorry for your loss Pam Pauley (Craver)

October 5 at 7:00 PM

JZ

**Julia (Radda) Zieser** posted:

Uncle James was an awesome Christian man that I was proud of as my uncle. I treasure the memories & how exciting it was to stay with him and Aunt LuEtta for a week or two every summer! He loved his Lord and his family and was so kind hearted. Now he is preaching & teaching in heaven.

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**Jean Beeler** posted:

I always appreciated Jim as a teacher, but I really got to know him when we served together on the church pulpit committee. I saw the spiritual Jim, the organized Jim, and the caring Jim. It was a special time for us on the committee as I never remember our disagreeing. Much of that was due to his thoughtful, prayerful leadership. I know he was so proud of his family. I am thinking of you. How great to know I will see him again! May God bless, Jean Beeler

October 4 at 7:00 PM



**Linda Johnson** posted:

James was a very nice man. I met him when my daughter Angie took him shopping. He will be missed my Angie so very much. All his family and friend know what a nice gentleman he was. Rest in peace. God bless all of you.

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## Media

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