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James Jasper Pershy, son of John and Daisy Pershy, was born on January 1, 1927 near Williamson in Lucas County, Iowa.

He passed away at his home in Seymour, Iowa on April 1, 2012 at the age of 85 years, 3 months and 0 days. His family moved to Seymour soon after his birth where he completed school up to the 8th grade. After school Jim farmed, worked in a coal mine and drove truck.

Jim started his own business, Pershy Roofing and Painting, in 1961 and to this day the family business is still going strong. Jim married Margaret Veronica Schaefer on November 29, 1952 and to this union 3 children were born. James Jr, Jack and Joann. Big Jim was a Seymour icon; he raised great kids and grandkids.

He was known to many by the name of Gramps. He enjoyed trapping, coon hunting, looking for mushrooms, fishing, and the Atlanta Braves. But his all time favorite was playing cards especially a game of pitch. After his eye sight failed him he was forced to retire but you could still find him everyday at the job site with the guys supervising under a shade tree eating ice cream.

He was a devoted husband to his wife, after losing her to breast cancer in 1987 he enjoyed watching his grandchildren and great grandchildren grow up. James was preceded in death by his wife Margaret, his parents and brothers Charles and Frank.

He is survived by his children James Pershy (Bambi) of Seymour; Jack (Jane) Pershy of Corydon and Joann (Rusty) Hunter of Mercer, TN. Brothers Raymond (Patricia) Pershy of Milan, IL; John (Mary) Pershy of Silvis, IL and sisters in law Beverly Pershy of Muscatine, IA and Marge Pershy.

Grandchildren: Tyson (Jeri) Pershy of Centerville; Tanya (Shannon) Seddon of Mystic; Teather (Andy) Ingold of Centerville; Truett Pershy of Seymour; Todd (Dawn) Pershy of Walker; Tabitha (Scott) Sarsfield of Urbandale; Tessa (Adam) Fisher of Excelsior Springs, MO; Traci Coates of



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Corydon; Jeremy (Helen) Hunter of Bells, TN; Kelly (Brian) Williams of Brownsville, TN; Jarad Hunter of Mercer, TN; 26 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

God must have had a leak in his roof and he needed the best to fix it. He will be missed dearly by many but he is now reunited with the one he loved after 25 years. Memorials can be made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness. Book Travel to Services To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of JAMES "JIM" JASPER PERSHY Obituary please visit our Sympathy Store.



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 12:38 PM



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Steve Shubat - Seymour, Ia - Friend posted:

Nicely stated, James was a true icon of Seymour. He was diffidently part of the greatest generation. I don't believe he knew a stranger. James was a great inspiration to his family and truly loved by all. He helped raise a wonderful family and in return he received their eternal love. So long Jim, we have lost you but not forgotten. My condolences to all family and friends. Steve Shubat

April 4 at 7:00 PM



John White - Centerville, Ia - Friend posted:

I knew Jim as far back as I can remember. Growing up in small town, Seymour, Iowa was made all the sweeter with guys like this to look up to. Favorite memories were seeing he & young Jim heading out to trap & coonhunt, Jim & the Nieghborhood Tap boys playing a good game of cards, & most recently when the guys roofed our house last summer. Prayers to those he has left behind.

April 2 at 7:00 PM



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