



Jimmy Lawrence Bunnell

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Jimmy Lawrence (Jim) Bunnell, age 81, of Centerville, Iowa, passed away Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at home.

Jim was born the son of Leonard Thomas and Lillian Marie Sizemore Bunnell on May 14, 1940, in rural Putnam County, Missouri. He went to the Dodson Country School. Jim was united in marriage to Patricia Rose (Patsy) Daily on September 6, 1963, in Lemons, Missouri, and they made their home in Centerville.

Jim served for more than 20 years in the Iowa Army National Guard, retiring in 1987. As a young man, he worked for the Baxter Box Company. In 1964 he started work for Union Carbide as a press helper. He became an area mechanic and in later years worked as a Viskase plant general mechanic.

Jim enjoyed flathead fishing on many rivers in the region. He owned an airboat which he piloted mainly on Lake Rathbun, always with a smile on his face. He was very mechanical and was always fabricating something useful.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Patsy; his sister Polly Farley; his granddaughter, Natalie Bunnell; and his nephew, Mark Farley.

Jim is survived by his brother Terry Bunnell of Unionville, Missouri; his sons, Ricky Bunnell (Susan) of Singapore, Rusty Bunnell (Kim) of Des Moines, and Randy Bunnell (Carol) of Blakesburg; his daughter, Regena Cowan (Gavin) of Centerville; his grandchildren, Ross Merritt (Elizabeth) of Seymour, Juliana Bunnell of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Nicholas Bunnell of Des Moines, Jessyca Bunnell of Ottumwa, Jacob Bunnell of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, Joshua Bullard of Centerville, Justin Bullard (Elizabeth) of St. Joseph, Missouri, Layneigh Bullard and Gracey Cowan of Centerville; great-grandchildren, John, Erin and Bryn Merritt, Owen Freese, Rowan Bullard; and nieces and nephews.

Per Jims wishes, cremation has been accorded. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 3:00PM, Sunday, May 8, 2022 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in



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Centerville with Pastor Howard Luscan officiating. Military Rites will follow the service at the funeral home. Visitation will take place Sunday, May 8, 2022 at Lange Funeral Home in Centerville beginning at 12:00PM/Noon, with the family greeting friends from 1-3PM. A private family burial will be held at Haines Cemetery. Memorials have been established to Haines Cemetery, and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, ATTN: Bunnell family, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com or on our funeral home Facebook page.

Visitation

2022-05-08 13:00:00

15:00:00

Lange Funeral Home & Crematory

1900 South 18th St

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:22 PM



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



October 13 at 2:25 PM



Kathleen (Koziol) Summy posted:

Jim was as wonderful a neighbor and friend as anyone could wish for. I am eternally grateful for the help and kindness he gave our dad in Dads final years. You couldnt hope to find a better man.Kathleen (Koziol) Summy

May 7 at 7:00 PM



Alan Strickler posted:

We are very sorry to hear of Jim's passing, we had many great conversations and laughs in Guard! Prayers.

May 7 at 7:00 PM



Debbie Gavronsky posted:

My deepest condolences. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

May 6 at 7:00 PM



Sara Tait lit a candle in honor of Jimmy.

Lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Lawrence Bunnell



May 5 at 7:00 PM



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JS

John And Margery(Walker) Sandy posted:

So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I worked with Jim at Union Carbide as well as buddies in National Guard for several years. We even went fishing at Lake Rathbun. RIP old friend - you will be missed. John

May 5 at 7:00 PM

WW

Wilma Jeane Woolsey, King, Wilson posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about Jim. I worked at Union Carbide and Viskase with him and was friends of Patty's. Some how I lost track of Pat, as I worked there 18 years, 14 of them nights. I was just thinking of them in the last few months, wondering what had happened to them. So sorry for your loss. They were great people!

May 5 at 7:00 PM

JP

Jerry Power posted:

To Jim's family, we are truly sorry. I always enjoyed our conversations. I'll be out of town on Saturday, but I'll be thinking about you all! May he rest in Peace!

May 4 at 7:00 PM

JP

Joe & Jean Pratte posted:

So very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We worked together for years at Viskase and he also was my neighbor. Our condolences to all the children and their families. He will be sorely missed.....

May 4 at 7:00 PM



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