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James Heesch, age 65 of Seymour, Iowa passed away July 18, 2011, following a 3 year, 9 1/2 month courageous battle with stage 4 melanoma cancer.

He was born April 5, 1946 in Algona, Iowa to Melbourne and Evelyn (Hanson) Heesch. Jim Graduated from Buffalo Center High School in 1964. He worked as a hired hand for area farmers until being drafted into the Army in 1965. He was stationed at Fort Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska as a chemist, and was discharged in 1967 as SP/4.

In October of 1967 he purchased his first farm west of Joice, Iowa. He simultaneously worked at Paper Calmenson and Electric Machine in Minneapolis in 1969. In September of 1969 he married Norrine (Nelson) Heesch of Scarville, Iowa and to this union two children, a daughter Codi and a son Clint were born.

While farming Jim worked at Winnebago Industries until 1973 and delivered motor homes during the off-farming season until 1976 when he and his wife farmed full time. He custom harvested in the Dakotas' for a few years and also custom harvested for the area farmers. Jim purchased farm ground southwest of Seymour in 1983 and moved to their current residence in 1990.

His hobbies included construction of buildings, houses and machinery. He bred and trained American quarter horses for over 35 years. He was passionate about the heritage of farming he shared with his children and grandchildren.

James is survived by his wife Norrine, daughter, Codi (Heesch) Christianson and her husband David; son, Clint Heesch and his wife, Andrea (Honsey) Heesch; five grandchildren, Tuff Christianson, Colt Christianson, Tell Heesch, Wyatt Heesch and Paige Heesch; brothers David Heesch, Miles Heesch; sisters Susan Heesch, Elaine Heesch, and sister Barbara, and her husband, Lonnie Flake; also one sister-in-law, Helen (Nelson) Coumes and her husband Michel; 3 brothers-



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in-law, Gerald Nelson and his wife Cynthia, Tim Nelson and his wife Linda, and Arlyn Nelson and his wife Kris; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melbourne Heesch and Evelyn Heesch; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Norris Nelson and Florain Nelson; and brother-in-law Aaron Rognehaugh. According to family wishes, Jim has been cremated and there will be no public services. He will be buried at a family plot.

Condolences may be left online at www.langefh.com. Memorials may be left at or mailed to Lange Funeral Home, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544.



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Anonymous posted:

Hello Norrine and family, I am a former Buffalo Center classmate of Jim's (we called him James). I always liked James' a quick wit. He was not afraid to quietly poke fun at the teachers out of earshot. I appreciated his cleverness and that sly smile that went along with his quips. All of us admired Jame's intelligence. When the teachers passed back our assignments and tests or asked us to report our grades aloud after we checked each other's papers, James always had one of the best grades. I will have to say I was envious. I was sad to see that James passed away as I was looking up our classmates for our upcoming 50th class reunion. Not having seen him since graduation, I was happy to learn here that he married, had children and grandchildren. Nothing is better than family! God bless you all. Diane (DeVries) Daniels, Class of '64 Posted by Diane Daniels - Gainesville, FL - Buffalo Center classmate April 05, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Noreen, and family wouldl like to tell you that I am thinking of you,and have told Mom and Dad. Have a blessed day Love Phyllis Posted by Phyllis Holland - Forest City, KY - lifetime friends July 31, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Noreen, condolences on Jim's passing to you and your family. I have been thinking of you since my return from Arizona and sending you light and healing, just as I am doing now. You fought a long battle with and for Jim. I wish for you,Peace. Hoping to see you soon. Nell Gates, Centerville Posted by nell gates - friend July 21, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Just want to say how sorry I am for your loss, but in the same breath, Jim is in a much better place. Norrine you worked so hard on his behalf and we all know he wouldn't have been here this long without your love and support and your constant ambition on the computer to find out everything you could to help him. I want you on my team!! You rock girlfriend. Codi and Clint, and your families, your dad has left you with a wonderful legacy. I am very honored to have known him and to have gotten to know all of you. Please know you are all in my prayers. Trust in God's love and you will get thru this. Love you guys!! Posted by Lee Ann Peck - Corydon, IA - Friend July 20, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Noreen and kids - So sorry to hear about Jim - all of us are thinking of you and yours - Tony, Dave, Georgia & Donna at SIO Posted by Donna Porter - SIO - Corydon, IA July 20, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Norrine & family, So sorry to hear of the passing of your husband. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you at this most difficult time. Sincerely, Kathy & Jack Root Posted by Kathy & Jack Root - Liverpool, NY July 19, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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