



James Gregory Milani

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James G. Milani, age 88 of Centerville, Iowa passed away Monday, January 31, 2022 at MercyOne Medical Center in Centerville.

Jim was born on May 7, 1933 in Centerville, Iowa, the son of George and Alice (McCabe) Milani. He graduated from Centerville High School with the Class of 1951. He furthered his education at the University of Iowa on the Nile Kinnick Scholarship, where he lettered in football and track.

While at college, he was a member of the Phi Psi Fraternity and he was the President of Law School and the Liberal Arts Senior Class. On January 30, 1955, Jim was united in marriage to Mary Hauer in Iowa City, Iowa, and to this union three children were born, Greg, Molly and Jim.

He graduated from the University of Iowa in 1958 with his Juris Doctor degree, and Bachelors degree of Economics. Jim became a member of the Iowa Bar Association and the American Bar Association in 1958. On March 8, 1958, he joined the United States Army. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant of his Infantry.

He faithfully served his country and was honorably discharged on February 7, 1966. Jim moved back to his hometown to practice law with his father, George A. Milani in his law practice and was later joined by his son, Greg, in the practice of law.

He served as the Appanoose County Attorney from 1959-1967. He served on many community and law boards and committees, including the Iowa Cattlemens Association, the Morgan Cline Foundation, the Centerville National Bank Board, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Lay Advisory Board, and the Indian Hills Community College Foundation.

Jim and Mary were named Citizens of the Year in Centerville in 2000 and he was recognized as the Centerville High School distinguished alumnus in 2001.



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Left to honor Jims memory are his children, Greg (Ann) Milani of Moravia, Molly Revers of Centerville, and Dr. Jim (Marty) Milani of Iowa City; grandchildren, Joe Milani, Jim (Kenzie) Milani, Sarah Revers Lind (Pete), Matthew Revers, Maggie Milani, Katie Milani, and John Milani; two great grandchildren, Charlie Lind and James Lind; and a sister, Mary Naso of Cedar Rapids; as well as many extended family members and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Milani; his parents, George and Alice Milani; a son-in-law, Mark Revers; a brother, Bill Milani; and a sister, Martha Milani. Per Jims wishes, cremation has been accorded.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Memorials have been established to either the Moravia Historical Society or the Rathbun Lake Area YMCA, and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, ATTN: Milani family, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com or on our funeral home Facebook page.



Tribute Wall

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:43 PM



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



October 13 at 2:46 PM



GK

Greg Kepner posted:

Greg and family, I am sorry to hear about the passing of Jim. He was a very good person and always had time for a conversation. My condolences and may you find some peace during this difficult time. Rest in peace Jim. Greg Kepner

February 9 at 7:00 PM



MH

Michael Halstead posted:

Jim, though we only had conversations to be counted on one hand. You had a very convincing and knowledgeable character, and spoke your words with direct fact and yet showed compassion all the same. Though you have left us, your abilities to capture the attention of all you so generously engaged with, will be your legacy. Thank you for the honor of knowing you, and may you always show your leadership by example 'Semper Fi' my friend. Michael Halstead

February 6 at 7:00 PM



JH

Julz Haynie posted:

Jim Melani, You are the greatest man I have ever met! You are a true gentleman and a scholar. Your kind heart and beautiful laugh will be missed so very much. I want to thank you for uplifting my life and believing in me. I am sad I never got to say good bye. And I could never have thanked you enough. God brought us together and I know I will get the honor and privilege to see you again. Until then my friend peace be with you! I love you! Julz

February 6 at 7:00 PM



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JM

Jamasa Miskimins posted:

We want to send our thoughts and prayers. We also enjoyed visiting with him , and Jim sharing his many stories when ever we crossed paths. RIP Jim..Your friends Rodney & Jamasa Miskimins

February 5 at 7:00 PM

SP

Susan Marie Parker lit a candle in honor of James.

Lit a candle in memory of James Gregory Milani

February 3 at 7:00 PM



SP

Susan Marie Parker posted:

remember Mr Milani as a neighbor kid. Always very nice. May he rest in peace.

February 3 at 7:00 PM

PK

P Jane Kruzich posted:

It is with great sadness to read about the death of Jim. Condolences to all of the family at such a sad time and May God bless Jim and all of his family. Hugs to all of you

February 2 at 7:00 PM

CF

Colette Fisher posted:

Greg, Anne, and family, So sorry to learn your Dad passed away, Greg. He left a wonderful legend through all of you. Hang onto the good memories and know he is now in the greatest place of all. Mark and Colette Fisher, Ottumwa

February 2 at 7:00 PM

CE

Christy Ehrle posted:

Im so sorry to hear about Jims passing. We will miss his presence in the back pew of the Moravia Grace church. He and I had many conversations. I always appreciated his candor and speaking his mind. Our prayers go out to your family.

February 2 at 7:00 PM



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NM

Nichole (Bradshaw) Moore posted:

I was so sad to hear of Jim's passing. He was a wonderful man and had the kindest heart. Prayers to his family.

February 2 at 7:00 PM

ST

Sara Tait lit a candle in honor of James.

Lit a candle in memory of James Gregory Milani

February 1 at 7:00 PM



JG

Joe Goedken posted:

Jim Milani was a great person. He was a great mentor to me in the practice of law and had a positive impact on everyone around him. He will certainly be missed. He was unbelievably witty, caring and very funny. Thoughts and prayers to the Milani family at this difficult time. God bless Jim.

February 1 at 7:00 PM

MM

Marti Hiatt Mefferd posted:

So sorry for your loss. Mary and Jims largeness in the community will be noted for years to come. Marti and Jim Mefferd

February 1 at 7:00 PM

SM

Shirley Morlan posted:

His family are in my thoughts and prayers

February 1 at 7:00 PM

CB

Chris Van Blaricome lit a candle in honor of James.

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January 31 at 7:00 PM





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DV

Debbie & Reggie Vandyne posted:

So sorry for you loss. You are in our Thoughts & Prayers

January 31 at 7:00 PM

BB

Billie Buban posted:

So sorry for your loss he was a great man.

January 31 at 7:00 PM

NT

Nellie Thomas posted:

Sorry for your loss.prayers sent.

January 31 at 7:00 PM

DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson posted:

So sorry to read this. Jim was so easy to get along with, a funny guy, and good attorney. May your loving memories of him bring you peace.

January 31 at 7:00 PM

MR

Mary Ann Rood posted:

So sorry for your family.Mary Ann Rood

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PL

Patti Lind posted:

I was lucky to know Jim. I loved his wit and generosity.The Milani family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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AF

Alison Fraser posted:

I enjoyed our long, winding talks about history. Always in the corner booth in the lobby of The Continental, usually with Jim drinking tea or eating soup. He was passionate about bettering the community.

January 31 at 7:00 PM

DG

Dan Gleason posted:

I always looked up to him when I was growing up. I knew he was a football legend, though I was too young to remember him playing. He was CHS's only high school All-American ever. He was always nice to me, would stop and talk to me and ask me how things were going, even when I was a kid. He was a bright man and from everything I knew, an ethical man. His kids grew up to be honorable people as well. God rest his soul.

January 31 at 7:00 PM

JT

James And Diana Teater posted:

To the Milani Family. We are very sorry for your loss. My father, Martin Teater and Jim's father, Goerge were friends for many years. The Milani Family have always been well thought of by me and my family. May God Bless you all through this difficult time.

January 31 at 7:00 PM

MM

Mike And Aleta Mckelvy posted:

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Media

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