



James W. Cravens

January 15, 1920 - October 17, 2015

James W. Cravens, age 95, of Wahpeton, passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2015, at his home in Wahpeton. He was born on January 15, 1920, in Sanborn, Iowa, to John and Dorothy (Daly) Cravens. Jim was united in marriage to Margaret Cary on May 24, 1940. Margaret passed away on March 15, 2013.

Jim graduated from Sanborn High School in May of 1938. He attended the University of Iowa, and received a degree from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin. His banking career started September 1, 1944, with the Sanborn Savings Bank. In 1973, he became associated with the Dickinson County Savings Bank, now United Community Bank. He was active in both institutions until his retirement in January of 2015.

Jim made community service an important part of his life. He was active in many organizations in northwest Iowa and in the state serving on the State Banking Board, The Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, Camp Foster YMCA, Okoboji Yacht Club, the Dickinson County Hospital and many more.

He enjoyed spending his spare time fishing, hunting, golfing, sailing and socializing with his friends and family.

Jim is survived by his two children, Margaret "Mitzi" Porter, and her husband,

Glenn, and James P. Cravens, and his wife, Marilyn; grandchildren, Phillip Porter, Kim Porter Hornibrook (John), Roxann Porter Hackbarth (Dave), Emilie Cravens (Jesse Tack) and Catherine Cravens; great-grandchildren, Hunter Porter, Megan Hackbarth, Alex Hackbarth Hawn (Nate), Glenn Hackbarth, Cole Hackbarth, Taylor Hackbarth, Sopic Hackbarth and Johnna Hornibrook; great-great-grandchildren, Justine Hackbarth, Kiernan Hawn and Ezra Hawn; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, John H. Cravens on May 25, 1988; wife, Margaret; and sister, Jeanne Friberg.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake. A memorial visitation will be held Tuesday, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home. Burial will be at Lakeview Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Jim's name to Friends of the Lakeside Lab or the Sanborn Daycare and Preschool.

Tribute Wall

BW

“ *James W. Cravens*

Bev Wittler - October 22, 2015 at 06:19 PM

RS

“ *Heaven gained a great angel in "J.W.". As a young girl going to the bank with my dad, I often heard stories of J.W. when sitting in "J.P.'s" office. For years I didn't think they had real names, just initials. :) You have my deepest sympathies.*

Rita (DeBoom) Schau - October 21, 2015 at 04:07 PM

BD

“ *My sympathies to Jim's family and my former UCB co-workers. He will be greatly missed.*

Bev Darr - October 21, 2015 at 10:08 AM

LV

“ *Dear Mitzi, J.P and family. I enjoyed working for your father and grandfather for the past 20 years. I enjoyed the down to earth quality he possessed. He was always willing to share a story and had so much history to share with us. The four of us from the Ocheyedan office came over to visit him in April and he enjoyed showing us his new home. We will all miss him!*

Laura VanderMeulen - October 20, 2015 at 02:17 PM

LH

“ Dear Mitzi, J.P. and family, What a privilege to work beside your father and grandfather all these years, observing his many accomplishments and successes in life. He was a wealth of hopes and dreams. I can't even imagine building a new home in my 90's. Most of all I will miss his cheerful heart and wonderful sense of humor. He made coming to work a joy. I have so many sweet memories, but my "favorite" memory is Jim wearing his Big Green Irish Hat to work on Saint Patties Day and making us wear "Irish For The Day" pins. Rest peacefully and joyfully in the arms of our Savior, Jesus. Until Heaven, Jim

LaDonna Hansen - October 19, 2015 at 10:14 PM

RN

“ My deepest sympathies to Jims family and friends. Have missed workouts with Jim. Rest in peace.

Rhonda Nelson - October 19, 2015 at 02:53 PM

BS

“ Jim was financially helpful in the success of our business. We extend our sympathy to his family. He will be greatly missed. Bob and Kate Shaw...Shaw's of Okoboji serving the area since 1980.

Bob and Kate Shaw - October 18, 2015 at 10:32 PM

BS

“ James W. Cravens

Bob and Kate Shaw - October 18, 2015 at 10:26 PM

AH

“ James W. Cravens

Ann Hoak - October 18, 2015 at 04:33 PM