



James Hubbard

August 11, 1935 - January 30, 2015

Former teacher, coach, athlete and forever sports fan James M. Hubbard of Arnolds Park, IA, died in his sleep January 30, 2015, at his winter home in Green Valley, AZ.

Jim was born August 11, 1935, in Nevada, IA, to Lyle T. Hubbard and Margaret (Hostetter) Hubbard. The family later moved to a farm near Polk City where Jim started school and spent hours fishing in the creek and attempting to teach his younger brother Murray baseball facts and statistics. His father eventually purchased the International Harvester business in Eldora, IA where Jim participated in all sports and set a one-game basketball scoring record that stood for well over thirty years.

While at Simpson College he attended the 1955 Iowa State Girls Basketball Tournament and met Maryanna Siekmann from Albert City. This encounter led to their marriage on November 8, 1958, after his return from U.S. Army duty in Korea. Jim also attended Ellsworth Community College prior to his two years in the service, graduated from Buena Vista University after his marriage, and later took post-graduate classes from Drake University and Mankato University during his classroom career. Jim and Maryanna raised their two daughters Catherine Ann and Laura Beth while teaching in the BoydenHull Community School, the then Sioux Valley Community School of Linn Grove and Peterson, the East Buchanan School in Winthrop, IA, and finally Webster City Community School where Jim taught and coached at the junior high level for 22 years. Throughout his career he coached and officiated baseball, boys'

basketball, football, and golf. He was a lifetime member of the Iowa State and National Education Associations as well as a lifetime fan of all sports but especially the Detroit Tigers and Iowa State men's basketball. He remembered his Webster City team playing Ames and watching a ninth grader Fred Hoiberg score basket after basket.

Family was very important to Jim who spent many vacation hours driving the family car on trips throughout the U.S. and driving the family boat for water skiers of two generations - his children and grandchildren. In retirement he enjoyed attending the various school activities of his grandchildren in Webster City and in Sheldon.

Having retired from education in 1990, Jim moved with his wife to their summer home on West Lake Okoboji where he fished, boated, and hosted family and friends - many of whom had been fellow staff members or former students. Maryanna continued to work for the Okoboji and Terril schools. To "keep off the streets" Jim worked at Walmart giving himself the opportunity to meet many friends in his new community. In 1998 Jim and Maryanna began spending six months each winter in their Green Valley home despite increasing health issues which led to his death from COPD and congestive heart failure.

Jim is survived by Maryanna Hubbard, his wife of fifty-six years; his daughter Cathy McWilliams and her husband Steve of Sheldon, IA; his daughter Laura McDonald and her husband Tim of Webster City as well as his grandchildren Elizabeth McDonald, Des Moines; Brad McDonald, Webster City; Stephanie McWilliams, Davenport; and Bruce McWilliams in Iowa City. Other immediate survivors include his sister-in-law Carolyn Hubbard of Green Valley and his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Sarah and Dr. William Eriksen of Elizabethtown, KY, plus numerous nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his parents and his brother Murray Hubbard.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 11, 2015, from 2:00P.M. until 4:00P.M. at the Foster Funeral Home in Webster City.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ I worked with Jim at Walmart for a few years, he was such a pleasant man always had a smile and a friendly hello....

Linda L Butcher-Christoffer - February 15, 2015 at 02:48 PM

BE

“ *Maryanna and family.
Our sympathy to all of you at your loss. May your many wonderful memories and the love and support of family friends provide you with comfort.*

Bev - February 07, 2015 at 09:45 PM

MG

“ *As Jim's high school and basketball coach, it was a great honor to coach such a talented and enthusiastic player. Jim always gave 110% no matter which sport was involved. His great attitude and fortitude was an inspiration to me as well as to the other players. I remember one basketball game in particular. Jim was really sick with the flu, but that didn't stop him. In between plays he would run to the locker room, vomit, return to the floor and make another play. In that game he scored 35 points in the first half alone. What an athlete! And what a fine person! Ginny were able to meet Maryanna & Jim for lunch a couple of years ago, and we both cherish that memory.*

Mac Greene, Member Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame

Mac Greene - February 05, 2015 at 04:52 PM

MT

“ *My prayers for the Hubbard family. Jim was one of my Jr. High teachers in Peterson.*

Marcia (Ricker) Taylor - February 05, 2015 at 07:22 AM

MG

“ Oh, how I enjoyed Mr. Hubbard! He was my physical education teacher during junior high, and he later officiated numerous baseball and basketball games in which I participated, both in junior and senior high. I always envied his enthusiasm for sports and competition, his ability to give a good old fashioned tongue lashing when needed to cocky teenager, and his spirit of kindness and fairness. He was a formative influence in the lives of many, and I was grateful to have crossed his path. Rest in peace, Mr. Hubbard, and know that you will be missed! My condolences to his family.

Mark Graham - February 03, 2015 at 09:03 PM

AS

“ I will never forget Mr. Hubbard. He was my PE Teacher, mentor, coach, umpire and cheerleader in Junior High and High School (1975-1981). But he was more than that. He was fun, prolific and good-hearted. I will miss him a lot. I am who I am today partly because of him....I will never forget how his calls (JV baseball umpire) always favored our baseball team...to the chagrine of Hilton. Funny the stuff you remember most.

Anyway, my best to his remaining family. We all lost one of the world's true good people.

Art Scholten

Art Scholten - February 03, 2015 at 12:54 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family, and may this promise from God's Word comfort them. "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace constantly in every way. May the Lord be with all of you."
2 Thessalonians 3:16 (See also jw.org)

February 03, 2015 at 11:05 AM



“ Maryanna, so sorry to hear about Jim. Sending you and your family sincere sympathies. May you all remember the good times of which there were many! Take care! Thinking of you!

Judy Hagedorn - February 03, 2015 at 09:53 AM



“ It was always fun to chat with Jim! He created a beautiful legacy of family, friends and sports and loved to visit about them. Our deep sympathy to you as we keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Cheri and Jack Eichman - February 03, 2015 at 09:11 AM



“ My sincere sympathies to the Hubbard family. I have great memories of teaching, coaching and hanging out with Jim. I will miss him.

Dave Dorenkamp - February 02, 2015 at 09:45 PM

CL

“ I enjoyed chatting with Jim at your home at Okoboji, Maryanna. Our sympathy to you and your family. We send our condolences. Our prayers are with you. You were a great wife and nurse to Jim. Stan and Colleen Lemkuil and the Ladies of the Lake NSDAR Chapter of Spirit Lake, Iowa and NW Iowa. Blessings to you and have a good trip back to Iowa. Our prayers are with you.

Colleen and Stan Lemkuil - February 02, 2015 at 09:27 PM

CR

“ Maryanna, I was so sorry to hear about Jim's passing! What a blessing that he went so easily in his sleep. I always enjoyed visiting with him whenever you and I happened to be together working on school activities, and he was such a gracious host the times we were at the lake house. I loved visiting with him at WalMart as he always had a big smile and caught me up on the family news. He will be dearly missed by many friends and family. We send our love and prayers to you and your girls and their families. May God's grace see you through these difficult days!

Charlene Radcliffe - February 02, 2015 at 09:16 PM

FR

“ My sincere sympathy to you Maryanna and to your family. Savor the memories of your many years together.

Frances Rehborg - February 02, 2015 at 07:36 PM

RA

“ Jim was a friendly, happy person who always had a smile and a bit of wisdom to offer. Sympathy to Maryanna ,Cathy, Laura and families.

Ruth Ann - February 02, 2015 at 04:11 PM

RN

“ With deepest sympathies to Jims family..I had Jim as a teacher back in Webster City. Rest in peace.

Rhonda Kiesecker Nelson - February 01, 2015 at 09:37 PM