



Jay Alan Jeppesen

April 28, 1958 - August 26, 2025

Jay Alan Jeppesen, 67, of Arnold's Park, IA, formerly of Sibley, IA, passed away peacefully at his home on August 26, 2025.

Jay was born on April 28, 1958, in Worthington, MN, to Virgil and Eileen Jeppesen. He graduated from Sibley High School in 1976, boasting the title of co-football captain. Following graduation, he continued to work alongside his father at Jeppesen Gravel and eventually took over the family's dirt work business.

Jay was won over by the love of his life, Kim Hovland of Worthington, and the two were married on December 18, 1982. Together they built a life full of love, laughter, and a family of eight, first in Bigelow, MN, and later in Sibley, IA.

The couple were loyal supporters of all things Sibley-Ocheyedan. From 1990 to 2017, they had children continuously going through the school system, and Jay made sure to be there—never missing a wrestling match or football game and sitting (somewhat heroically) through a few school concerts with the patience of a saint.

Jay was also a fixture at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, ushering nearly every week and somehow finding himself elected to the church council. He shared many laughs (and plenty of teasing) with Fr. Tim Hogan and Fr. Claire Boes,

who graciously accepted it in exchange for all the help and hospitality Jay and his family offered.

Though Jay often claimed that his only passion in life was work, his retirement years revealed the joys of leisure and friendship. Nearly every night, you could find him drinking pop at a local bar surrounded by friends and strangers alike laughing, teasing, and making everyone feel welcome. He was always quick with a joke, whether the timing was appropriate or not.

Jay will be remembered for his quick wit, his generosity, and the family he leaves behind. He is survived by his children, Alan and Mara Jeppesen, Katie and Kasey Schafer, Ricky Jeppesen, Tena and Brenden Nelson, Marie and Mike Johnson, and Anita and Kirby Marden; his six cherished granddaughters, Kamila, Eiley, and Livia Jeppesen, Emilia and Elowyn Marden, and Matilda Nelson; and his siblings Jim Jeppesen, Judy Seivert, and Jane Steffl.

Preceding him in death are his parents Virgil and Eileen, his wife Kim, sister Joyce Poss, niece Kari VanderWoude, and brother in-law John "Doc" Seivert.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford, IA, with a Rosary recited at 9:30 a.m. Visitation will be Tuesday, September 2nd, from 5–7 p.m. at Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, IA. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Worthington, MN. Arrangements are under the care of Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, IA. Online condolences may be shared at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Read Ave
Worthington, MN 56187

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Robinson Funeral Home
2317 32nd Street
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Rosary

SEP 3. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1301 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1301 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Tribute Wall



“ *The best uncle you could ever have growing up!* ”

Lance Jeppesen - September 02, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jay Alan Jeppesen. ”

September 01, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jay Alan Jeppesen. ”



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“ My Sympathy To the Jeppesen family on The passing of Jay Blessed Be His Memory. ”



Scott ARNESON - August 29, 2025 at 07:19 PM

MM

“ Please accept my sympathy; my husband, Mike, worked for Jay's dad for a few years and he & Kim just lived down the alley and across the block for many years in Sibley.



Mary L. Mayer - August 29, 2025 at 04:41 PM

LH

“ Going through high school with Jay I remember he was always making people laugh. He was 1 of the best looking guys in our class. 😊 Sympathies to his family. 🙏



Lynn Hayenga - August 29, 2025 at 04:27 PM

PW

“ I am sad to hear the news. I have known Jay since we were kids. My Dad worked for Jays Dad back in the day, and that is how I got to know him. we kept in touch over the years and always had a good laugh when we talked. My sympathy to the family. Poncho and Beth White

Poncho White - August 29, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to the Jeppeson family he is now in the arms of mom the good lord. God bless his memory. Sheila Kluever

Sheila Kluever - August 29, 2025 at 01:34 PM

JP

“ Jeff Plotz And Vicki Plotz lit a candle in memory of Jay Alan Jeppesen



jeff plotz and vicki plotz - August 28, 2025 at 09:47 PM

MW

“ Melissa & Pat Weber lit a candle in memory of Jay Alan Jeppesen



Melissa & Pat Weber - August 28, 2025 at 12:44 PM

BF

“ Beth, Abby, and Ally and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jay Alan Jeppesen.

Beth, Abby, and Ally and families - August 27, 2025 at 08:28 PM

BF

“ Beth, Abby, and Ally and families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jay Alan Jeppesen.



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