



Jim F. George

March 16, 1935 - May 14, 2014

James F. George, age 79, of Spirit Lake, passed away Wednesday May 14, 2014 in Spirit Lake. He was born on March 16, 1935 at Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Frank and Grace George.

Jim grew up in Clare, Iowa and graduated from St. Matthews Catholic School in Clare, Iowa. Following his education, Jim served in the U. S. Army. Following his service to his country, Jim attended the University of Iowa. Jim Spent 33 years working at the Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Spirit Lake, first as an X-Ray tech then as the director of operations helping with construction projects at the hospital. He retired in 1998 and continued to reside in Spirit Lake.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of twenty one years Frances (Fran) of Spirit Lake, Iowa; two sons, David of Worcester, MA and Doug and his wife, Jordana of Niederwald, TX; a daughter, Kathi and her husband, Jim Arledge of Stokesdale, NC; step-children, Mark and his wife, Rhonda Weisbrod of Cylinder, IA and Beth (McDermott) Ebert and her husband, Rodney of Marcus, IA; three grandsons, Jeffrey George, Tommy George and Treyton Arledge; five step-granddaughters, Kristin Weisbrod, Kaitlin Weisbrod, Rachel McDermott, Alissa McDermott and Sarah McDermott; and two sisters Agnes Davenport of Severn, MD and Judy O'Brion of Las Vegas, NV.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the cardiac rehab at Lakes Regional
Healthcare

Tribute Wall

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Douglas George - May 24, 2014 at 12:04 AM

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Douglas George - May 24, 2014 at 12:01 AM

KS

“ *My brothers have pretty much summed up what Jim meant to the Simons boys. He basically was like another dad to us. Whenever Jim and our Dad was together it was an absolute joy to watch them do numerous activities together. And they always made sure that us boys were taken under their wings in terms of hunting, fishing, camping, etc. Thanks Jim for always being welcoming and providing us another role model to look up to. Rest in Peace.*

Kevin Simons - May 19, 2014 at 10:12 PM

SD

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Sally Christense DeLoss - May 18, 2014 at 07:44 AM

CS

“ Jim F. George

Chad Schuchert - May 17, 2014 at 08:19 PM

SJ

“ *As I sit in front of my laptop, I find myself struggling with emotions with the learning of the passing of a special dear friend of the Simons family. As my brother Jeff Simons, stated so well in an earlier tribute, there were many fond memories in my early childhood with Jim and my father. But what struck me more importantly was what a positive role model Jim and my father were on me. Sometimes as we grow older we lose sight of what we have accomplished and who we are. Reflecting back on my 55 yrs, I think I can safely state that there were (3) people in my life that set the foundation of whom I am: my parents and Jim George.*

With that, I want to offer Jim the greatest gift I feel a person can offer and that is my utmost gratitude and respect. Your presence will be missed but your influence on those whom you were in contact will continue. I know it has with me.

Rest in peace.

Scott Simons Jr. - May 17, 2014 at 02:50 PM

JS

“ I was deeply saddened to hear the news of Jim's passing. He was one of the few people besides my parents that has know me all 51 years of my life (Kathi and I wore born days apart at DC Hosp. which led Jim and my father to meet and be friends ever since). Jim and my father shared a passion for the outdoors which us boys got to enjoy once we became of age. I have many fond memories of these adventures with Doug, David, Scotty, and our fathers. Cruising down gravel roads in Jim's old Rambler station wagons on our way to the pheasant hunting spot, launching the duck boats on hogsback slough before dawn, staying at the roadside motels in Manitoba on those great Canadian duck hunts, catching bass and walleye on Clearwater and Minaki, and many other adventures. I also recall Jim's love of cooking. No one made a better camp breakfast than Jim (fried potatoes, eggs cooked in the grease of the pounds of bacon that Jim would prepare). Jim's sense of humor would always get someone in the group to chuckle. I am smiling right now just recalling his laugh, I will leave it at that.....

Jeff Simons - May 17, 2014 at 10:03 AM

SJ

“ Francis and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time in your life. I am so sorry for your loss.

Sally Jordan - May 17, 2014 at 07:28 AM

WK

“ We have you in our thoughts, knowing this is a tough time. Always think of Jim with a smile to share with all. We hope memories can give you strength. Please know that you're in our prayers, too.

Wayne and Diana (Doocy) Koppen - May 16, 2014 at 10:30 AM

JO

“ My brother Jim,. what can I say, he was a pain as a kid, as most brother and sister are. I'm sure that I was also a pain in his side as I was the youngest and could get away with just about anything. After he retired, He and Fran would come to Las Vegas for the winter. We always had a good time. When I would ask for money he would tell me that I would have to look elsewhere as he only had 50 cents, and as you know that won't get you much. Oh yes, he did give me a ticket voucher from Red Rock Casino for 40 cents. I have it and I framed it. I will miss him and his weekly phone calls just to see what I was cooking for Sunday Lunch. Fran and Him always came for Sunday Lunch when they were here.

Judy O'Brion - May 16, 2014 at 10:28 AM

JS

“ Dear Fran and Family,
So sorry for you loss. Jim always seemed to have a smile and sort of an indescribable sort of sense of humor about him that always made you feel at ease. He will be missed yet but not forgotten.

Jeffrey VanDer Sluis - May 15, 2014 at 05:52 PM

KG

“ There are so many memories that Uncle Jim left with me, and with Keaton. He was always able to make us laugh, and had a way of making you feel at home. He's the one who taught me how to water ski. I'll never look at a can of Popeye spinach without thinking of him and how he razzed Keaton about throwing him off the hot dog on the back of the boat because he hadn't eaten his spinach. Childhood memories are filled with Uncle Jim and the special times at the lake. As I got older, the invitation to come and visit was still there. We went to Minnesota for dinners over the border, and he even taught a guest of mine from Scotland how to water ski. He touched many lives, and he'll be greatly missed. He was a generous and fun man, and was my favorite uncle.

Karen Green - May 15, 2014 at 04:26 PM

JS

“ Dear Fran,
We are sorry to learn of Jim's death. We will keep you and the families in our thoughts and prayers. Bob & Jan Stemme

Jan Stemme - May 15, 2014 at 04:01 PM

AB

“ Jim was one of kind. He would show up every Monday, Wednesday, Friday in Cardiac Rehab not always with a smile on his face but would end putting a smile on our faces. He would joke to us about eating "bacon" and bring us "bacon recipes" He will be grately missed by all of us in Cardiac Rehab. He was a great person.

Angela Boles - May 15, 2014 at 03:09 PM

BF

“ We believe that Jim (along with Howard Krause) saved our son's life in 1996. Our son and some friends were water skiing in April. The boat broke down out in the lake. Our son put on a wet suit and started to swim a long distance to shore. Jim and Howard observed this from shore. They did not think he would make it so they went out in a fishing boat and pulled him in. After 30 minutes in a hot shower his body temperature was only 94. We will be eternally grateful to Jim and Howard.

Brian & Jane Ford - May 15, 2014 at 12:24 PM