



Jim Lorber

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Jim Lorber, 72, of Oskaloosa passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at his home in rural Oskaloosa. Jim Joseph Lorber, son of George Joseph and Wilma Matilda Marie (Lenius) Lorber was born, June 28, 1944, in Cleveland, Ohio, where his father was stationed with the Coast Guard. A job as superintendent of schools took the family to Orange City, Iowa, where Jim's childhood and teenage years were spent. He participated in football and marched in wooden shoes in the Pride of the Dutchmen Band, as well as played the leading roles in several high school musicals. After graduating in 1962, he headed to UNI for his first year of college, while there he was active in football and wrestling. Jim enlisted in the Marines after his freshman year and went on to serve six years in the Marine Reserves. During this time he enrolled at Iowa State University. An animal allergy precluded his pre-veterinary science plans, so Jim went on to study in the arts and advertising college. During the summer of 1963, while visiting his parents in Independence, Iowa, where his father had taken a new position, Jim met his future wife, Leah Jean Hunter. It took four years of persuasion, but Leah relented, and they married September 9, 1967. A job with Production Credit Association as branch manager in Oskaloosa and Sigourney brought the couple to Oskaloosa in 1974. Jim moved to Mahaska State Bank in 1983, where he became the Vice-President in Charge of Agricultural Lending. This position was a difficult one at the time because of the farm crisis; Jim did all he could to keep his customers on their land. Real Estate was Jim's next career venture; in 1993 he purchased Gatton Realty and worked as a broker, agent and an appraiser until his retirement in 2008. Jim truly enjoyed all of his work experiences and treasured the many life-long friends he made along the way. Jim's passion in life was the magnificent world of nature. He and Leah purchased their current property in 1977; he built their home and made many of its furnishings. He expanded the property to include Des Moines River shoreline; he worked tirelessly to improve the timber conservation acres and planted countless numbers of trees. His land not only allowed him to hone his fishing and hunting skills but also to delve into the area of archeology. Jim found evidence on his property of Indian inhabitation dating back to the Pleistocene era. He also enjoyed hunting that perfect photo in his timber and on the many trips he took with friends and family. These excursions included an African safari and hunting and fishing in Alaska,

Canada, and South Dakota. Over the last 20 years, he and Leah also took many trips to Denmark to visit friends. He worked on several committees of the Oskaloosa Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Trees Forever, the American Legion, over a 30-year member of Duck's Unlimited and a Lifetime member of the Iowa State Archeological Society. Jim loved the out-of-doors, but his family and friends were the true treasures of his life. His irrepressible smile, hearty laugh, and twinkling eyes will be missed by many. His family includes his wife, Leah of Oskaloosa; his daughter and son-in-law, Nicolle and Greg Schippers of Adel; and his grandchildren: Cole, Zachary and Emma; two brothers and sisters-in-law: John and Susan Lorber of Colorado Springs, Colorado and their children: Amber, Derek, Adam and Joshua; and Mike and Robin Lorber of Peachtree, Georgia and their children: Michelle and Ben; and his brother-in-law and wife, Dennis and Melinda Hunter of Brandon, Iowa and their children: Danielle and Michelle. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial services for Jim will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 4, 2017, at Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel. As was his wish, Jim's body has been cremated, and his ashes will be scattered on his beloved property. A reception will be held following the service at the American Legion. Memorial contributions can be made to Duck's Unlimited. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family by visiting the online guestbook at gvlfuneralchapel.com.

Comments



“ Really enjoyed working with Jim in the loan department at Mahaska State Bank. Lots of laughs and good times. So sorry for your loss. What a great guy he was.

Judy Warrick - March 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Leah, Nicolle, and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this extremely difficult time.

Leslie Davis - March 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you for the numerous, precious moments that we will treasure and keep in our hearts forever.

Inge and JK - March 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Leah, Nicolle, and family, I was so sad to hear of the sudden passing of Jim. He was always so fun to work with at Mahaska State Bank. I have lots of great memories of the floats that he created for the Christmas Parade. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Lee Ann - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Leah, Nicolle and family. Ron and I was sadden to hear of the sudden passing of Jim. We shared a lot of special memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.

Ron - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Nicolle and family, I am sorry for your loss and I pray that love and cherished memories give you some comfort in this difficult time. You are in my thoughts.

Mike Madden - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was such a joy to work with at MSB and at Gatton Realty. Our deepest sympathy.

Dean and Barbara Bone - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Leah, Nicolle, and family: We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Very unexpected. We are thinking of you and the family as you say farewell to a beautiful life together. Reflect on all the wonderful memories you hold and the friends that are surrounding you at this time. Liz and Tom Epperly, Kelli and Chris and their families.

February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Leah and family: Becky and I are so sorry to hear of Jim's unexpected passing. I always thought Jim was one of the most handsome guys I'd ever seen, was not surprised one bit you ended up together. Sounds like he enjoyed a wonderful, full, productive life. Our thoughts are with you and the family.

Warner - February 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Nicolle and family, so sorry for your loss. I pray the love of God enfolds you during your grief. Please know I send you thoughts of comfort.

Alex Erlam - February 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ TO THE LORBER FAMILY, SO SORRY TO HEAR OF JIM,S PASSING, HE WAS A GREAT GUY AND FRIENDS TO MANY.OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS VERY SAD TIME. ROBERT & PHYLLIS HARTEN

February 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Lorber familyOur thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. The Lorber family will miss this kind person and devoted father. So blessed to have known such a warm person. Tom, Debra Weaver and families

February 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Lorber Family,I am so sorry for your loss, I enjoyed working with Jim at MSB, especially those Christmas Parades! He was a great guy. My prayers are with you and your family.

Retalee Grubb - February 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Lorber Family:Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Jim blessed us with his glowing personality and we are forever grateful for knowing him. With love and respect.

Lou and Luna Van De Mark - February 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Leah, I have no words. Jim was a huge reason why I loved my job at MSB. He was a true professional who loved life and brightened the lives of everyone around him. My sincere condolences to you and your family. Polly Ehret

February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Lorber Family:I am sorry for your loss. Jim was such a personable guy. He will be missed. Prayers for you.

Cindy Mott - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Leah,I am so sorry for your loss. Jim had a great smile and was kind to everyone. It's always sad to lose a good person. Cheryl

Cheryl Benson - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Leah and family,My deepest sympathy to you upon Jim's death. His story was so well-written; you truly captured what was most important in Jim's life and the kind of man he was. All of your AAUW friends are thinking of you...Courage to you as you face each new day.

Pat Kitzman - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Nicolle and family, You are in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. We were so sorry to learn of your loss and hope the love of family and friends will offer some comfort.Regards,

Veta Richardson - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss.Bob & Lorrie (Kirby) Dalton

Lorrie Dalton - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Your entire family is in my prayers during this difficult time. So much love being sent your way.

Erin Barfels - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Nicolle, Leah & Family: Please accept our most heartfelt condolences. We are praying and will be praying in the weeks to come. With love,

Mary - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Leah, We are so saddened to hear about Jim and send you our deepest sympathies and prayers. Our thoughts are with all of your family during this difficult time.

Daryl - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Leah, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.

Lisa - February 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Leah, Nicolle and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Jim when I worked at Mahaska Bank and remember him as such a nice friendly guy. I know he will be missed by many.

Carol Wonderlich - February 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Leah, I am so sorry to hear about Jim. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Christi Wade - February 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Leah so, so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I remember that kindhearted man when my folk go to the bank to visit about farming issues.

Debra Scholtus Lowe - February 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Leah, Nicolle, and family. So sorry to hear about Jim. He was always so kind to me and I have lots of great memories of time spent with all of you growing up. Praying for you.

Tammy Walker - February 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Nicolle, Greg and family...we are so very sorry. We know your hearts are broken and you are all in our thoughts and prayers. May God keep you close especially at this difficult time. Love, Carol and Butch Dennis

Carol Dennis - February 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

Garland - February 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM