



## Jim Overbergen

December 14, 1928 - September 29, 2020

Jim Overbergen, 91, of Oskaloosa passed away Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at the Oskaloosa Care Center.

James Edward Overbergen, eldest son of William and Elizabeth Marie (Van Zante) Overbergen, was born December 14, 1928, at his parents' rural home near Leighton, Iowa. He attended Prine School. After completing his education, he began working for his father full-time on the family farm west of Oskaloosa. Jim married Marsha Hila Jansen on June 22, 1955, at her home in Pella. They made their home in Oskaloosa for a short time before returning to live in the home place west of town. In addition to crops, Jim, with the help of his four sons, milked cows and raised hogs, cattle, and chickens. Jim and Marsha remained on the farm until 1987, when they purchased a home in Oskaloosa. Even after moving to town, Jim continued to help and advise his sons on their farms well into his 80's. After his move, he really started to enjoy his garden and share its bounty with family and friends.

Jim enjoyed spending time with his family. When the kids were younger, they took trips to Woman Lake in Minnesota. They rented cabins and enjoyed a week of fishing, skiing, and swimming with Ted, Connie, and their children; Victoria, Sheri, and Todd. It was a wonderful vacation for all the Overbergens. The family also recalls many other family trips exploring the U.S. Fishing trips with his friends to Nungesser Lake were also some of his favorite get-a-ways. Later on, he started going there with his boys and grandsons. Jim and Marsha also enjoyed many trips with friends to Europe: sightseeing in Holland, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland. He and Marsha also enjoyed the simple joy of riding their bikes around the neighborhood. They also rode many bike trails in Iowa, and during the fall, they would go along the Mississippi to look at the leaves. Having coffee with his buddies at McDonald's was his way to connect with friends. Jim was a quiet man, and he was an avid reader; he looked forward to reading the Des Moines Register each day. His true joy in life was being able to spend time with his sons and their families. Every other Sunday, the boys and their families went to Jim and Marsha's house for lunch. This was a tradition that created a special bond between grandparents and grandchildren. Jim was a life-long member of Central Reformed Church, where he served many terms as deacon and elder.

His family includes his wife, Marsha of Oskaloosa; his four sons: Bill Overbergen of Leighton, Tom (Deb) Overbergen of Pella, Jon (Janet) Overbergen of Leighton, and Mike (Andrea) Overbergen of Oskaloosa; nine grandchildren: Cari (Mike) O'Sullivan of Altoona, Brad Overbergen of Oskaloosa, Julie (Mike) Van Utrecht of New Sharon, Jennifer (Lane) Matice of Pella, Steven (Miranda) Overbergen of Altoona, Matt (Sheri) Overbergen of Oskaloosa, Katie (Austin) Vander Linden of Pella, Nicole (Cale) Smith of Indianola and Sarah Overbergen of Marion; and 13 great-grandchildren: Connor and Carter O'Sullivan, Lexi and Maddie Van Utrecht, Mackenzie Overbergen, Maxon Matice, Haley, Levi, and Caleb Overbergen, Brynlee, Benten, and Hollynd Vander Linden, and Mason Smith. Jim is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Connie Overbergen of Oskaloosa, a niece, Victoria (Jack) O'Brien, and a nephew, Todd (Rhonda) Overbergen.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Evelyn Dykstra, an infant great-grandson, Reid Matthew Vander Linden, and a niece, Sheri Waterman.

Jim's funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, October 2, 2020, at Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa with Reverend Jon Nelson officiating. This service can be viewed at [livestream.com/centralreformed](https://livestream.com/centralreformed). A family prayer service will be held 10:15 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. The family requests all those who attend the service to please wear a mask. A private burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel. No family visitation has been scheduled. Memorial contributions can be made to the Central Reformed Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

# Cemetery

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## Evergreen Cemetery

Easton Ave. and 205th ST  
Leighton, IA, 50143

# Events

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**OCT** **Open Visitation** 10:00AM - 07:00PM

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Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
2116 North 3rd St., Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

**OCT** **Family Prayer Service** 10:15AM

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Central Reformed Church Lower Level  
815 Second Ave. East, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

**OCT** **Funeral Service** 10:30AM

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Central Reformed Church  
815 2nd Ave. East, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - October 01 at 01:31 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jim Overbergen.



October 01 at 03:26 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim Overbergen.



October 01 at 09:33 AM

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“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim Overbergen.



September 30 at 10:15 PM

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“ Brook & Brenda Todd lit a candle in memory of Jim Overbergen



Brook & Brenda Todd - September 30 at 05:51 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jim Overbergen.



September 30 at 04:22 PM

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“ We lived next to Jim and family for many years and I can't find enough words of praise for the man that Jim was.  
Our deepest sympathy to his great family.

Chuck and Jacquie Mick

Charles Lewis Mick - September 30 at 03:36 PM

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“ 124 files added to the album LifeTributes



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - September 30 at 02:31 PM

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“ Uncle Jim will be missed so much! What a wonderful family we have. At one point there was just Uncle Jim, my dad (Ted), and Esther left of the family—now we have a lot of Overbergens! We are so lucky! Uncle Jim rescued me from a swarm of bees when I was just a tot. He swept me off my feet in the yard, slapping bumble bees the entire way with his cap, and hustling me to safety with me tucked under his arm. He was my hero! I have memories of him milking the cows and entertaining us kids by squirting the kitties in the face with milk! We laughed and laughed at that. He was a quiet man, but a wonderful Dad and uncle with a steadiness and sense of humor. We loved our cousins and our Aunt and Uncle which we saw so much during our childhood, making our way down the field road to their house or next door at our Grandma and Grandpa’s. We were so lucky—even though our Overbergen family was so small at one point. I am very sad that my Dad lost his only brother and sibling. They were 18 months apart, but never had a cross word to each other, according to my dad. They were very different from each other, but were very close and loved one another. We are so lucky to have such a close relationship with all our family members. Uncle Jim will be missed—we were so happy to have had him and his family as part of our lives. He finally got used to my hugs, and had a big smile for me when we met whenever I was back to Osky. I loved sending him books for his birthday. He and Aunt Marsha were very special to me and our family. Much love to all our family members

**Victoria Overbergen OBrien** - September 29 at 11:01 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with the Overbergen family now and in the days ahead.

**Judy and Larry Lewis** - September 30 at 03:25 PM



“ What a sweet tribute, Victoria. Thinking of all of you.

**Carole Ann Kelderman** - September 30 at 03:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jim Overbergen.



September 29 at 10:55 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Jim Overbergen.



September 29 at 10:21 PM

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“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jim Overbergen.



September 29 at 06:24 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jim Overbergen.



September 29 at 06:01 PM