



J.R. Surfus

February 8, 1940 - March 10, 2020

J.R. Surfus, 80, of Oskaloosa passed away Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at the Oskaloosa Care Center.

Claire “J.R.”, son of Claire Valentine and Lucy (Surbaugh) Surfus, was born February 8, 1940, in Osceola, Iowa. He was raised on his parent’s farm and graduated from Humeston High School in 1958. On February 7, 1964, he married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Elaine Dachenbach, in Chariton, Iowa.

After J.R. finished school, he moved to Oskaloosa to work for his uncles at Brown’s Plumbing and Heating Company. This job led to his life-long career installing boilers for schools, hospitals and other industries. When his children were young, his family moved with J.R. to the communities in which he worked, Washington, Carroll, Osceola and Harlan were among the many. J.R. retired in 2002. In his spare time, Jr. enjoyed hunting, fishing, and racing stock cars with his son.

His family includes his wife, Barb; his children: Patrick Surfus; his daughter, Kristina (Doug) DeJong; grandsons: Chase and Tanner DeJong; and a sister, Judy (Jim) Nicholson, all of Oskaloosa.

As was his wish, J.R.’s body has been cremated. No services are scheduled. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *J.R. Surfus*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for U & ur families loss*

Tim Hol - March 16, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ *Todd Sage lit a candle in memory of J.R. Surfus*



Todd Sage - March 11, 2020 at 05:34 PM



Barb so sorry to hear of your loss mayGod be with you and your family now and always

Kay Rhine - March 12, 2020 at 03:15 AM



Barb and family so sorry for your loss.

Ray&Charlotte Holdsworth - March 12, 2020 at 11:24 PM



Barb thinking of you all and sending blessings at this sad time.

Wayne & Peggy Hook - March 13, 2020 at 11:55 AM

MW

Barb..... I am so sorry to hear of JR's passing. Angie passed away in October, that was very difficult.

Marcia Wells - March 13, 2020 at 11:26 PM

LW

Sorry to learn of your loss. I worked with the Surfus brothers one summer and learned a bit about plumbing, water skiing and cold beverages.

Larry White - March 16, 2020 at 09:28 AM