



James Mitrison

April 25, 1928 - November 20, 2016

Jim Mitrison, 88, of Oskaloosa passed away Sunday, November 20, 2016, at Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa. James Joseph Mitrison, son of Emma Elizabeth (Cox), was born April 25, 1928, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He and his brother, Bill were raised by his grandparents, George and Ann Mitrison. He attended Oskaloosa schools. Following his education, he served in the United States Navy/Air Force from 1946 - 1949. He was hired by Mahaska County as a dragline operator following his discharge. Jim later went to work for John Morrell in Ottumwa. He retired from Morrell as the Vice-President and Loan Chairman of the Morrell Credit Union. While at Morrell, he sang for eleven years with the Morrell Chorus, a group which traveled Iowa, Missouri, and South Dakota and also had the honor of performing at the Conrad Hilton and Palmer House in Chicago. Jim served as the manager of the Elks Club in Oskaloosa for over 15 years and served as president of the Shady Lodge Council. He also served as a volunteer at the V.A. Hospital in Knoxville for 15 years. Jim went to work for Musco Sports Lighting in 1988; his official title was the Kid's Van Driver, and he was affectionately known as Grandpa Driver. In addition to his driving responsibilities, he assisted in the human resource department picking up and delivering the mail and helping in any way he could. He retired from Musco in 2007 but stayed connected to his friends in the company by attending social functions and exchanging cards. Jim loved baseball, and his team favorites were the Chicago Cubs and the NY Yankees. He was a big fan of Little League and was a member of the Major League

Baseball Club. Jim was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the American Legion, and the V.F.W. He is survived by his sister, Maggie Mitrisin of Oskaloosa and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to his mother, Jim was preceded in death by his brothers: Bill, George and John Mitrisin; sisters and brothers-in-law: Joyce and Vince Putnam and Kate and Howard Hudson; a niece, Sandra Kenny, nephew, Monte Sutak, and great-nephew, Jamie Kaveny. As was his wish, Jim body has been cremated. Graveside memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday afternoon at St. Mary's Cemetery in Oskaloosa with Reverend Father John Spiegel officiating. Friends and family may gather at Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon and the procession will leave for the cemetery at 1:45 p.m. The Oskaloosa Honor Guard will present Military Honors. Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. Memorial Contributions may be made to the family and will be designated at a later time.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Mitrisin*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Kind thoughts are with the family in your time of grief. May fond memories bring you comfort during these difficult days. Ps. 9:9,10*

R - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *My children thought the world of Grandpa Jim during the years they rode with him on the Musco van. He always had a good ear for listening and making them feel special.*

Julie Glass - November 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *My Great Uncle Jim was the sweetest man I have ever known. He was a wonderful brother to my Grandma Maggie and he was always good to everyone he met. He will be greatly missed. He was a blessing in our hearts. We love you.*

Heather Augustine Hodge - November 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*

Garland - November 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Maggie I am so sorry for your loss Jim was a wonderful man and good friend and neighbor may God be with you and your family

RoseMary Kerr - November 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My little Buddy,,was a wonderful friend and neighbor, never forgot my birthday or my son Randys.. He will be greatly missed,,Rip my friend

Shirley Hunt - November 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Jim and I had such wonderful visits while sitting on his front porch, he had so many interesting stories and I am sure he will be missed a lot. Jim and Barb Klampe

James Klampe - November 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Jim was a very special guy. He was so nice to me and my mom . He will be truely missed. Jeannie Poole and Alice Roberts

Jeannie Poole - November 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM