



## James R. Oltmann

December 19, 1933 - January 13, 2022

James R. Oltmann, 88, of Allison, Iowa passed away Thursday, January 13, 2022, at the Rehabilitation Center of Allison.

James "Jim" Oltmann was born December 19, 1933, to parents Reiner and Jane (Feldman) Oltmann in rural Allison. He attended country school and graduated from Allison High School. James was united in marriage to Barbara Williams on June 20, 1954, in Owasa, Iowa. To this union four children were born. They raised their family outside of Allison.

Jim worked as a farmer for most of his life, additionally working as a seed corn salesman for Garst. He served as a Ripley township trustee; a position previously held by his father. He was a member of Trinity Reformed Church and also an active member of the fair board. Jim and Barbara ran the scramble committee for 50 years.

Jim had plenty of interests to occupy his free time. He collected tractors, including several antique John Deere models. He also kept draft horses and Belgium horses. He liked to go deer hunting and loved his deer hut. Jim made an annual trip to Canada, most recently making the journey in 2019. Most of all he loved his family, especially his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his children, Joel (Deb) Oltmann, Jon (Diane) Oltmann, and Mary (Mike) Hall, daughter-in-law, Diane Oltmann, grandchildren, Adam (Amy) Oltmann, Ashley Oltmann, Amanda (Scott) Mitchell, Jessie (Derek) Harken, Joshua (Kiley) Oltmann, Michelle (Todd Einck) Arkulari, Michael (Molly) Hall, Megan (Grant) Frietag, Jimmy (Kate) Oltmann, and Jamie Oltmann, and 24 great-grandchildren, with 2 more on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Barbara, and his son, James.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at Trinity Reformed Church in Allison, with burial in the Allison Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 17, 2022, at Trinity Reformed Church in Allison. The Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Allison is caring for James and his family.

# Cemetery Details

## Allison Cemetery

IA-14  
Allison, IA 50602

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Reformed Church  
614 Cherry Street  
Allison, IA 50602

## Service

JAN 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CW

“ Met Jim through the John Deere Collectors Club. Always a pleasure to chat with. Cecil Wrage

Cecil Wrage - January 18, 2022 at 06:48 PM

AR

“ Angela Raymond purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James R. Oltmann.



Angela Raymond - January 17, 2022 at 10:11 AM

MO

“ Deepest sympathy to all of you, we have many memories with your Dad while we were all on the fair board. Hugs to all.  
Ken & Mary Oldenburger

Mary Oldenburger - January 16, 2022 at 09:39 PM

MC

“ My sympathy to Jim's family. He was such a good friend to my dad. I am sorry for your loss.  
Mari Reiher Cramer

Mari Cramer - January 16, 2022 at 02:06 PM

SB

“ To James Oltmann's Family, I just recently came to the Allison Rehabilitation Center. The first person I saw, as we passed in wheelchairs was your DAD! And he instantly said, "Hi Sally", how are you doing?" ! My gosh, I was surprised. I didn't know he was here!! And I certainly didn't think he would remember me!! We talked a couple of times. I was impressed with his memory. I am very happy to have had the opportunity to visit with your Dad! I send you my loving thoughts and condolences for your empty days ahead. Never stop sharing the stories you love about your Dad, they will comfort you!! love, Sally

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**Sally Harms Beltz** - January 15, 2022 at 10:21 PM

SA

“ Oltmann family- such great memories with Jim , Barb and crew. Such great trips to Canada. So sorry for your loss but happy he's with Barb and Jimmy. Love to you all.

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**sam awve** - January 15, 2022 at 09:31 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James R. Oltmann.



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January 15, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James R. Oltmann.* ”



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January 15, 2022 at 08:38 PM