



James P. Scallon

September 11, 1943 - September 13, 2020

James P. Scallon, age 77, longtime resident and farmer of Ackley, passed away Sunday, September 13, 2020 at the home of his brother, Tom, in Clive. A private family viewing will be held at the Woodley Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 12:30 PM on Friday, September 18, 2020 at the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Ackley. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Jim and his family. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to St. Mary Catholic Church, 611 Sherman Ave., Ackley, IA 50601.

James Patrick Scallon was born on September 11, 1943 to Raymond and Luella Scallon. He attended St. Mary's Grade School. Jim graduated from Ackley Geneva High School in 1962 and excelled as a football player. He graduated from Ellsworth College while continuing to play football at a high level, enough so that he was invited to play football for the University of Northern Iowa. Once again, he starred as a football player.

After college he served in the United States Army in Vietnam, earning several medals. He earned the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Defense Medal with A1 Silver Service Star, Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with device, Expert Badge with auto rifle bar, Sharpshooter Badge with rifle bar, and Marksman Badge with pistol bar.

Jim returned to Ackley, Iowa and farmed land that included the original homestead where he was raised. He purchased more land and several other abandoned homesteads. He lived in his grandmother and mother's house in Ackley and continued to farm the original homesite and several adjacent farms he purchased.

Jim was generous with all those around him by helping them financially and giving gifts, especially ones that said John Deere. The grandnieces and grandnephews received John Deere bicycles and toy tractors. He helped his niece, who studied Spanish, take her first trip to Mexico. He gave thoughtful gifts to friends and family for special events like graduating from high school or starting a first "real" job. Jim had his own way of helping anyone in need and showed interest in the lives of others. He had the ability to chat with anyone about anything. He loved children and they loved him back. Uncle Jimmy, Big Jim and Jimmy stories will never end as each of us has so many to share. He certainly lived life his way. A big thanks to all his neighbors and good friends for treating him like family. He loved you all!

Jim Scallon is survived by his three brothers, William, Anthony and Thomas (Ann) Scallon; nieces and nephews: Christa (Josh) Sullivan, Angela (Joe Wessels) Scallon, Thomas Darrell (Melanie) Scallon, Meghan (Cena Mayo) Scallon and Caitlin (Joe) Scallon-Tesarek, as well as grandnephews and grandnieces: Thomas Stephen, Grace Kennedy, Neave, Quinn, Michael, Hugh and Oliver. He lovingly greeted each one with "laddie" or "girl". Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Luella Scallon.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

611 Sherman Avenue
Ackley, IA 50601

Previous Events

Burial

SEP **18**. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ I went to school with Jim thru the 8th Grade at St Mary in Ackley IA.

JAMES SCHWEIZER - September 15, 2020 at 03:46 PM

GG

“ Great guy, knew him for years and got along great!! Lot of great stories with Jim!!!

Gail Gosch - September 15, 2020 at 03:39 PM

LB

“ Jim was a great person. I knew him many years
He would always talk to you and was very knowledgeable. He will be missed by many.

Larry J. Bolhuis - September 15, 2020 at 02:54 PM

GW

Jim and I played football together in Ackley in the early 60's. 1962 Jim graduated with my brother Warren. I graduated 1964. As a senior and I a sophomore Pat Restack paired us together in a drill I call the chute. One offensive lineman (Jim) pitted against one defensive lineman (me). The objective is to drive your opponent out of the end of the chute from whence he came. Jim bested me. I bested Jim. The third time was a standoff. This activity impressed Coach Reysack that I started on defense the next game. I say all this to say that Jim never treated me as a lowly underclassman. He visited with me and how I might be a better athlete which carried over as to why I should be a better person after the game has ended and life unfolds before me. I didn't always listen, but he didn't stop visiting with me either. Thanks Jim. RIP.....
God Bless.....

Gordon A. Weber - September 15, 2020 at 03:41 PM

AB

*I went to St. Mary's school with Jim. 1st grade through 8th grade.
Remember him as a great guy.*

Ann Warren Brown - September 15, 2020 at 10:51 PM

DU

I remember Jim as a man with a smile larger than life, and enjoyed the times when I ran into him. I never really knew that he was a highly decorated Viet Nam war veteran. Often for these soldiers, it was a part of their lives they did not share. Our loss. It makes me proud to have known him.

Dave Ubben

Dave Ubben - September 16, 2020 at 09:03 AM

MS

*Kenny & I extend our deepest sympathy. I could always fix a pot of hot enough water for his tea. Shared a few good stories with us. We are happy to have known him
Blessings and prayers
Mr & Mrs Kenny Smith*

Mary Smith - September 17, 2020 at 11:24 AM