



James L. Ledger

August 4, 1936 - February 2, 2021

James Leroy “Jim” Ledger, age 84, of Washington, Iowa, passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at the University of Iowa Hospital after a short illness.

A private Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 6, 2021 with Fr. Dennis Martin officiating. Military honors with American Legion Post 29 will be held at St. James Catholic Church. Services will be livestreamed on the Jones & Eden Facebook page. Calling hours will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2021 at the Jones & Eden Funeral Home where the family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Interment will be held at Elm Grove Cemetery. Memorials have been established for the Iowa Pork Foundation for Youth Scholarships and St. James Catholic Church. Online condolences may be sent for Jim’s family through the web at www.jonesfh.com

Jim was born August 4, 1936 in a country home North of Fairfield, the son of Edward and Margaret (Peck) Ledger. He attended elementary school in the area and graduated from Fairfield High School in 1954. Jim served two years in the United States Army and an addition two years in the National Guard. He was united in marriage to Margaret E. Peiffer on September 5, 1957 when he was stationed in Ft. Lewis, Washington.

After his Army discharge, Jim began farming on his own south of Brighton. He was a dedicated grain and livestock farmer for 57 years. He moved to and began farming Northeast of Washington in 1965. Jim was active in local and state agricultural organizations and served on many boards including the National Pork Board, County Cattlemen’s Board, County Fair Board as President of the Iowa Pork Producers. He also volunteered at the Iowa State Swine Test Station in Ames.

Jim was a faithful member of St. James Catholic Church. He was a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and spent many hours working at the KC Hall in Washington. Jim was an avid Iowa Hawkeye Football fan, enjoyed camping at the Iowa State Fair and fishing in his farm ponds. He was involved with the WHO and WMT Tractorcades for many years. Jim loved to spend time with his family, especially his grand and great-grandchildren, cheering them

on at sporting events, piano, band and choir concerts and swine and cattle shows.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Margaret Ledger of Washington, IA; son, Gary Ledger and wife Ann of Cumming, IA; daughter, Linda Leggat and husband Scott of Swisher, IA; son, Mark Ledger and friend Jennifer Morgan of Washington, IA; daughter, Cheryl Smith and husband Daryl of Ainsworth, IA; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sister, Clarabell Vittetoe and husband Wilfred "Bill" of Washington, IA; brother, Virgil Ledger and wife Jan of East Pleasant Plain, IA; sister-in-law, Emily Ledger of Fairfield, IA; brothers-in-law, Dennis Sieren of Keota, IA and Gary Hubler of Durant, IA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three infant sons: James, John and Ralph; infant daughter, Lisa; brothers: Lester and wife Betty; Donald and wife Maxine; Elmer; Ernest and wife Roberta; and sisters: Maxine Hahn and husband Ardell; Dolores Sieren; and Geraldine Hubler.

To view the livesteam, please visit the Jones & Eden Funeral Home Facebook page using the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Jones-Eden-Funeral-Home-119957608060665/>

The video will appear at the start of the service.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

Washington, IA 52353

Previous Events

Family Receiving Friends

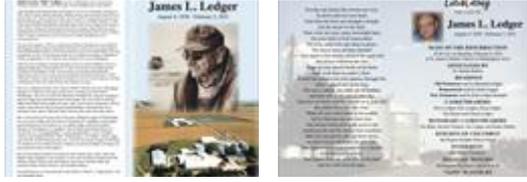
FEB 5. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jones - Eden Funeral Home
116 East Main
Washington, IA 52353

Tribute Wall

KA

“ 2 files added to the album *Celebration of Life*



Kaila - February 08, 2021 at 02:00 PM

JL

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Ledger family on the passing of Jim. We will never forget our visit to the farm and think of you and the family often. Mr. Ledger will be missed by all.
John & Linda Ludwig
Scottsdale, AZ

John Ludwig - February 06, 2021 at 01:38 PM

ES

“ My deepest sympathy to Margaret, Gary and Ann. I remember Jim for the Master Pork Producer visit and many meetings there after. He excelled in every thing he did. He was one I always admired.
God bless you all.

Emmett & Mary Stevermer



Emmett Stevermer - February 06, 2021 at 10:42 AM

JW

“ Thank you Jim Ledger for your inspiration! Thank you for all the encouragement you gave me as I began my time at Iowa Pork. I always loved to visit you not only about Iowa Pork but with everything about agriculture. In my mind you were a stellar example of how to lead, and live our lives. You will be missed here on earth but heaven will gain a great man. Our sympathy to Margret and the entire Ledger family.

John and Kathy Weber

John Weber - February 06, 2021 at 09:59 AM

TD

“ Our deepest sympathies to Margret and the Ledger family. If I ever needed help fixing something, or got stuck in a snow drift I could always call on Jim. Every now and then I even got to drive the tractor in a parade or with my grandkids. Sharing mushrooms with Jim was a great pleasure because I knew he liked them so much. Jim has been a friend and neighbor for 30 years or more and we will miss you. Tom and Peg Doughty

Thomas Doughty - February 05, 2021 at 06:23 PM

AM

“ Margaret and family,
We send our deepest sympathy for you loss. I know Jim will be missed by so many.

Annette and Randy Manthei
and family

Annette M Manthei - February 05, 2021 at 12:55 PM

BD

“ Bonnie D. purchased a sympathy card for the family of James L. Ledger.



Bonnie D. - February 05, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ 248 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jones & Eden Funeral Home - February 05, 2021 at 12:12 PM

JN

“ Rest in Peace, Uncle Jim.....❤️.....I can only imagine the Lord blessing you with His words; "Well done Good and Faithful Servant" as you knocked on those golden gates! And while you leave an incredible ache in the family hearts this side of Heaven, you most certainly also leave us with the Ledger Legacy that says we CAN go on,.... we MUST go on, finishing the "chores" that still remain left to do in each of our own walks so we can re-join you and slide into the Ledger Family Reunion in Heaven one day ourselves. We rejoice in the knowledge that you are not gone.....but simply away. ❤️❤️❤️ ~Joyce Ledger-Novak

Joyce Novak - February 04, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James L. Ledger.



February 04, 2021 at 03:29 PM

BF

“ Beth Fuller lit a candle in memory of James L. Ledger



Beth Fuller - February 04, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beating... was purchased for the family of James L. Ledger.



February 04, 2021 at 03:06 PM

KH

“ Sending deepest sympathies and keeping your entire family in our thoughts and prayers. I always have enjoyed hearing Linda talk about her dad. What a special man.

Kristin, Ross, Spencer, Zach, and Emma Heggen

Kristin Heggen - February 04, 2021 at 02:41 PM

BF

“ *Tim and I were so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a wonderful man who will be missed terribly. I have so many happy childhood memories of time spent with Linda at the Ledger farm. Jim and Margaret were always so kind to me and will forever have a special place in my heart. We send our hugs, love and prayers to this beautiful family.*

Beth and Tim

Beth Fuller - February 04, 2021 at 09:41 AM

BT

“ *Beth & Tim lit a candle in memory of James L. Ledger*



Beth & Tim - February 04, 2021 at 09:21 AM

KA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was a giant in Pork Producers and farming when I met Mike. The stories that have been told about the Pork Producer meetings were priceless.
He always had the kindest smile!*

Katrina Altenhofen - February 04, 2021 at 08:53 AM

RK

“ *What an honor to work with Jim in the pork industry. A man of integrity, good humor, measured judgment and endless cheer: Jim made a difference for good everywhere he went. Margaret, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family--and the legion of people who loved and admired Jim. With tender care and prayer, Robin Kline*

Robin Kline - February 04, 2021 at 07:19 AM

MB

“ *Molly Buckley lit a candle in memory of James L. Ledger*



Molly Buckley - February 03, 2021 at 05:38 PM

MM

“ *Margaret and Family,*

My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of great loss.

Margaret Marie

Margaret Marie - February 03, 2021 at 04:35 PM

JE

“ *Julie Evans lit a candle in memory of James L. Ledger*



Julie Evans - February 03, 2021 at 03:42 PM

DH

“ *So sorry for your loss. The Harris family.*

Daryl Harris - February 03, 2021 at 03:25 PM

LM

“ *Margaret and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Jim enjoyed agriculture to the fullest and will be remembered as a leader.*

Larry and Jan Marek

Larry and Jan Marek - February 03, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James L. Ledger.*



February 03, 2021 at 01:18 PM

KM

“ *Jim was a kind, compassionate man and a wonderful Godfather. I have fond memories of my childhood that include the Ledger family. I am thankful that Jim was part of my life. My condolences to Margaret and the family.*

Kellie Meyer

Kellie Meyer - February 03, 2021 at 12:48 PM

RH

“ *Ruth (Earnest) Heck lit a candle in memory of James L. Ledger*



ruth (Earnest) Heck - February 03, 2021 at 12:22 PM

DM

“ *So very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Margaret, Gary, Linda, Mark and Cheryl, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Love and hugs to you all!*
Don & Jackie



Don & Jackie Marie - February 03, 2021 at 10:21 AM

TR

one of my favorite customers, always enjoyed your smile

terry reschly - February 03, 2021 at 04:29 PM

JW

Margaret and family, so sorry to hear of Jim's passing but he had a wonderful life and a great family. I can remember when you lived near my parents. Jim was always special to me as he reminded me so much of Uncle Don Ledger. Love and prayers to all of you at this time in the loss of a wonderful man.
Jean Rogers White

Jean White - February 03, 2021 at 07:55 PM

JL

Margaret and family, our sympathy to you for the loss of Jim. What a good life he lived! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rose and Leon Leinen

Jon Leinen - February 04, 2021 at 05:08 PM

DD

Sorry Linda for the loss of your father. Sounds like he was a good father and farmer. You have my condolences Dave Dohnalek

Dave Dohnalek - February 05, 2021 at 01:27 PM

TF

Our prayers and thoughts are with the Ledger Family.

The John L. Stauffer Family - February 10, 2021 at 10:17 AM

KH

Margaret I am sorry for the loss of your husband. I always enjoyed my conversations with him. I always thought he was good and honest man. I hadn't seen him very much over the last several years. But he always was the first to say hello. I respected him for all he did for the pork industry. I enjoyed the pictures that are posted. I can tell he loved his family very much and enjoyed many good times with his grand children. Bless his soul and may the lord give you his peace to know that he is doing fine.

Kim Hall - February 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM