



James Palmer

January 9, 1941 - February 14, 2010

TORRINGTON, WY.....A Funeral Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated for JAMES "JIM" R. PALMER, 69, at 2pm on Thursday February 18, 2010 at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Torrington, Wyoming with Reverend Father Michael Carr officiating. The casket will be closed. Cremation will take place following the service. Memorials have been established to Waggin' Tails Animal Shelter and to the St. Joseph Children's Home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com. Jim was born January 9, 1941 at Sterling, Illinois, the son of Larry and Dorrine (Warner) Palmer. He graduated from Dixon High School at Dixon Illinois, in 1959. He then attended Northern Illinois University for two years. Jim married Carol Yowell at Sterling on Jan 26, 1963. He attended Swift and Company cattle buyer training school where he graduated first in his class. He worked as a cattle buyer for Swift and Company and lived in Dixon and Kewanee, IL. The couple then moved to Torrington, Wyoming in 1985. Jim worked for Sterling Beef and then retired from Excell Corporation as a cattle buyer in 2006. Jim was an avid outdoorsman, fisherman, and hunter. He especially enjoyed hunting geese. Jim also enjoyed playing cards with his friends. He was a member of the St. Rose Catholic Church and was also a past member of the Jaycees. Jim supported numerous private conservation organizations. Survivors include his wife Carol of Torrington, two sons, James Palmer Jr. and his wife Kim, and their children, Melissa and Michelle of Princeton, Missouri,

and Chris Palmer and his wife Chelese and their children Kaylen, Micah, Maryn, and Danae of Sterling, IL, and one brother David Palmer of Dixon, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ I will miss my friend Jim. Our visits at the coffee shop and in the hunting pit will be long remembered. We often visited about agriculture and our days in retirement and I valued his knowledge on both.

Jim was person of high character and integrity which was evidenced by his long career in doing business with the people and industry in agriculture.

To Jim I wish: Sail on my friend, Sail on (Winston Churchill 1944)

Pat McNamara - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To Carol, your family and extensive family of friends, I know your loss of Jim's sparkle will be felt deeply, yet your memories have gathered special ones from the times "Jimmy" grew up at North Central/Washington Grade School and DHS. He held a quiet inspiration and respect for others throughout our growing days. Seeing him and touching his shoulder in a "hello" at the 50th High School Reunion was bittersweet. I hadn't seen him, I don't believe, since high school, but his smile and warmth was unmistakable. I am sure he was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather as he was friend. May we have some joy in celebrating our times together as school mates, friends and family in his honor.

Sandra Harvey - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Jim was such a sweet person throughout high school. He added a positive note to my high school experience with his quiet strength. My thoughts are with you all.

Linda Slothower - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Jim, Im so sorry to hear about your dad passing. Its hard to lose a parent. Your card really meant alot when my mom passed. I hope hope your family is doing well. I will keep you in my prayers. Tracey Aman Thompson

Tracey Aman Thompson - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I wasn't able to make it to WY for the funeral, therefore I felt the need to put some of my thoughts down to the family here. Jim was one of those few people in this old tough world that would do anything at any time for you. The 6 years I was in Scottsbluff working with Jim I always felt like I had a true partner in Jim... Even at times when Jim didn't feel good he was always a joy towards me... I figure Jim is now in heaven, breathing without an issue, hunting some bird we have never had the pleasure of seeing.

Chad Brown - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I was saddened to hear about Jim passing. Please accept my condolences for the entire family. Jim and I grew up together on the north side of Dixon and attended school. We neighborhood boys played a lot of sandlot baseball and football on the playgrounds. After having gone our separate ways after graduation, I was glad to have seen Jim again at our 50th reunion last Fall. My wife Jean and I will keep you and your family in our prayers.

As you may remember from the reunion, I am in the process of supplying data to build our Class of 59 web site.

<http://www.dixonil.com/classof1959/>

I have added Jim's name to the list of classmates who have passed on. I also email the sad news and the link to the obituary to others on the class contact list. As I continue to build up data for the web site, Jim's senior picture from the yearbook will be added. When I add photos from the 50th reunion, I will try to look for any photos with Jim in it to add to the site.

Dave Walker - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I was truly saddened to learn of Jim's passing. I remember him in grade school at Washington School and in high school at DHS. Jim was a great guy. I would have loved to have gone hunting with him tere in Wyoming.

My deepest sympathy to Carol and the family.

Richard Hopper - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Carol & family,

We were so very sorry to hear about Jim. He was such a great guy, and we had many good times at Jaycee events. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Our deepest condolences-
Dick & Connie Hiatt*

Dick & Connie Hiatt - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Jim was very influential in my growth as a cattle buyer. He truly enjoyed his job and was a great mentor to many young cattle buyers. The time i spent training with jim(which always included a little hunting) was invaluable to me.*

I always appreciated his friendship and the interest he always had in how i was doing. He will be missed by many.

Casey Bradshaw - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *Carol and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We always enjoyed visiting with Jim. He will be missed.*

Bill and Linda Erdman - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Carol, Jim and Chris:

Please know how very much all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Jim was a very special man and a friend that will be remembered for ever. In particular, I reflect back on the many Boy Scout trips and camping adventures we enjoyed together, the many boxes of shells we fired in pursuit of most any type of game, not to mention "Turkey Shoots" at the Sportsman's Club. Also to be remembered is his first car, a Henry J, boy the times we had in that vehicle as he was first in our class to have a driver's license. The fun on the Rock River, the trips to Ladd, discussions of our jobs as "carry-out boys", plays on the football field and of course the young ladies in our lives. We also enjoyed the company of each other's parents and the meals shared with them, and yes, we enjoyed attending Mass together as well. Jim was a special person, a treasure to know and we are so Happy that we were able to be together at our recent 50th High School Reunion !!

In extending our sympathy, along with sharing special memories, we say God Bless to each of you and your families.

Bill & Bonnie Fry

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