



James "Jim" Richard Swanson

September 27, 1948 - September 9, 2023

James Richard Swanson, 74, passed away peacefully on September 9th, 2023. Jim was born in Oskaloosa, attended Cornell University before moving to Des Moines. Jim met Sandy Sullivan playing competitive bridge and married in 1984 and not only got Sandy he had an instant family with 3 strong willed, opinionated adult stepdaughters. Jim worked for the State of Iowa for over 30 plus years. Once retired, Jim and Sandy loved to travel, play bridge and watch lots of sports together. Jim enjoyed lunches with his good friend, Bob Carber. Wednesday was their day, he loved grilled cheese and extra crispy French fries. Plus FREE PIE. Jim was one of the best duplicate bridge players in Iowa. He rarely made a mistake in the play of hand. His demeanor at the table was beyond reproach. He loved the Chicago Cubs and took great delight when they beat the St. Louis Cardinals. He was an Iowa Hawkeye fan and attended many football and basketball games with Bob.

A large passion for Jim and Sandy was their love of Golden Retrievers. Over the years they supported and fostered Golden Retrievers through Iowa Golden Retriever Rescue. Fortunate to have them in their lives were Lucky, Belle, Gunner and Bailey. Jim loved to walk the dogs daily, meeting many neighbors who loved to greet the dogs and see them both. They lived in Patricia Park together for 35 years before moving to a nice townhome in Urbandale. Missing their puppy pets, they ended up rescuing an older kitty, Willow. Jim and Sandy also love and support all their grand puppies and grand kitties over

the years. He will be missed by all and especially his dry sense of humor.

Jim was preceded in death by his Parents, Ray and Jean Swanson of Oskaloosa.

Jim is survived by his wife, Sandra of Urbandale, Daughters Cindy Sullivan, Grimes, Stacy Sullivan, Urbandale and Stephanie Sullivan, Beaverdale. Jim has 3 siblings, Christina Randell of Cedar Rapids, John Swanson of Chariton and Jennifer Swanson of Oskaloosa. Nieces and nephews, Anne, Charlie, Amanda, James, Jessica and Mary.

Jim was not a man of much attention, so his wishes were to have no services at this time. Memorial contributions can be made to his wife, Sandra Swanson at 4719 84th st. Urbandale, Ia. 50322. She can donate where she wishes.

Tribute Wall

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“ Hi my name is Tom I dated Stephanie one of the daughters. I have a few memories of having the chance to be around Jim, Sandy and then the girls! Jim and I were able to play a few rounds of golf together over the years, and then we watched a lot of golf on tv! I remember coming back to the house after a day golfing with Stephanie. Stephanie and I were out golfing at Willow Creek golf course in WDM, well hole number 7, 150 par 3. She hits a shot into the sun we couldn't see it drove down looked around she says I wonder if it's in the hole, sure enough it was! A whole in One! I've never had one! So we go back to Jim's house and I had to tell him that Stephanie got a Whole in One! I remember that story so well because I had to tell it!!!

One of my all time favorite's is Christmas time and exchanging gifts! Jim and I already know what's going to happen before we even hand out presents! So once that is done! Here we go: Sandy says well I didn't get you anything why did you buy for me she says to the girls! Next Cindy opens up nope nope don't like it do you have the receipt!! That's automatic for Cindy! Stacy and Stephanie weren't to bad but they seemed to know what they had boughten each other! But Jim and I we always took bets to see if that gift was going back to the store or not!!! So that's how the Holidays went at the Swanson/ Sullivan's Household!

But fun stuff aside Jim was a Super Nice Laid Back Guy! He loved his Hawkeyes and the Cubs!

You will be missed by All JIMMY! The girls will take care of and make sure Sandy eats all of her vegetables!! 🤔 RIP Jim until we all meet again!! One more thing we have a famous saying between the girls and I and it is “Jim Don't Care “!!!!!! 🏈🏀🏌️👤♂️

Tom Benoit - September 17, 2023 at 08:57 PM

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“ *Marcia Showalter lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Richard Swanson*



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