



## JAMES "JIM" ANTHONY HAMMELL

November 7, 1932 - July 20, 2020

CALEDONIA, Minn. – James(Jim) Anthony Hammell, 87, of Caledonia passed away peacefully Monday, July 20, 2020, at Gundersen Tweeten Care Center, Spring Grove, MN from complications of stage 4 lung cancer.

Jim was born November 7, 1932, at home on the Sand Cove rural New Albin, IA to George and Elizabeth (Wall) Hammell the youngest of nine children. He served in the US Army during the Korean Era 1954 to 1956 in the 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He married Ila Mae Kubitz, on June 18th, 1957 at St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Albin, IA and celebrated 63 years of marriage on June 18th, 2020. They farmed in the Winnebago Valley for many years and then retired to Caledonia, MN in 2012. Jim enjoyed visiting with many relatives and friends and liked dancing to old time and country music and playing euchre. In addition, in 2017, he was given the opportunity to go on the Freedom Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Through the years Jim served on the Houston County Group Home board and the Jefferson Township board.

He is survived by his loving wife Ila; His son Kevin (Angela) Hammell of Rochester, MN and son Steven Hammell of LaCrescent, MN; grandchildren Abbey Hammell of Burnsville, MN and Anna Hammell of Rochester, MN. He is also survived by his sister Esther Walleser, Waukon, IA and brother Larry Hammell, Denver, CO.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, George and Earl; sisters, Anna Collins, Sister Georgia Hammell FSPA, Pauline Blaskowski and Alberta Troendle; sisters-in-law, Eleanor and Mary Hammell; brothers-in-law, Robert Collins, Lawrence Walleser, Ernest Blaskowski and Joe Troendle.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be a private Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Caledonia on Saturday. Burial with military honors will follow in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, New Albin. A celebration of his life will be planned later.

Memorials preferred to St Mary's Church, ABLE Inc., or ABC Works.

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ A wonderful man, he will be missed. Always a smile and a story to share. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Ila and the whole family. With heartfelt sympathy. Love, Myron & Jean Kinneberg

Myron & Jean Kinneberg - July 25, 2020 at 09:23 AM

PV

“ My deepest sympathy Ila, so enjoyed taking care of your parents while in Roseview court getting to no your family was a joy. May God be with you in these coming days.  
Phyllis Vick

phyllis vick - July 23, 2020 at 11:34 PM

YC

“ Your friends at Haworth & Company purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of JAMES "JIM" ANTHONY HAMMELL.



Your friends at Haworth & Company - July 23, 2020 at 10:41 AM

DK

“ He always had a smile on his face when we would see him, always interesting to talk to him, sorry for your loss from Doug and Sharon Kubitz..

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Doug Kubitz - July 22, 2020 at 09:54 PM

CL

“ *Very sorry for your loss-he was a GREAT man! Cindy (Mitchell) Lacey*

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**Cindy Lacey** - July 22, 2020 at 02:12 PM

BG

“ *"Jim, Thank you for your service!" You will be missed. Our Deer Hunting Group always enjoyed seeing Jim and Illa when we would come down every season. Last year when we saw them and i shook Jim's hand it still felt like i was grabbing on to an oak tree!! Our condolences to Illa and all of Jim's family.*

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**Bill Dillon-Iowa Deer Hunting Group** - July 22, 2020 at 01:41 PM

DK

“ *My sympathies to Jim's Family.*

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**Daniel Knapek** - July 21, 2020 at 09:48 PM

JW

“ *Jim was a big part of my life since I was little. Such a fantastic sense of humor! Always enjoyed seeing "Trouble & The Saint" in New Albin. My dad & him were friends mist of their lives...throwing mud balls (some with small rocks in them) at each other across the river. The fun traveled on down to my brother Ray who liked nothing more than to try to get one over on Jim. Then I came along & it continued. He will be so missed by me...God Bless & Rest In Peace "Trouble" till we meet again! My heartfelt sympathies to Illa & all family. Jim will remain a legend!*

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**Janet Weymiller** - July 21, 2020 at 07:11 PM

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“ *Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Jim. Always enjoyed visiting with him through the years...may the many wonderful memories bring peace and comfort to his loved ones.*



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**Nola Skappel** - July 21, 2020 at 07:05 PM