

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your
staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies; you anoint my
head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
JAMES "JIM" I. JENNINGS

October 12, 1929 – November 24, 2023

James I. Jennings, 94, of Mason City, passed away Friday, November 24, 2023, at MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center.

James Isiah Jennings, the son of William and Willard Bea (Aulds) Jennings, was born on October 12, 1929, in Alto, Louisiana. Jim grew up in Alto and attended Monroe Community Schools until the eighth grade. At the age of 17, Jim enlisted in the US Air Force and served his country with honor. When Jim was at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX, the Army Air Force, which wore uniforms of OD green, separated into the Army and the Air Force. Jim was in the first squadron to wear the new Air Force Blues. He was stationed in the South Pacific until his honorable discharge in September 1952. During his time in the military, Jim married Juanita Dyer, and together they were blessed with three children: James, Greg, and Kerry. On July 18, 1964, Jim married Sandra Hildebrand at her parent's home in Britt. Their union brought forth a son, Steven. After living in Britt and Mason City for a period of time, they settled permanently in Mason City in 1970.


Jim dedicated himself to his work at PPG Industries in Mason City for an impressive span of 35 years. After his retirement from PPG Industries, he went on to become the proud owner and operator of Jennings Paint Center and Jennings River City Glass. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Jim possessed a passion for various recreational pursuits. He particularly enjoyed playing handball, winning the city and state handball tournaments, and engaging in friendly competitions playing poker, cribbage, bridge, and gin. Golf played a significant role in his life as well—a sport where he achieved seven holes-in-one—a testament to his skill.

Jim was a lifetime member of the Mason City VFW Post 733 and attended Grace Evangelical Free Church.

Jim is survived by his wife, Sandra; four children, James "Jimmy" (Beth) Jennings of Mason City, Greg (Carol) Jennings of Clear Lake, Kerry (Michael) Floy of Clear Lake, and Steven (Connie) Jennings of Mason City; 11 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Sue (Johnnie) Richard, Bobbie (Jerry) Meadors and Bonnie Jennings; a sister-in-law, Carol Hildebrand; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Sarah; a great-grandson, Chester; and siblings, Jessie "Cookie" Sullivan, Clyde Jennings, and Dorothy "Dot" Thompson.

Memorials may be directed to Grace Evangelical Free Church.



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JAMES "JIM" I. JENNINGS
October 12, 1929 – November 24, 2023
Age: 94 Years, 1 Month, 12 Days

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Grace Evangelical Free Church – Mason City, Iowa
10:30 a.m., Monday
December 4, 2023

OFFICIATING
Pastor Nick Daugherty

TIME OF SHARING
Amanda Korenberg
Gregory Jennings

MUSIC
Congregational Hymns
"How Great Thou Art"
"In the Garden"
Special Music
Paige Schulz
"The Old Rugged Cross"

BURIAL
Evergreen Cemetery – Britt, Iowa

GRAVESIDE MILITARY RITES
Britt Veterans Ceremonial Unit

All are invited to a luncheon in the church fellowship hall immediately following the memorial service. Burial will follow the luncheon at the cemetery.

Major Erickson
Funeral Home and Crematory

