



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.**

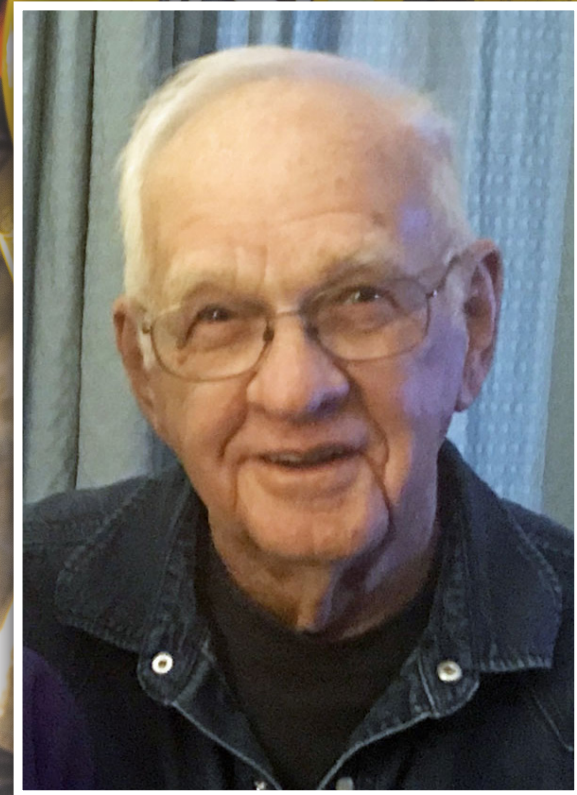
**He restores my soul. He leads me in paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**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 W. SCHULTZ

March 15, 1935 – February 10, 2023

James W. Schultz, Sr., 87, of Garner died Friday, February 10, 2023, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

James Willis Schultz, son of George and Ruth (Keucker) Schultz, was born March 15, 1935, in Kossuth County in Iowa. He graduated from Whittemore High School in 1953. On June 10, 1956, Jim married the love of his life, June Schmeling, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Fairville, Iowa. After they were married, Jim and June lived in Whittemore, Iowa. To this blessed union, two children were born, James, Jr., and Janese. Jim was a devoted husband, father, and provider for his family. Jim worked on a drag line for a private contractor, helped on his in-law's farm, worked for Kossuth County Maintenance Department and then the Iowa Department of Transportation in Kossuth County. In October 1972, Jim and June moved to Garner, Iowa, where Jim was the supervisor for the Iowa Department of Transportation in Hancock County until he retired in March 1997. After retirement, Jim felt the need to continue to work part-time for AgVantage FS until 2020.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church where he served as an usher and at one time was the treasurer. He was a volunteer firefighter for the Garner Fire Department for 20 years and served three years on the Garner-Hayfield school board. Jim loved to play baseball in high school which led to playing many years of fastpitch softball. Jim also enjoyed bowling, golfing, fishing and church league softball, and attending his grandchildren's activities throughout his life. Jim touched so many lives and had a heart of gold. Jaclyn, his oldest granddaughter, asked her grandfather what he was most proud of, and he replied, "too many things...but my grandkids and my kids...I love them all." Dad, Grandpa, Big Jim, we love you.

Jim is survived by his children, James Jr. (Kimberly) Schultz of Lisbon, Iowa, and Janese Schultz Gerhardt of Omaha, Nebraska; grandchildren, Jaclyn (Schultz) and Matt Allain, Ahren Schultz, Emily Gerhardt, Hannah (Gerhardt) and Cody Espelund, Rebecca Gerhardt (Chris Spain), Joseph Gerhardt and Sophie Gerhardt; great-grandchildren, Meredith Allain, Emmett Espelund, Cecilia Espelund and Theodore Spain; his sister, Janice (Kenneth) Mergan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, June; parents, George and Ruth Schultz; and siblings, Norman (Anna) Schultz and Charles (Shirley) Schultz.

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FUNERAL SERVICE

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Garner, Iowa
10:30 a.m., Wednesday
February 15, 2023

OFFICIATING

Pastor Scott Kozisek

MUSIC

Beverly Cataldo, Organist
Congregational Hymns
"Amazing Grace"
"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"
"Nearer, My God to Thee"

USHER

Doug Hayes

CASKET BEARERS

Joseph Gerhardt
Cody Espelund
Brian Bruggeman
Ahren Schultz
Matt Allain
Jason Arndorfer

BURIAL

Concord Township Cemetery – Garner, Iowa

The family thanks you for your presence today and for the kind and gracious expressions of love and sympathy. All are invited to share a meal in the church basement immediately following the service.

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FUNERAL HOMES