

## James B. Jeffrey, 74

James Jeffrey, 74, of Deep River, died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011 at Atrium Village in Hills. He had also been cared for at Diamond Life Health Care in Montezuma, and the family is grateful for such excellent care at both facilities.

Funeral services for Jim will begin at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Jackson Church of Christ in Montezuma. Burial will be in the Goldenrod Cemetery at Deep River. Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jackson Church of Christ or Diamond Life Health Center.

James (Jim) B. Jeffrey was born on Oct. 30, 1937 to William (Bill) E. and Edna Mae (Swain) Jeffrey. Riding a pony for transportation, he attended country school, later graduating from Montezuma in 1956. Jim loved farming, and following graduation he farmed full time.

On March 25, 1962, Jim was united in marriage with Linda Smith at Madison Church of Christ, near Brooklyn. They shared a partnership of love and friendship, sharing the ups and downs of life together throughout their 49 years of marriage.

In February of 1963, Jim and Linda moved to a farm near Deep River. Jim was the fourth generation to work and care for this farm. He started with very little, but was a hard worker, and soon managed a diversified farming operation of his own. With pliers, hammer, saw or baling wire at the ready, Jim used his determination and imaginative creativity to coax further life from many pieces of machinery and farm buildings. Jim had a very friendly relationship with all of his neighbors, and an informal partnership of helping each other with work, tools, and equipment developed through the years.

Jim was an active member of Jackson Church of Christ in Montezuma, where he served as an Elder for many years, and occasionally sang with a church men's quartet. He was a 50 year member of Lily Masonic Lodge in Malcom, served on the Poweshiek County Extension Council, served as a Lincoln Township Trustee for 24 years, and also served on the Malcom (later Gateway) Farmers' Co-op.

Jim enjoyed music throughout his entire life. Dancing was an activity that Jim and Linda began later in his life, which developed into a favorite activity for both of them.

Jim was supportive and encouraging in whatever activity his children were involved in. He expected his children to help out on the farm at whatever task was needed, passing along his strong work ethic. They also learned by his example service to God and to your fellow man. Because Jim did not have any memories of his grandfathers, he felt especially blessed to be a grandparent and to spend time with each of his grandchildren. He made them all feel special.

Family members left to rejoice in his homecoming, and who lovingly honor his memory are his wife, Linda Jeffrey of Deep River, daughter Susan (Brian) Wheeler of Iowa City, daughter Sherri (Rich) Anderson of Springfield, Mo., and son Scott Jeffrey of Des Moines, grandchildren Taylor and Tarryn Anderson, Kaitlin and Elizabeth Wheeler, step-grandson Scott Wheeler, sister Laurene (Bob) Ehmke, sister-in-law Nell Jeffrey, and many caring family members, nieces and nephews.

Preceding Jim in death are his parents, and his brother Roger Jeffrey.

Faith, family, and farming were all very important to Jim. He was a humble, gentle, hardworking man who cared for his fellow man, loved his wife and family, and worked hard to provide for their needs. His quiet strength, guidance, leadership and love will be missed.



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