

MR 7/11/2007 **John C. "Jack" James, 83**

John C. "Jack" James Jr., 83, of rural Keswick, died Monday, July 2, 2007 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City.

His funeral service was held Friday, July 6, at Bates Funeral Chapel, Oskaloosa, with Pastor Mike Conn officiating. Burial was at the Union Mills Cemetery near New Sharon.

Jack was born Oct. 30, 1923, in the Union Mills neighborhood of Mahaska County, the son of John C. and Lydia Baker James. Early in his adult life he worked on farms and also operated a bulldozer. Later, he worked for the Bendix Company in Indiana. On March 8, 1947 he was united in marriage with Helen McCulley at Oskaloosa. He farmed near Rose Hill for a short time

and northwest of Keswick for 40 years and operated a grain farm and also raised hogs. His hobbies included motorcycles, camping and attending horse shows. He loved boating and fishing and fished in Canada for over 30 years. Jack and Helen wintered in Florida for 13 winters.

His family includes his wife, Helen James, of rural Keswick; a son and his wife, Michael and Beth James and a daughter and her husband, Brenda and Dan Sutfin, all of rural Deep River; and five grandchildren, Jennifer, Jessica and Daniel John Sutfin, and Heather (and Cheyan) Steele and Alex James.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Marjorie "Midge" Nash.