



James R. "Jim" Dyre – (1931-2012)

James "Jim" R. Dyre, 81, 904 First Ave N., Clear Lake, Iowa, died Monday, March 26, 2012, at Muse-Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit, Mason City.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 30, at Zion Lutheran Church, 112 N. Fourth St., Clear Lake, with the Rev. Dean Hess and the Rev. Derik Yarian officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, March 29, 5 until 7 p.m. at Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 101 N. Fourth St., Clear Lake. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, Mason City.

Family suggests memorials to the Clear Lake Volunteer Fire Department or Hospice of North Iowa in his name.

Jim was born in Clear Lake, the son of Viva and Beatrice (Sears) Dyre. He grew up on a farm north of Cartersville and attended school in Mason City until junior high, then attended school in Rockwell, graduating in 1948. He entered the U.S. Marine Corps in 1951, getting an honorable discharge in 1953. Jim married Colleen Caldwell on September 27, 1951, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City. Following the service, he started working for PG & E (later Interstate Power) in 1954, retiring in 1993. He was very involved with radio-controlled model airplanes, gardening, riding his motorcycle and many trips to the Black Hills. He was a member of the Clear Lake Volunteer Fire Department for over 16 years and fire chief from 1976 to 1982. He was past president of Iowa Firemen's Association, lifetime member of Iowa Fire Service Instructor and taught many fire classes thru out Iowa. He was also a member of River City Radio Controls.

Jim is survived by his wife Colleen Dyre, Clear Lake; two children Kathy Septer and her husband David, Hills, Iowa, and Jay Dyre and his wife Kami, Ventura; six grandchildren Trinity (Erica) Benson, Clear Lake, Tanya (Jeremiah) Hook, Parkersburg, Terry (Jon) Moritz, Ventura, Dustin Dyre, Debbie Dyre, and Nick Dyre, all of Ventura; seven great-grandchildren Nathan and Pierce Benson, Carly, Addison and Hayden Hook, and Parker and Avery Moritz; three sisters Gloria (Gary) George, Northwood, Janice (Nick) Schmitt, Osage, and Audrey Huff, Mason City, and several nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, brother Roger Dyre, daughter Judy Benson, son-in-law Larry Benson and grandson Shaun Septer.

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