
Jim Goergen

Jim was born Dec. 13, 1932 in Goodwin, Neb. to Ed and Mary Goergen. He attended grade school in Jackson, Neb. and high school at Trinity High School, graduating from Heelan High School in 1950. Jim was an avid baseball fan and player and signed with the New York Yankees in February of 1951 playing for McAlisterville, Okla.; in the Sooner State League in Duluth, Minn. and the Northern League in Iola, Kansas. Jim was released from the Yankees in 1952 and enlisted in the [U.S. Air Force](#) with his best friend "Rink" McGuire. He served in Trenton, NJ; Korea and Gary Air Force Base in San Marcos, TX.

Jim married Blanche Schreiber April 17, 1955. Jim received his honorable discharge from service in 1956 and returned to Sioux City to attend Morningside College. Upon the death of his father-in-law, he purchased the Park Bowl Bowling Lanes with his brother-in-law, Bernie Schreiber.

After a fire destroyed the Park Bowl in 1987, Jim and Blanche moved to Midland, Mich. where they purchased the Northern Lanes. In 1993, Jim and Blanche retired to Lake Okoboji where their legacy became entertaining family and friends with fabulous meals and boat rides. In July 2015, Jim and Blanche moved back to Sioux City.

Jim was an avid Notre Dame fan and was thrilled to attend a few football games. He was a proud and loyal Detroit Tiger and Detroit Lion fan and loved watching his grandchildren play their respective sports.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Blanche; his brother, Gene (Theresa); children, Rick (Nickee) and Bo (Kim) of Midland; Sherri (Jim) Rossiter of Sioux City; Jeff (Patti) of Golden, Colo., and Shelley of Omaha, Neb; grandchildren, Alena, Ben, Jake, Tyler, Asjia, Nate, Nicole, Brady, Lindsay, Joe and Izaak; nine great-grandchildren; and many in-laws, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Mary; brother, Donald; and sisters, Madeline McCormick and Peggy McKinley.

Memorials may be directed to Bishop Heelan Catholic High School or Hospice of Siouxland.

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