



## Jimmy Spears

March 30, 1942 - December 27, 2022

Jimmy Lee Spears (80) of Hedrick, Iowa passed away December 27, 2022 at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Ottumwa, Iowa. He was born March 30, 1942 in Ottumwa, Iowa to Kenneth and Frances (Campbell) Spears. He would famously share that he was so smart he skipped Kindergarten and started 1st grade at Martinsburg Elementary until middle school when the school was closed. He finished his education at Hedrick and graduated in the Hedrick High School Class of 1960. After graduating, he dated his fellow classmate Mary Ann Doak until they married June 5, 1965 in Hedrick, Iowa, celebrating 57 years together, and to which two daughters were born. He proudly served in the Iowa National Guard from 1963 to 1969 helping with the Mississippi river floods of 1965 with his lifelong friend and classmate Ed Schultz. Farming was his focus, learning from his grandfather Clay Campbell and father, finally purchasing the family farm southeast of Martinsburg in 1974. He managed many farm properties in the later part of his career and was known for his quality of his hay until his retirement in 2016. He had collected and restored many tractors over those years and went on several tractor rides with them in the area. He enjoyed collecting the toy versions as well. During that time, he was also known as an Archer Oil Dealer, owned the Hedrick Depot for a few years and was a member of the Hedrick-

Martinsburg Methodist

church. He loved watching car racing of all types and started with being on the pit crew for Dean Sylvester in High School, later sponsoring racers at Eldon, Oskaloosa and Bloomfield. He was also involved with his community as a member of Ruritan for many years, the Hedrick Lions and the Arendt-Bowlin-Stubbs

American Legion Post #83 of Hedrick. His adventures continued after retirement with camping again at the Iowa State Fair and Midwest Old Threshers in Mt. Pleasant.

He leaves behind his wife Mary, two daughters Janean (Curt) Dimmig of Madison, WI. and Annette

(Joseph) Roe of Hedrick, IA. Three grandson's Triston Roe of Madison, WI, Talon Roe of Fremont, IA and

Tylor (Kyla) Roe of Fremont, IA, and a sister Jone (Dennis) Molyneux of Rose Hill. He is proceeded in

death by his parents and another lifelong friend and classmate Lynn Swearingen.

Visitation will be Friday December 30 th with family present 5-7 pm with funeral on Saturday morning at 10am at the Fremont Funeral Home.

Burial to follow in the McCormick cemetery by Highland Center with lunch after at the Hedrick-

Martinsburg United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Good Sam Ottumwa or the Arendt-Bowlin-Stubbs American Legion Post #83 of Hedrick.

# Cemetery Details

## McCormick Cemetery

Highland Center Road  
Ottumwa, IA

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

DEC **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fremont Funeral Chapel  
Walnut and Main Street  
P.O. Box 276  
Fremont, IA 52561  
(641) 673-7366  
ffc@iowatelecom.net  
<https://www.fremontfuneralchapel.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fremont Funeral Chapel  
Walnut and Main Street  
P.O. Box 276  
Fremont, IA 52561  
(641) 673-7366  
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<https://www.fremontfuneralchapel.com/>

## Burial

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

McCormick Cemetery  
Highland Center Road  
Ottumwa, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jimmy Spears.*



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December 29, 2022 at 03:23 PM



“ *To all the Spears' families, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Sincerely, Cathy Wieland Fountain (Friend of Jone's)*

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**CWF** - December 29, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Iways remember jimmy cricket*

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**bud carter** - December 29, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ *Karen Ahn lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Spears*



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**Karen Ahn** - December 28, 2022 at 10:39 PM

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“ *Brenda Todd lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Spears*



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**Brenda Todd** - December 28, 2022 at 04:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jimmy Spears.*



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December 28, 2022 at 03:52 PM