



James Russell

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James Lee “Jim” Russell, 77, died at 11:42 a.m., Monday, May 22, 2017 at Jersey Community Hospital.

He was born in Jersey County on June 1, 1939 to the late Herschel and Florence (Foster) Russell and was a graduate of Jersey Community High School.

He married the former Mary Jane Stevens on August 23, 1958 in Corinth, MS and together they have been blessed with 58 years of marriage and the joys that came with raising their three children.

Jim learned early on the values of hard work and dependability, first farming the families 54 acres and raising hogs and cattle and working alongside his father in the family business, Herschel Russell & Son Masonry before accepting a position as Superintendent with JCC Development in Jerseyville where he worked for many years. He then began taking work from various companies traveling throughout the country to each job site. These opportunities allowed He and Mary Jane to experience life and create many memories together in Indiana, Colorado, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida and lastly Hawaii, where Jim retired after completing a job with Korte Construction in 2000.

After returning back home to Jerseyville after his retirement, much of his time was spend with his children and grandchildren, and he cherished each and every moment with them all.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Jane Russell; a daughter Sheila Schmieder of Jerseyville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brad & Melody Russell of Piasa and Steve & Donna Russell of Jerseyville; seven grandchildren, Christina Isringhausen of Jerseyville; Cyrena Russell of Hardin; Patrick Russell of Jerseyville; Michael Russell of Piasa; Kevin Schmieder, and his wife Meaghan, of Santa Fe, NM; Bradley Schmieder and his

fiancé Tiffanie Haug of Fieldon and Jeremery Schmieder, and his fiancé, Katie Alderfer of Jerseyville; as well as a great-grandson, Jaxon Schmieder.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Shirley Armstrong and Sandy Hand.

Per his wishes, cremation rights will be accorded and inurnment will take place at a later date at the Tribble Cemetery in Piasa.

Memorials may be given to the Family in care of Crawford Funeral Home, for a memorial designation to be made at a later date.

Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville is in charge of arrangements.