



James E. Lotz

December 31, 1969 - August 23, 2013

James “Jim” Elmer Lotz, age 76, of Lanark, Illinois, went home to be with the Lord Friday, August 23, 2013. A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 30, 2013 at the Lanark Church of the Brethren. Visitation will be 10:00 – 11:00 prior to the service at the church. Burial will take place in Lanark Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established in Jim’s memory.

Jim was born on September 28, 1936 in Freeport, Illinois the son of Elmer and Helen (Plock) Lotz. He attended Lanark Schools, graduating with the Class of 1954. Jim married Bonnie Jean Strauch on October 14, 1956 in Milledgeville, Illinois. He worked for the Kelly Springfield Company as a line worker for 35 years.

Jim was a member of the Lanark Church of the Brethren, and the United Rubber Workers’ Union. He enjoyed traveling to Texas with Bonnie during the winter months to visit his Daughter Jodi and Son-in-law Fred. Jim was a life long Chicago Bears fan, and he loved playing cards, especially poker, 500, and euchre. Jim enjoyed collecting antiques and was an avid deer and turkey hunter. Most of all, Jim cherished the time he spent with his grandsons, Cody and Cameron.

Jim will be dearly missed by his wife Bonnie of Rockford, Illinois; two daughters, Jodi (Fred) Arnold of Mesa, Arizona and Julie (Roger) Kruse of Lanark; two grandsons, Cody (Carly) Kruse and Cameron Kruse; a great grand daughter, Kinsley Kruse; a brother Dennis (Wilma) Lotz all from Lanark; sisters-in-law, Karen (Jack) Welch also from Lanark and Connie Halversen of

Rockford; and many nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his parents.

Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Lotz*

January 28, 2023 at 12:38 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ *I knew Jim from Heritage Woods in Rockford. He was a very kind and gentle man. He was a joy to know and will be greatly missed!!! May God comfort you all at this time of sorrow.*

Bartlett, Charmaine - August 26, 2013 at 05:45 PM



“ *Our thoughts are with all of you at this time of loss. We are only a call away if you need anything at all.*

Roxie Schaffner - August 26, 2013 at 01:38 PM