



Jim Carlton Schwass

June 22, 1929 - February 23, 2019

James "Jim" C. Schwass aged 89 of Scottville went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, February 23, 2019. Jim was born June 22, 1929 in Ludington, MI the son of Carl and Dyveka Schwass and raised on the family farm in Riverton Township, south of Scottville. His early years were spent working on the farm, which was then known as Springdale Silver Fox Farms. After his father sold the fox they raised, the farm's name was changed to Springdale Farms and focused on dairy farming.

Jim attended a one room schoolhouse in East Riverton before attending Scottville High School, graduating in 1947. Following graduation He enrolled in the agriculture two-year short course at Michigan State College where he would meet his beloved wife Alice. They married on August 26, 1950 at St. Paul Lutheran Church at Holy Corners in Caledonia MI, and together ran the family dairy farm with Jim being the fourth generation to work on the farm. At the time of his retirement, the fifth generation, his sons Ron and Bill took over operation of the farm with Jim's continued oversight and guidance.

During the course of his lifetime, Jim was the recipient of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Outstanding Conservation Farmer award, the MSU Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture Award, and Volunteer of the Year at White Pine Village. In 1957 Jim and Alice were named the Outstanding Young Dairy couple for the State of Michigan.

Jim was a member of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, Michigan Artificial Breeders Co-op, and Michigan Milk Producers Assoc. He also served as a Director on the boards of the Mason Co. Jr. Farm Bureau, Mason Co. Farm Bureau, Mason- Lake Soil Conservation District, Mason Co. DHIA, MSU Short Course Alumni Advisory, West Shore Bank, and as Chairman for the Mason Co. Historical Society.

Jim was a Charter member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Scottville where over the years he served as church Trustee, Treasurer, Stewardship, on the Evangelism committee, and as Secretary and Chairman of the congregation.

Jim will be lovingly remembered by his five children Lesa (Jim) Blaser of Minneapolis, MN; Marcie (Arlen) McCloskey, Ronald (Constance) Schwass, William (Veronica) Schwass, all of Scottville; and Julie (Anthony) DeVecht of Grand Haven. He will also be greatly missed by his 14 grandchildren, Aaron Blaser, Ross McCloskey, Stacey (Tobias) Scouten, Trent (Shayna) and Riley McCloskey, Katherine, Lee (Molly), Lucas, and MaKenna Schwass, Levi and Jocee Schwass, Aris and Hannah DeVecht; his 12 great-grandchildren Logan and Gabrielle McCloskey, Jonah, Isabelle, Isaiah and Isaac Scouten, Tegan, Lexi , and Max McCloskey, Eliza, Conrad and Hazel Schwass, along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years Alice, his parents Carl and Dyveka Schwass, an infant sister Marjorie, his mother-in-law Henrietta Peters, and brother-in-law Clyde Peters.

Funeral Services will be held for Jim at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 15 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Scottville with his pastor, Rev. James Schroeder officiating. Burial will take place at Center Riverton Cemetery later in the spring. Friends may meet with the family for a time of visitation on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Wyman Funeral and Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home in Scottville, and on Friday morning from 10:00 a.m. until time of services at the church. Those who wish to remember Jim with a memorial donation are asked to consider Harbor Hospice, the Mayo Clinic, or Our Savior Lutheran Church Mission Fund.

Cemetery

Events

Center Riverton Cemetery
2200 West Hawley Road
Ludington, MI, 49431

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Visitation

06:00PM - 08:00PM

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services
305 East State Street, Scottville, MI, US, 49454

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Visitation

10:00AM - 11:00AM

Our Savior Lutheran Church
765 West US Highway 10, Scottville, MI, US, 49454

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Funeral Service

11:00AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - March 14, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ Jim & I were friends for the entire 89 years of his life and mine. I had the opportunity to spend a couple of weeks each year at the farm and was expected to channel our play into work on the farm. I even got to help clean the fox pens of excrement. We were pretty good at flicking the turds into a bucket and then taking them to the pit to empty. We had our picture taken following Grampa Johnson with various size wheelbarrows to haul ice from the ice house to the iceboxes. Riding one the draft horses was an experience because they were so broad of back, our legs were just dangling. To be there at threshing time. A three horse hitch to draw the binder, lots of friends wagons and horses to bring the grain to the threshing machine, the large, steel wheel tractor that hauled the threshing machine and provided the power for the open belt drive. My Dad, who had a dust allergy, offered to be in the barn to help direct the straw without telling anyone that he had a dust mask. The fantastic lunch that Gramma Johnson, Deda, and others put on for the threshing gang. The large wooden matches that were used to light the Coleman gas lantern above the kitchen table when we came home late and it was really dark with no lights. A house with no electricity but had running water by the use of the hydraulic ram water supply that ran from the house, to the cow barn, to the horse barn, to the chicken house, and to the dry pasture to the south. The opportunity to give 100 strokes to the rain water cistern pump each day. We brought my bike with us and Jim & I would ride the cow trails down the slopes to the creek and also visit friends to put on a "circus" by, so called, trick riding. My first chance to ski when we fastened straps to barrel staves and felt like we were really skilled in skiing. We were "Best Man" for each other and continued our friendship. At their wedding in Caledonia the wedding cake had slipped in transportation and Carilon got some powdered sugar and made a frosting to repair the cake before the reception. Jim was among the first to call Carilon, Mrs Carr, and she didn't answer.

James R. (Jim) Carr - March 19, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ Your Dad was so loving and kind. Every time I saw him he had a smile on his face. We know he left quite a legacy for you all and I would say one of the biggest and most important things was the way he loved your mother. They are together finally and the love he showed his family will be carried on through generations. You all have such wonderful memories with a family that grew up in love by a mom and dad that loved you dearly. Hold onto the memories that you have are forever yours and no one can take those from you. God bless you all and God bless your dad.

Love Lisa and Bob Franklin

Lisa Franklin - March 14, 2019 at 06:30 PM



“ 21 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - March 14, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ Michigan Valley Irrigation purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jim Carlton Schwass.



Michigan Valley Irrigation - March 14, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ Your MONO Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Jim Carlton Schwass.



Your MONO Family - March 13, 2019 at 02:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jim Carlton Schwass.



March 13, 2019 at 10:43 AM



“ Deepest Sympathies to the family of Jim Schwass, especially Marcie & Arlen McCloskey of Scottville.



Terry Williams - March 10, 2019 at 01:29 PM