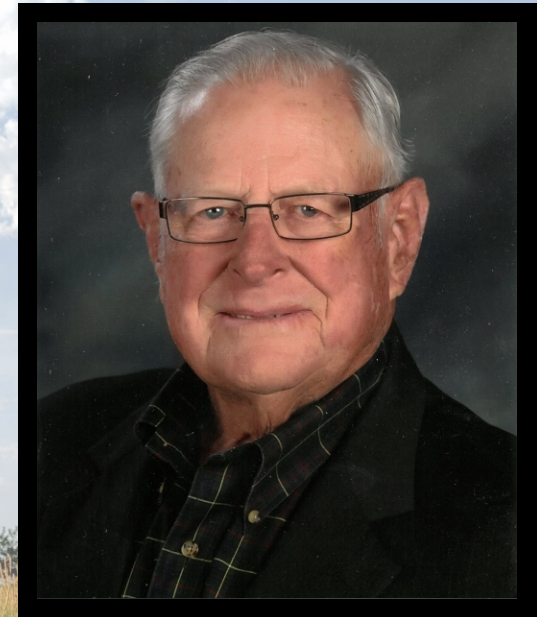




IN LOVING
Memory

James Richard Beuter

October 30, 1929 - June 28, 2026

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
 Beside restful waters he leads me;
 he refreshes my soul.*

James Richard Beuter, 96, passed away peacefully on June 28, 2026. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, veteran, and man of unwavering faith, Jim lived a life defined by service, hard work, and generosity.

Jim was born on October 30, 1929, on the family farm seven miles north of West Branch, Iowa, to Nicholas Bennett Beuter and Margaret Frances (Barry) Beuter. Growing up during the Great Depression on an Iowa farm instilled in him the values of faith and perseverance that would guide him throughout his life.

He attended a one-room country school through the eighth grade before graduating from Iowa City High School in 1947. It had a profound impact on his life. Jim answered his country's call by serving in the U.S. Army with the 25th ID during the Korean War. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Campaign Stars, the U. N. Service Medal, and two Overseas Service Bars. Years later, he was honored to participate in an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. and received a Quilt of Honor from the Perry Peacemakers.

Returning home from Korea, Jim's relationship with Loretta Corkery grew into a lifelong love story. They were married on July 29, 1954, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Tipton, Iowa, beginning a marriage that lasted 71 years.

Together they began farming near Tipton, where Jim was nominated as Cedar County's Outstanding Young Farmer in 1955. In 1961, he accepted a position with Growmark Services, launching a distinguished 35-year career in agricultural sales. Working as a Crop Production Specialist serving Dallas County before being promoted to Iowa Regional Sales Manager. He retired in 1995.

Jim enjoyed a successful career. He would say his greatest accomplishments happened outside the workplace. A long time member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, he faithfully served as a lector for many years, living his Catholic faith every day. He reminded others that the Word of the Lord was essential for salvation. He dedicated his time to train lectors to be effective readers of the Word.

Woodworking was Jim's greatest hobby. As he wrote in his own notes, it was "a blessing given to me by God." He created beautiful furniture for family and friends and volunteered his craftsmanship during the restoration of St. Patrick's Church. Working alongside fellow parishioners Wilbur and Louie, he devoted many months to helping restore the church he loved, considering it one of the greatest teamworking opportunities of his life.

Jim also found joy in gardening, dancing, and sharing time with family and friends. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Perry Economic Development, Farm Bureau and the Central Iowa Polka Club. He was the initial architect and principal integrator of the Progressive Field of Perry. Whatever he did, Jim approached it with gusto, a plan, and to be large and in charge.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of more than 70 years, Loretta Beuter; his children, Bernadette (Ed) Leach, Paul (Sheila) Beuter, and Michele (Scott) Peck; his grandchildren, Johann (Katheryn Aken) Leach, Anastasia (Alejandro) Lepe, Nadia Leach, Carl Beuter (Maddie), Audrey Beuter, Mitchell (Ashley) Peck, and Miles (Haley) Peck; his cherished great-grandchildren, Carmela Lepe, Leo Lepe, and Nolan Peck; two more great-grandchildren expected this fall; his brothers, Barry Beuter and Nick Beuter as well as countless nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nicholas and Margaret Beuter; his son, Patrick James Beuter; his brothers, Robert Beuter and Thomas Beuter, and his sister Margaret (Beuter) Crock.

His greatest legacy is found in the family he loved so deeply and in the example he set as a faithful husband, devoted father, proud grandfather and great-grandfather, and servant of God.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to
St. Patrick Catholic Church in Perry or The Brenton Arboretum in Dallas Center.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." — Matthew 25:23

In Memory Of **James Richard Beuter** *October 30, 1929 - June 28, 2026*

Visitation & Rosary

Sunday, July 5, 2026

6:30 p.m. Rosary Led by Myrna Smith

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Visitation

Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home - Perry Chapel

Mass of Christian Burial

10:30 a.m., Monday, July 6, 2026

St. Patrick's Catholic Church - Perry, Iowa

Celebrant

Father Ray Higgins

Musicians

Pianist - Linda Huntington

Flutist - Stephanie Harper

Cantor - Brian Reisberg

Music Selections

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name - Shelter Me, Oh God

Gift Of Finest Wheat - Jesus, Remember Me

America the Beautiful

Lectors

Sarah Dow - Theresa Barker Cho - Diane Caufield

Gift Bearers

Bernadette Leach - Paul Beuter - Michele Peck

Pallbearers

Mitchell Peck - Miles Peck - Johann Leach

Carl Beuter - Alejandro Lepe - Jim Archer

Burial with Military Honors

Violet Hill Cemetery - Perry, Iowa

Iowa Army National Guard Honor Guard

Minburn American Legion Osborne Post No. 99

Perry Floyd Foster VFW Post No. 2060

**The family invites you to a luncheon and time of fellowship following the
interment at the St. Patrick's School Gymnasium.**

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