

A Walk in the Dark and Snow

Come with me and we will walk in the dark and in the snow. In the silence, we can feel the eddy and swirl, we can lift our faces to catch its softness. Our steps muffled, will fade behind us as we go.

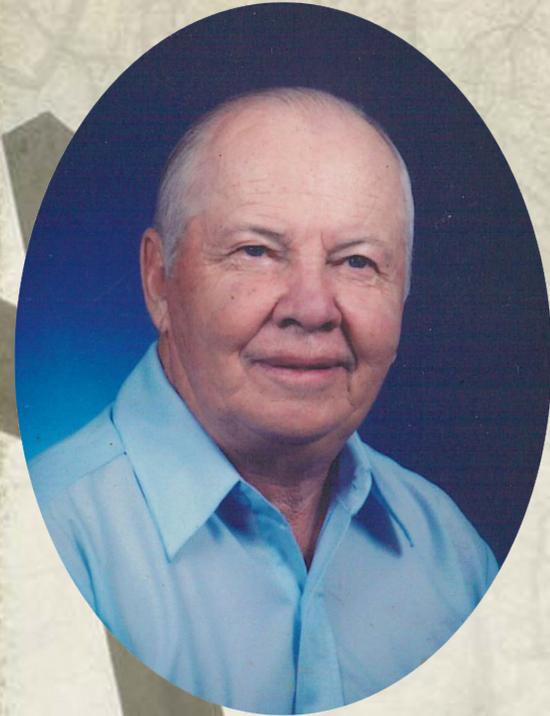
The darkness is warm, not alien, but comforting, reassuring, companionable. And there's a stillness so close, so hushed, we can hear the universe; the pulse of all that's vital and alive. We'll let the softness fall round us, till we're one with the land and the sky and the night.

As the snow deepens, it will mound and drift against the fences, and the hedgerow. It's a good feeling to wade in its depths, letting cares melt away; like wading along a shore, caught in the feel of the sand, moving, yet anchored and secure.

We could run and fall, laughing, wrapped in blankets of white, but it seems that running is for day. There's something that doesn't want to split the silence, to commit the sacrilege of sound in the cathedral of the night.

And so, we'll walk and wade and watch the lights bounce off the whiteness. And when we've drank in all the beauty, and all the stillness, and all the wonder our souls can hold, we'll turn and make for home. Come with me.

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THE LIFE OF



James Sorensen

July 9, 1929 - February 12, 2026

James Keith Sorensen was born July 9, 1929 on the family farm in Lake Benton, MN. He was born to Carl and Sophie (Petersen) Sorensen. He was baptized and confirmed at the Lake Benton Methodist Church. Jim graduated from the Lake Benton High School in 1947. Jim worked on his dad's farm until 1951. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and did basic and advanced training at Camp Rucker, AL. He became a heavy infantry leader with the 81st motor squad. He served for two years, one of them in Korea in the fall of 1951 until the fall of 1952 when he was honorably discharged. He earned a Combat Infantry Badge, the Korean Service Medal with two bronze service stars and the UN service medal for his service. After his discharge he returned to Lake Benton and worked on the family farm and drove truck for Gaylord's Construction until 1955.

In 1955, he was married to Donna Petersen, daughter of Albert and Clara Petersen. They had two children, Diane and Bryan.

In 1955, Jim started working for Pan O Gold Bakery in Pipestone, MN. He worked there until they closed in 1970. He then started working at South Dakota State University. He did maintenance work in the college dorms for 20 years. He retired in 1990. Following retirement, he went back to work on the family farm. On the passing of his mother, he moved to the farm.

Jim loved the outdoors and all wildlife. He spent a lifetime hunting, fishing and trapping. He celebrated 50 consecutive years traveling to Lac La Ronge, Saskatchewan, to fish and bear hunt. He stayed at Shadd Lake Cabins and made lifelong friends in the community. He said it felt like they were his second home and family.

Jim was a member of the Methodist Church. He was a 50 year member of the Henry Sollie American Legion Post #10 and served with the Color Guard for many years. He was a member of Lincoln County Park Board. He enjoyed working with all the members, especially the Park Manager, Daryl Schlapkohl.

As a testament to his love of nature, Jim gifted the farm on his passing to Lincoln County to be preserved as parkland.

Jim passed away peacefully at the age of 96, at the Hendricks Nursing Home on February 12, 2026. He is remembered by his daughter, Diane (Bob) Low; granddaughter, Misty Schlegel; granddaughter, Alison Rasberry; grandson, Ryan Low; great-granddaughter, Elle Schlegel; great-grandson, Luke Schlegel; several nieces and nephews; and cousins, Ann Sorensen and Bill Sorensen. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Sophie Sorensen; son, Bryan Sorensen; brother, Calvin Sorensen; and sister, Patricia Newell.

Thank you to Dr. McClusky, the nursing home staff and hospice for all the compassionate care he received while in their care.

A special thank you from the family to Kenny Nielsen of Lake Benton who dedicated so much time in ensuring Jim could remain on the farm for as long as his health would allow.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Hendricks Hospital Hospice.

In Loving Memory of
James Sorensen



Funeral Service

Saturday, February 21, 2026 - 11:00 AM
United Methodist Church
Lake Benton, Minnesota

Clergy

Pastor Daren Junker

Scriptures

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Ephesians 3:14-21
Psalm 23

Reading of Poem - Misty Schlegel

Music

Organist - Diane Evers

Soloist - Lonny Carpenter

"Amazing Grace" "I Can Only Imagine"

Congregational Hymns

"Old Rugged Cross" - Hymn 504
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - Hymn 474
"How Great Thou Art" - Hymn 77

Casket Bearers

Kenny Nielsen Mike Jorgensen Mike Krick
Daryl Schlapkohl Neil Jennings Kurt Thomsen

Military Honors

Lake Benton American Legion-Henry Sollie Post 10
Lake Benton, Minnesota

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