



James E Lorenz

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James (Jim) Lorenz, 81, of Foley, AL passed away July 23, 2022. Jim was born in Davenport, IA on August 20, 1940 to Herbert and Olga Lorenz. He graduated from Davenport High School in 1958 and at one time, even represented the Blue Devils as Impy, their mascot. On November 3, 1962, Jim married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Trauffer. In 1964, Jim began his lengthy career working for Caterpillar. During that time Jim had the opportunity to touch many lives as he worked in a variety of plants including Mt. Joy, Iowa; Mossville, Illinois and Greenville, South Carolina. In 1970 Jim and Margaret made their dream of owning some land a reality and built Lorenz's Rocking Horse Hill on 10 acres north of Long Grove, Iowa. Jim spent many years as a pitcher for a slow-pitch softball team and loved having the team over to swim in the "cement pond" in the back yard and drink beer after tournaments. Though he loved Iowa – and the Hawkeyes, he hated the cold winters and after retiring from Caterpillar in 1998 moved to Foley, Alabama and had plenty of time to pursue his passions of golfing, fishing and playing cards. Jim cofounded "The Spastics" golf group at Glen Lakes and 25 years later, they're still going strong. He enjoyed many years of golfing, dining and playing cards with them. Jim loved to entertain, and you could always count on him to organize a get together with friends. Even when Jim wasn't golfing with the group he would make sure that nobody went thirsty passing his home on the 4th hole at Glen Lakes placing a cooler with beer by the palm tree. During retirement, Jim combined his Macgyver like building/fixing skills and helping

people. He began volunteering at the Baldwin County Heritage Museum and worked on many projects that remain there including the renovation of a home and schoolhouse from yesteryear.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his brother William (Bill) Lorenz. He leaves behind his wife Margaret of 59 years, sons Randy (Terri), Dwayne (Joyce) and daughter Celeste (Angelo) Ortega, his five grandchildren: Arron Lorenz, Ashley (Eric) Northouse, Austin Lorenz & special friend Madlen, Nicholas Lorenz & special friend Mayli and Courtney Lorenz, his sister Charlotte (Ron) Jasper and his sister-in-law Bernie Lorenz, his many loving nieces and nephews, The Spastics and the many others whose lives he touched. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the BCHM (Baldwin County Heritage Museum at 25521 U.S.98; Elberta AL.