



James A. Stief

April 8, 1930 - January 13, 2020

James A. Stief of Upper Sandusky, died on Mon. Jan. 13, 2020 at home, in the house where he was born 89 years ago . He was born on Apr. 8, 1930 in Upper Sandusky to Arthur and Imo (Roth) Stief. He and Barbara (Schmidt) were married on July 3, 1954 at North Salem Lutheran Church, she survives along with their sons Tedd (Ann) Stief and Todd (Anja) Stief, grandchildren Kelsey, Grahm, Halee, Kemp and Ella. He also enjoyed his nine nephews and his niece. He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother Foster, sister Cathleen Niederkohr and a son Kemp.

Farming was both his occupation and hobby. He was a 1949 graduate of Salem School. Mr. Stief was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Fri. Jan. 17, 2020 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Ed Hunker officiating. Burial will follow in Old Mission Cemetery. A remembrance celebration will be held from 12:00-2:00 p.m in the fellowship hall of St. Paul Lutheran Church following the burial. Jim has requested no memorials or other gifts are necessary. Visit www.BringmanClark.com to send a condolence or share a memory.

Cemetery Details

Old Mission Cemetery*

on East Church St., about 500 feet east of SR
53 and 67, on north side of town
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

Previous Events

Service

JAN 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
318 West Wyandot Ave.
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

Celebration of Life

JAN 17. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

Tribute Wall

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“ Clark and I are sending peace and love from the lowcountry. The Stief family bond is so beautiful between all three generations. I just know Grandpa Jim is so proud of his sons, their wives and 5 grandchildren. ❤️🙏
Love and peace,
Sandy

Sandy Thompson - January 17, 2020 at 10:12 AM

JP

“ Even as a little girl, I have such dear memories of Uncle Jim. He would stop by our house, in his pick- up truck of course, to check in on the Niederkohr Family. He would have a quick cup of coffee and chat with his sister, our mother Cathleen. It had to be quick, because Jim was always on the go!
I remember Jim's sense of humor and funny pranks. He once gave me a box of chocolates. I was so delighted, only to find out they were made of rubber! Uncle Jim's presence always brightened my life!

June Phillips - January 16, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ Dear Barbara, Family and Friends,

Jim was a starter on the varsity basketball team in his senior year for the mighty Salem Cornhuskers. They had many exciting games and more than a few memorable games. Only one high school student (a junior) did not participate as a junior varsity or varsity player. He did not want to be the manager and only high school students were to be the manager. I was a 7th grade student and asked Coach Shafer if I could be the manager and he responded positively.

As I recall, I did not have to attend practice as the young ball boys do now. But when we traveled to an away game I was responsible to take a bag of five basketballs and a first aid kit. There was no such thing as a team trainer. Every couple of weeks I would have to "wash" the basketballs with some kind of cleaner to get the dirt off so the players could grip the balls.

I remember games at Marseilles and Harpster were very competitive. I know that we came out on top because we had a perfect regular season. The county tournament was played at Sycamore and we won that. We played in the sectional tournament at Seiberling Gymnasium at Heidelberg College. This gym is still used by now Heidelberg University Student Princes. It has been renovated with new seats.

The next tournament site was at Hopewell Loudon and we won both those games and played in the regional semifinal game at the University of Toledo Fieldhouse. On Thursday we left school early in the afternoon and traveled to the Phoenix Hotel in downtown Findlay for the pregame meal. I was just a little 7th grade boy who had to have our server cut my delicious steak for me.

We then went to Coach Shafer's home on North Main Street to relax and the team and coach played "black jack." I don't remember seeing any money on the table but I was busy playing with Coach

Shafer's young children.

We defeated Walbridge (now a part of the Lake High School in Lucas County on Thursday evening and I believe every family in Salem Township was represented in the cheering section.

We then played Delphos St. Johns in the Regional Championship game on Saturday afternoon. We had three starters suffering from colds or the flu and whenever they came out of the game to rest, they put on their overcoats on the bench. Our 28-game winning streak came to an end ! St. Johns went on to be the state champions and our Cornhuskers had completed the most successful winning streak in school history!

I'm sorry I won't be able to come to celebrate Jim's wonderful life with you tomorrow as I have a previous commitment. May God's loving arms embrace you as you say goodbye to Jim. He was truly a great guy and team player and I'm sure you have many memories as a family.

*Enthusiastically,
Don Traxler (Salem High School, Class of 1954)*

Don Traxler - January 16, 2020 at 03:47 PM

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My Mom (nee Mary Jane Koehler in 1935) shared a few Salem stories, but I didn't know about the mighty Cornhuskers! My sympathies to the Stief family - I always enjoyed hoop contests with them at Rife's barn.

Lance Constien - April 16, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James A. Stief.*



January 16, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of James A. Stief.*



January 16, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James A. Stief.*



January 16, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ *Barbara , Ted, Anne and family-you have our sympathy. Jim was a very nice man and had a good sense of humor. It was so good to see him recover from being knocked over by that steer. Rick sure appreciates all the years, maybe 20 years, that Jim gave him permission to deer hunt on your property. I have grown to really like to eat venison. We have also really enjoyed your pumpkin patch and corn maze, Look forward to it each year. Jim will be missed.*

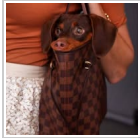
Rick and Pam Young - January 15, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James A. Stief.*



January 15, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ *I'am so sorry to hear of the passing of Jim. My prayers and thoughts go out to his wife Barbara, his sons and his extended family. Our families (the Shiremans) and the Stief's were friends and neighbors for years. We farmed land next to each other and together. We were always - always there for each other's family, through joyful times and untimely difficult life events.*

Of all the memories I have of growing up and living in the country, having your family as my friend and neighbor is one of the best. Bless all of you.

Sandra (Shireman) Adelman

Sandy Adelman - January 14, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ *Ron&Margee Niederkohr lit a candle in memory of James A. Stief*



Ron&Margee Niederkohr - January 14, 2020 at 04:20 PM