

Obituaries

James C. (Jim) Jansen

1938 – 2026

James C. (Jim) Jansen, 87, of Waterloo, died on Friday, May 29, 2026, at UnityPoint Health - Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

He was born on October 18, 1938, in Grundy Center, the son of Max and Gertrude (Haack) Jansen. He graduated from Dike High School in 1956.

James married Doris Marie Hickey in October, 1958. They later divorced but of this union they had four children, Cathy, Carla, Carol and Cory. Don and Larry Heisler joined their family as well. He then married Doris Ann (Heideman) Gielau in May 1988. Jim helped raise Melissa and John with Doris Ann as they were 3 and 5 when they married. Doris Ann's children are Mike, Tim and Matt Weichers and Melissa Gielau-Willard and John Gielau. Jim and Doris Ann were married 38 years.

Jim farmed near Dike for most of his life, retiring in 1986. Jim dedicated his life to farming and to the values that define rural Iowa-hard work, integrity and perseverance. As a proud farmer, he was passionate about the weather and working the land. After retiring from farming, he worked numerous other jobs, including painting, mowing lawns, snowplowing, and working for the city of Waterloo.

James was a member of Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. He was a former member of the United Methodist Church in Dike. He was a member of El Kahir Shrine where he enjoyed being part of the Mobile Nobles and driving in parades over the years. He loved to play golf and a proud moment was a hole in one at Byrnes Park in July 1999 - a cherished memory for James.

He is survived by his wife Doris Ann, four children, Doris Ann's four children, 12 grandchildren, his sister Joan, and many extended family and friends.

James was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Doris Marie (Schuck); brother, Max Jansen; brother-in-law Dale Lehmkuhl, and son of Doris Ann, Michael Weichers.

A celebration of life memorial will be held in Dike on Aug. 8. Memorials may be directed to the family or First Tee. Locke at Tower Park, 4140 Kimball Avenue, is assisting the family. Locke at Tower Park, 319-233-3146.

Celebration of Life: August 8
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From the Archives

Fifteen Years ago
(June 2, 2011)
Spartans place 4th at State golf tournament. They started the tournament in fourth and maintained that placement throughout the 18 holes of the 36-hole tourney.

Fifth Annual Ride for Soldiers began at Scotty's Saloon in Grundy Center. Fundraiser for non-profit Go for Good, based in Grundy Center, the goal was to raise money for both active and retired military personnel.

A proposal for the Wind Corridor by Clear Line Energy to provide energy to 'energy-starved' places like Chicago was made. The company presented this proposal to 'allow Iowa to sell wind power to points east'.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
(June 1, 2001)
Rick Schupbach received the Excellence in Education Award in 2001 for his outstanding service as an elementary physical education teacher and girls' golf coach at Grundy Center Schools. He was recognized for his dedication to student success, innovative teaching methods, leadership, and

positive impact on both students and colleagues. The award honors school employees who demonstrate excellence in education and service to their community.

The Grundy Center boys golf team concluded an outstanding season by placing sixth at the Class 2A State Golf Championship with a team score of 651. Senior Jeff Miller led the Spartans, earning a tie for 12th place individually, while the team competed strongly against an experienced field of top-ranked schools. Coach Dennis Dirks praised the team's accomplishments, noting that they set new standards for the program despite challenging weather conditions and the upcoming loss of key senior leaders.

Kindergarten students enjoyed a memorable day learning about farm life during visits to several local farms. They watched cows being milked, interacted with a variety of animals, and learned about the equipment used in farming. The trip gave students a fun, hands-on look at agriculture and rural life.

PROBATE District Court for Grundy County Estate of Raymond L. Haupt ESPR102941

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR GRUNDY COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR102941
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RAYMOND L. HAUPT, Deceased
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Raymond L. Haupt, Deceased, who died on or about April 1, 2026.

You are hereby notified that on April 8, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Raymond L. Haupt, Deceased, bearing date of June 9, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Karla S. Vos was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or

thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated: May 11, 2026.
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Steve E. Delfs

1945 – 2026

Steve E. Delfs, 81, a proud member of the Grundy Center community, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2026, at the Grundy County Memorial Hospital in Grundy Center.

A visitation will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the American Lutheran Church in Grundy Center. This will be followed immediately by a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. at the same location, where family and friends will gather to honor Steve's memory and celebrate a life well lived.

Steve was born on January 26, 1945, in Grundy Center, to the late Elmer and Irma Delfs. He graduated from Grundy Center High School in 1963, beginning a life shaped by lasting friendships, deep roots, and work that brought purpose and pride.

On May 1, 1965, Steve married the love of his life, Pat, at the American Lutheran Church in Grundy Center. Their partnership was a testament to love and devotion, inspiring those around them throughout a lifetime shared together. Prior to settling as a longtime resident of Grundy Center, he and his wife Pat moved frequently, embracing new beginnings with resilience and hope. Once established, Steve devoted 35 years to Fisher Controls as a Machinist, where his commitment and work ethic left a lasting impression.

Steve was known for his kind, welcoming nature, quick wit, and sense of humor, always caring deeply for those around him. His hobbies reflected a love of the outdoors. He enjoyed camping and fishing, and he was a dedicated follower of dirt track racing and NASCAR, Dale Earnhardt being his favorite driver. A lifelong fan, Steve supported the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Kansas City Chiefs, carrying his team pride wherever he could.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Pat; his sons, Scott (Sandie) Delfs of Grundy Center and Chad (Jody) Delfs of Wellington, Florida; and his grandchildren, Chelsea (Travis) Baruth, Zachary (Samantha Tuecke) Delfs, Parker Delfs, Courtney (Carlos Avila) Delfs, and Caden Delfs. Steve also leaves behind his great-grandchildren—Ryder, Alianna, Dominick, Jaylee, and Carlos Jr.—as well as his sister, Irma "Tudi" Venenga, and many cherished nieces and nephews.

Steve was preceded in death by his siblings: sisters Karen Delfs and Audrey Heideman, and brother Gary Delfs.

Steve touched many lives with his warmth and generosity. His legacy of kindness and quick witted humor will forever hold a place in the hearts of all who knew him.

Visitation: June 5
Memorial Service: June 5
Abels Funeral and Cremation Services
Grundy Center, IA • (319) 824-3319



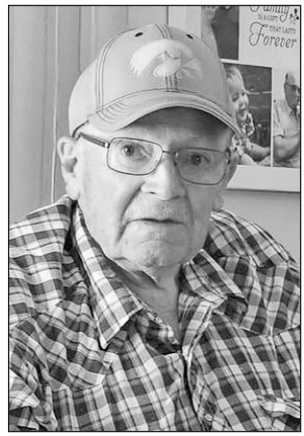
From the Cheap Seats

By John Jensen
Nelson Media Company

Today's column is one that I've been dreading over the past three and one-half weeks ... to the point where I wasn't sure I was going to write it. It's my final one as editor of The Grundy Register and Butler County Eclipse. By the time you read this, I'll have begun a new chapter and challenge in my life.

This is a change that I do not take lightly. I've worked for either The Grundy Register, Parkersburg Eclipse News-Review or Butler County Eclipse for most of the past 16 years. I've enjoyed a lot of it. I haven't enjoyed the past two years.

Those of us who began our newspaper reporting careers in the 90s have seen insurmountable change. Part of that has been the transition from the physical aspect of working with film cameras and cut-and-paste layouts to today's world of digital cameras and pagination. The other has been the shrinking of newspaper staffs as circulation numbers have dwindled. When I began at The Grundy Register in 2010,



Chapter AR, P.E.O. meets

Members of Chapter AR, P.E.O. met for a regular meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jackie Stevens. Marci Rouse was the co-hostess.

Carol Gordon, Pam Doak, and Carol Iverson presented a heartfelt

memorial service. They provided a stem of margarites for each member present.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13 at 9:30 a.m. with Kathy Zener hosting at the Grundy Center Historical Society Museum.

Grundy Board of Supervisors meeting held

By Kirbee Bridges

Nelson Media Company
The Grundy County Board of Supervisors met Monday, June 1, at the Grundy County Courthouse in Grundy Center.

During the regular meeting, the Board of Supervisors discussed approval

of bills, an amendment to the liquor license for the Conrad Mansion and re-appointed David Robinson to the Zoning Commission for a five-year term.

The next meeting of the Grundy County Board of Supervisors will be Monday, June 8 at 9 a.m.

GRUNDY COUNTY VOTERS: FROM COVER

for State House District 54.

Local Republicans favored Ashley Hinson for the nomination to run for U.S. Senate, Randy Feenstra to run for governor and Joe Mitchell to run for the U.S. House District 2 nomination. Annette Sweeney was favored in her primary

fight for the State House District 27 seat while Joshua Meggers was running unopposed for the District 54 State Representative seat.

Complete election results are available at <https://electionresults.iowa.gov>

Letter to the Editor June 15 is World Elder Abuse Day

Letter to the Editor:

June 15, 2026, is World Elder Abuse Day. Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging joins communities worldwide to raise awareness and highlight solutions to this systemic social challenge.

As Americans, we believe in justice for all, but we fail to adhere to this value when we allow older members of our communities to be abused or neglected. Older people are vital, contributing members of American society, and their maltreatment diminishes everyone. Just as we have confronted the social issues of child abuse and domestic violence, we can also find solutions to address elder abuse, which also threatens the well-being of our community.

Our current policies and

practices make it difficult for older people to stay involved with and connected to our communities as they age. As a result, older people are more likely to experience social isolation, which is one of the root causes of elder abuse and neglect. Designing societal supports to keep older people connected and protected will lessen the likelihood of abuse, whether financial, emotional, physical, or sexual.

Get more information about how to make a difference by visiting the National Center on Elder Abuse <https://ncea.acl.gov> or by calling Northeast Iowa Area Agency at 800-779-8707 to explore local community resources.

Amy Cameron
NEI3A Aging Specialist

money didn't increase as I took on additional duties. Journalists' hours are irregular and come with a lot of personal sacrifices. I haven't had more than a few consecutive days away from work in several years. That includes the week my dad died ... I barely had time to grieve. I had to find content for the papers.

I used to do this because I loved it. But over the past couple of years the workload became nearly every weekend during the summer, a few nights during the week, an 18-hour day or two per week. And despite that I felt like I was missing more stories than I was getting. As that happened, I lost the love I once had for what I do. That's what I'm looking to recapture at my new position, which will be a news-only job in a part of the state I've never lived or worked in before.

My mom asked me last week if I had any regrets about my decision to leave the Grundy Register and Butler County Eclipse. The only one I can think of is that I couldn't do more than I did. The past two years have burned me out. Part of me wonders if I'm making a mistake staying in this business.

I wish I were going to be around to see what Nelson Media Company is going to grow in both Butler and Grundy Counties.

These papers have a lot of potential. I wish the people working here the best. Please give them grace as they learn the ropes.

I would like to thank the people who brought me to Grundy Center, Parkersburg and briefly the northern half of Butler County. That starts with Mid-America Publishing, Clint Pooch, Brad Hicks, Ryan Harvey, Pam DeVries and Matt Grohe. There was a time when we put out some darn good newspapers together. More recently I would like to thank Chris Nelson and Nelson Media Company. When Mid-America closed, I feared my journalism career was over. Though I only worked with you for a few months, I'll have memories of this time.

I would also like to thank the city and county officials, teachers and coaches that I've worked with while working in Butler and Grundy Counties. You have been extremely helpful and have made my job easier.

Finally, I need to thank you, my readers. Though I know I haven't always delivered everything you have wanted, know that I have tried.

God bless.
John R. Jensen