

James Warren, 68

June 17, 1938 - Dec. 26, 2006

HARLAN—James "Jim" Dennis Warren, son of Herman and Evelyn (Shepard) Warren, was born June 17, 1938, in Des Moines. He attended elementary school at Saylor Center in Des Moines. During the war years, Jim, along with his mother, sister, and brother rode a church bus to get to church as his dad was serving in the U. S. Navy. It was at that church that the seeds of salvation were planted by a dedicated Sunday School teacher. In 1949, when Billy Graham held his first city-wide campaign in Des Moines, Jim went forward and accepted the Lord as his Savior. Jim attended the Warren Harding Junior High and East High Schools in Des Moines. During his senior year of high school, he moved with his family to rural Runnells and graduated from Runnells High School in 1956. Immediately after high school he joined the U. S. Navy. It was during his two years of active duty in the Navy that he felt God's call on his life to become a minister. After serving his time in the Navy, he attended and graduated from Omaha Baptist Bible College in Omaha, NE. It was there that he met Helen Sorensen.



Jim married Helen Sept. 17, 1960, at Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan. To this union two daughters were born, Heidi and Kiersten. In 1971, Jim became a missionary serving with Baptist International Missions. In February of 1972, their family moved to Hawaii to begin mission work there. They lived in Hawaii nearly 29 years. In June of 2000, Jim and Helen returned to Iowa to be nearer to family and to help with family needs. In May of 2002, Jim became the Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church in Harlan. He died Dec. 26, 2006, at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE at age 68 years, six months, and nine days.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Evelyn Warren. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Helen Warren of Harlan; two daughters, Heidi (Dan) Lotenschtein of Harlan, and Kiersten Warren (Kirk) Acevedo Warren of Los Angeles, CA; six grandchildren, Misti Traya; Madison, Charlotte, Jackson, and Violet Lotenschtein; and Scarlett Acevedo; one sister, Colleen (Jim) Beattie of Runnells; and one brother, Stephen (Jean) Warren of Runnells; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, 2006, at First Baptist Church in Harlan, with Pastor Gundar Lamberts officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with honorary casket bearers Jim Beattie and Steve Warren, and casket bearers Danny Warren, Warren Beattie, Dan Lotenschtein, Danny Hutchinson, Rev. David Hutchinson, and Rev. Steve Hollenbeck. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.