



James L. Kinyon

March 22, 1946 - May 10, 2022

James "Jim" Lewis Kinyon, 76, of Roland passed away May 10, 2022 at his home in Roland after a quiet two-year battle with cancer. Funeral services will be Saturday May 14 at 2:00pm at Bergen Lutheran Church in Roland. Burial will follow at the Roland Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday at Bergen from 12:30-2pm.

Jim was born on March 22, 1946 in Creston, Iowa to Myrtle (McNeely) and Keith Kinyon. He married Carol Hocken on January 20, 1968. Jim coached and taught in the Roland-Story school system from its consolidation in 1969 until his retirement in 2009. He taught 7-8th grade math and P.E. He honestly thought math was fun. He drove schoolbuses everywhere and anywhere, announced at softball games in the summer and football games in the fall. He exercised his nearly endless patience by teaching drivers' ed and had an assortment of coffee-stained shirts to prove it.

He started the wrestling program in 1969. He also coached football and track and became the junior high athletic director.

He impacted countless kids through teaching and coaching, always believing both as a means to help kids reach their full potential, taking as much pride in his state champions as he did the ones who struggled to get that one precious win. He taught how to handle your losses as being equally important with the pride you can take in your wins. And that regardless of outcome, it's important to push yourself, feed the fire within, and enjoy the fun of competition.

His most proud professional accomplishments were inductions into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, the Iowa High School Athletic Association Wrestling Hall of Fame, and the Iowa High School Athletic Directors Hall of Fame.

He loved his small Iowa town and built a life here with Carol, while also supporting his children when they struck out to see more of the world. He loved his coffee group of fellow retired teachers and yearly fishing trips to Canada. He loved attending the high school state wrestling tournament and traveling to the national wrestling tournament each year. And he loved road trips to see his children and grandchildren on the east coast and attending their activities. Along the way, their favorite stops included Nova Scotia and Lake Superior.

He is survived by his best friend and wife Carol, his sisters Patricia and Carol and their families, his two children Deb and Jeff (and wife Dorothy), and his three grandchildren Sydney, Dana, and Sage.

His endless optimism, positivity, compassion, sense of humor, and trademark laugh will be remembered by all who knew him. It was a robust well-lived 76 years, just like he intended.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to the Roland-Story Wrestling Program.

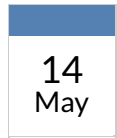
Cemetery



ROLAND CEMETERY

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Roland, IA 50236

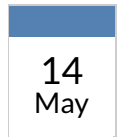
Events



VISITATION

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Bergen Lutheran
Church 101 W. Maple,
Roland, IA 50236



FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 PM - 2:40 PM

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Tribute Wall

D

Deb Gostele

Carol and family. My deepest condolences on Jim's passing. I met him thru Dave (Mr Gostele), and he was a really kind, nice and really neat kind of guy. I'm sure he will be truly missed by all of his family and friends. I will pray for him and for your peace in knowing that he is "at home"

R

Robert Bergmann

I am deeply saddened to learn that Jim has died. I knew Jim from our yeats at Greenfield. I was one of his training partners in the wrestling room. He kicked my ass almost daily. I considered Jim one of the nicest men I have known. Please accept my condolences for the lose of your husband, father, or friend. Robert (Bob) Bergmann



Darla Tjelmeland



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was lit in memory of James L. Kinyon

❤️ [Light a candle](#)

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D

Deb Amenson

We hadn't really seen Jim since Mark & Kevin completed wresting in 2000. But do recall a few months ago chatting with Jim & Carol at Aaron Teig's visitation. After the usual convo about our kids we talked wrestling. And, loved his response about girls getting their wrestling programs sanctioned. He was so enthusiastic about the opportunities ahead for the girls and the sport. A good man! And glad our sons had his influence.

M

Mike Beaman

Jim was one of the early great wrestlers from Greenfield. We all tried to emulate him. I followed his coaching career for years. What a great representative for our wrestling family. He will be missed.

G

Grace Steenhagen

I used to sing the anthem for the softball games and Mr. Kinyon stood right next to me in the booth. Every time I finished he'd lean over and say "Good job!" He was such a wonderful educator and coach to all his kids.



Linda G Kline

We are so sorry for your loss. From Linda and Alan Kline, Tammy and Rich Kline, Karen and Daryl Kline



"Medium Dish Garden"
was purchased for the family of James L. Kinyon

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J

John Kinley

Carol and Family, I am so saddened to learn of Jim's recent passing. He was a great educator who always had the best interests of his students and his wrestlers in mind. I first met Jim when I was a rookie wrestling coach at Jefferson (now Greene County) and we competed in the annual Norsemen Invitational in the Roland Gym (where Carol hosted the very best coaches room ever). I valued Jim as a friend and colleague and looked forward to seeing him at high school wrestling events each season. He was a positive influence on the lives of many and will be missed by all. My deepest sympathy.



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Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.



"Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses"
was purchased for the family of James L. Kinyon

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Kimberly Fulmore

Jeff, Dorothy, & Sage. Im sending love, thoughts, and prayers to you and your family during one of the most difficult times of your lives.



"Beautiful in Blue"
was purchased for the family of James L. Kinyon

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R

Roger Bohning, Springfield, MO

It was my privilege to work as Jim's cohort for many years at Roland-Story. He was a teacher and coach for my children as well. Jim had such a positive personality and was loved and respected by all who knew him.



IWCOA Convention Committee

Carol, and Family, We are so sorry for your loss and we will miss our good friend Jim. He was and amazing coach and we will miss him



"Country Basket Blooms"
was purchased for the family of James L. Kinyon

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With our sincere condolences, Sheila Saunders & family (Deb's Ohio friend)



"Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet"
was purchased for the family of James L. Kinyon

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Debbie Prespare & John Teschner

Our deepest condolences. We are so sorry for your loss.



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was purchased for the family of James L. Kinyon

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With caring thoughts,



"Blooming Garden Basket"
was purchased for the family of James L. Kinyon

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