

James Duane Richards

Born: October 5, 1954

Died: October 20, 2003

Jim was a lifetime member of Immaculate Conception Church in Fairbank. In 1972 he graduated from Wapsie Valley High, Fairbank. He was self-employed and operated Richards Repair in Oran for 29 years. Jim joined the Oran Fire Department in 1974. At the time of his death Jim was the assistant fire chief. He had served as the assistant fire chief for 18 years and as fire chief for two years.

Jim died after suffering a heart attack on October 20, 2003, as his department battled a field fire. He is survived by his wife, Jean; daughter Jessica; a son, Joshua. He was the son of Kenneth and Dorothy Richards of rural Fairbank.