



James H. Hemstreet

April 12, 1943 - January 12, 2026

James H. Hemstreet, 82, of State Highway 29, Johnstown, passed away Monday, January 12, 2026, at Mountain Valley Hospice in Gloversville.

Born at home in the town of Perth on April 12, 1943, a son of Walter and Kathryn Brownell Hemstreet, he attended school in Perth and was a lifelong resident of Fulton County.

Jim was a well-respected farrier in the capital district for 52 years, retiring in 2019. He also held a CDL license and worked for several local businesses.

Jim enjoyed creating custom leatherwork. His entry of a saddle and breast collar was awarded Best in Show at the 2024 Fonda Fair. Jim liked camping and trail riding with family and friends. He went on many horse and mule packing trips, serving as the camp cook.

Jim was a member, past president, and served as vice president of the Eastern Regional Draft Horse Association.

He was a member of the US Army and served in Vietnam.

In addition to his parents, Jim was predeceased by a brother, Robert and a sister, Eleanor (Dan).

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Campchero Hemstreet, whom he married on May 31, 1975; four children, Pamela, Marcia (Bruce), Sandra (Justin), and Kathryn; two brothers, John (Sally) and Harvey (Donna); two sisters, Joan (David) and Mary Lou (Jerry); sister-in-law Julie; grandsons, Paul and Patrick; brother-in-law, Bob (Cathleen); two sisters-in-law, Nancy and Beth (Fred); Godson, Rob; Goddaughter Kathy, and numerous caring nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors. Jim was the ultimate people person.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Brennan Memorial Humane Society or Mountain Valley Hospice, in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Barbara, I just learned of Jim’s passing. I am so sorry. I have so many wonderful memories of Jim. He was a horse whisperer for sure. I loved when he came to shoe the horses. He’d always get me laughing with his weird, made up language he used with the horses. May he rest in peace in green pastures. ❤️

Amy Houghton - January 25 at 12:42 PM

JG

Barb we just learned of Jim’s passing. We’re so sorry for your loss. I’m sure you are surrounded by friends and family. Just know we’re thinking of you. Hold on to the many good memories. Jane and Mary Jane

Jane Gray - January 27 at 12:57 PM

TM

“ My heart goes out to you and yours Barb. So sorry for your loss.

Timothy McCoy - January 24 at 02:23 PM

BB

“ Sending condolences to all of you. Jim was a wonderful man and I enjoyed many conversations and stories while he shod my horses. He will be missed.

Beverly Blinn-Knapp - January 21 at 04:24 PM



“ We have been neighbors of James and Barb for many years. It was such a shock when I found out he had passed away. He was always outside with his chainsaw cutting and stacking wood almost everyday. Our heartfelt condolences to his wife and children at this time.

Flower Power - January 20 at 04:40 PM

RW

“ I am heartbroken to say the least. Jim was my first farrier for almost 30 years. He was a great teacher. We spent many years during appointments laughing; he always had a good story. After his retirement, I would visit him for leather repairs. Still always got a few great stories. There were times I called him for horse advice too. Rest in peace, my friend! You were one in a million and I will miss you so much!

Sending our heartfelt condolences to the entire family! 🙏❤️🙏❤️

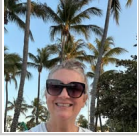
Rhonda Wight - January 19 at 06:09 AM

JC

“ Sincere sympathy to the Hemstreet family.

Joyce Caputo

Joyce Caputo - January 17 at 07:18 PM



“ Such a wonderful man. To Barb and his family, my sincerest condolences ❤️

Shari Acquilla - January 16 at 07:13 PM



“ Jim shod my horses with expertise for many many years. And when he retired, and did leatherwork, he replaced the very worn out billet straps on my saddle. I can remember the words he spoke to me then, and will remember every time I ride now, " you won't have to worry anymore about them breaking while you ride and jump, you will be safe" Thank you Jim, I am safe. Going to miss your laugh, and the stories, advice, and friendship.

To Sandy, Katy, and Barbara, know that so many of us have the very best memories, and will treasure them always. Patti Subik

Patti Subik - January 16 at 02:19 PM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.



Margaret Clark - January 16 at 01:06 PM

LJ

“ Dear Barb, Sandy and Katy, Certainly this last year was shocking to say the least. So very sad to lose someone as great as Jim Hemstreet. All his common sense and stories woven with great humor. Loved when Barb would come to work and share some of that greatness and humor with me. His earthly trials are over and he is receiving his reward with the Lord. John loved meeting him over his leather working. Love and Prayers, Linda Jurica

Linda Jurica - January 15 at 01:20 PM

PY

“ Back in 1990 I was 25 yrs old and Jimmy made me feel welcomed into the farrier world with his famous stories that helped me out as I was getting my business started. Never sugar coated anything and always had a good point even if it took some time and laughs to get there. He will be dearly missed by so many.

Penny Young - January 15 at 01:01 PM

IK

Oh Barbara and family, I was so saddened to learn of Jim's passing. He was a great human being and will be sorely missed. Prayers and hugs.

Ingrid Kyler - February 24 at 08:13 PM