Peacefully at home, with his family, on Saturday. April 21, 2007, Jack James of Russell, 57. Loving husband of Lois (Hunter). Beloved father, best friend and coach of Shanna and Jenna. Son of George and Bernadette of Lanark. Brother of Terry (Joyce) of Leduc, Alberta, Dwight (Colleen), of Lanark, David (Mary) of Lanark, and Cheryl (Bruce Hill) of Nepean. Will be remembered by extended family, friends and those in the Agricultural community. Jack was a widely respected agricultural leader, a prominent sheep breeder, a strong community supporter and a devoted father, husband, son and brother. Raised on a family farm in Lanark, he attended the University of Guelph, where he earned a degree in Agricultural Science in 1972 and was the student president of the Ontario Agricultural College the same year. During his lifelong career in agriculture, he held positions with the Canadian 4-H Council, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and most recently with Jim Lewis, Agri-Nutrition. He also farmed full time for a number of years and developed one of Canada's top Polled Dorset Sheep flocks. Jack's outstanding leadership skills were recognized by virtually every organization he joined.

He was the former president of the Canadian Livestock Records Assoc. the Canada Sheep Breeders Assoc. Purebred Sheep Breeders of Ontario, the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency, the Carleton 4-H Assoc. and the Russell Lions Club. He was a respected judge at local, regional and national sheep shows. He devoted countless hours to youth both as a 4-H leader and a broomball coach. He leaves his family and many friends across Canada a legacy of hard work, fair play, quick wit, devotion to duty and family and salt of the earth principles.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects at the Daley Family Funeral Home, 6971 Bank Street (between Scrivens Drive and Metcalfe Corner) from 2-4 & 6-9 p.m. Monday and 2-4 & 6-9 pm. Tuesday. Funeral Wednesday to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, 17 First Ave.

Russell, for Mass at 1 pm.

Inurnment, North Russell Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please support the Canadian Cancer Societies "Relay for Life" at the Osgoode Township High School or the Carleton and Russell 4-H Associations. Please join us at the Russell Legion for a reception to celebrate Jack's life.