



James "Jim" Andersen

January 17, 1940 - September 12, 2021

James "Jim" Andersen, 81
Kearney resident

Jim Andersen, 81 of Kearney passed away Sunday, September 12, 2021 at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney. Private family services will be held at a later date with Interment following at Kearney Cemetery. A public visitation will be held 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, September 16, 2021 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the First Lutheran Church, to Donor's Choice or to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

James Richard Andersen was born January 17, 1940 in Gibbon, Nebraska to Raymond and Lola (Sheen) Andersen. He was raised in Gibbon and received his education from Gibbon High School, graduating with the class of 1958. On August 14, 1958, Jim was united in marriage to Jeanette Tagge. They made their home in Gibbon and later moved to Kearney in 1963. Jim worked with his dad at Andersen Wrecking, the family business, taking over the business ownership in 1973. He built the business into one of the most respected recycling facilities in Nebraska. He took much pride in his work and made

many friends over the years.

Jim enjoyed woodworking, fishing, camping, hunting and restoring old cars. His specialty was old Fords, including Model T's and his 1931 Model A. He was happy being outdoors caring for their acreage. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family. Jim was an active member of First Lutheran Church for many years.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Jeanette Andersen of Kearney; sons, Kirby (Ronda) Andersen, Chris (Barbara) Andersen, and Mark (Heidi) Andersen all of Kearney; grandchildren, Michael (Rebekah) Andersen, Eric Andersen, Keisha (Brett) Fries, Danielle (Chris) Nathe, Sarah Franks, Kaleb Andersen and Kayley Andersen; great grandchildren, Wilder, Willow and Weston Andersen, Londyn and Kellen Fries, Reidy and Camden Nathe; brothers, Robert (Violet) Andersen of Gibbon, Don Andersen of Texas, Larry (Sue) Andersen of Gibbon; sister, Shirley (Dean) Follett of Kearney; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; son, Kirk Andersen; grandson, Blake Andersen; and sister, Betty Judd.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 233-3244

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
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<https://www.osrfh.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Andersen*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Jeanette & Kirby & Family.*

Sorry for your loss, thinking of you. Praying for all

Brad & Ann Fruhling

Brad Fruhling - September 17, 2021 at 07:04 PM



“ *Jeanette: So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Such a loss for your family, for the church and community as a whole. Jerry (Jake) always enjoyed his time with Jim searching for vehicle needs. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Jake & Verlene Jacoby

Verlene Jacoby - September 17, 2021 at 01:11 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your lose. He was a good man that I will miss. I respected him very much. Jerry Davidson*

Jerry Davidson - September 16, 2021 at 07:52 PM

JA

“ To the family of Jim Anderson. Hugs and prayers Jeanette to you and all of your family. So sorry for your loss. I have so many treasured memories of our families and the early years in Gibbon and Kearney. He will be missed by many. Friends always..Judy Adams



Judy Adams - September 16, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Andersen.



September 15, 2021 at 07:30 PM

MF

“ jeanete and family so sorry to hear of jims passing my thoughts and prayers are with you



mary fisher - September 15, 2021 at 06:45 PM

LD

“ Linda J. Swartsley Bosshamer & Kermit D. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James "Jim" Andersen.



Linda J. Swartsley Bosshamer & Kermit D. - September 15, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Andersen.



September 15, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Jim.

I always like to visit with Jim each time I stopped in at the yard, he was very nice. I also remember going with my Dad (Dale Wright) when I was young. The last time I stopped was this June. I had taken my wife and great niece for their first visit and they thought it was very interesting. We all talked with Jim that day just like old friends would do.

*Kim & Sue Wright
Wright Storage Co.*

Kim D. Wright - September 15, 2021 at 01:52 PM

AY

“ Jim was my classmate and friend since the day I met him in our Kindergarten class in Gibbon in 1945. It is with tears streaming down my face that I write this. I use the word "awesome" only when it really applies and Jim was "awesome"! I love his wife Jeanette equally. He will be missed. I send love and hugs to all of his family, especially Jeanette. I'm going to attach some pictures that show the closeness we had as the class of 1958.



Alta Yung - September 15, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Andersen.



September 15, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Andersen.



September 14, 2021 at 08:11 PM

JM

“ *Judy & Wes Miller lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Andersen*



Judy & Wes Miller - September 14, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Andersen.*



September 14, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers from our home to the Andersen clan and employees. Never met a man any fairer than Jim was. Dealt with him many times over the years and each time was a joy whether we did business or not. If they have cranes and loaders in Heaven...Jim will be on one I am sure. Mike McCann*

Mike McCann - September 14, 2021 at 01:27 PM

MT

“ *Sorry for everyone's loss of Jim. It'd be a much better world if more people were as nice and pleasant as he. I'll think of him everytime I stop at the yard or even drive by. I have a lot of nice stories about our business dealings over the last 40 years. It was a pleasure knowing him and he'll be immensely missed by so many.*

Mr. Lynn E. Tacha - September 14, 2021 at 11:53 AM