



James Bertrand

March 3, 2013

James D. Bertrand, 67 of Kearney, died Sunday, March 3, 2013 at St. John's Good Samaritan Center in Kearney. A family burial will be in Upland, Nebraska. A celebration of life will take place at the Eagles Club in Kearney, Nebraska on March 8 at 3:00 p.m. following the burial. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Kearney. On-line condolences may be shared at osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney is in charge of arrangements. He was born on August 15, 1945, in Upland, Nebraska, to Bernard and Melrae (Christensen) Bertrand. Jim grew up in Upland, Nebraska and graduated from Upland High School in 1963. Jim moved to Colby, Kansas, where he worked in sales and helped on the family farm. In 1966, Jim married Joan Williams. Jim and Joan lived in Colby, Kansas where they raised three children, Blain, Stacy, and Gretchen. Jim was a fun loving father who was known for his calm demeanor. Jim enjoyed life to the fullest and always greeted everyone with a smile. Jim had a passion for restored cars and enjoyed visiting with friends at the local Eagles club. Most of all, Jim loved watching his children, his grandkids, and all their activities. He is survived by: three brothers, Glen and Jae Bertrand, Leon and Luyre Bertrand, and Gale "Diddly" and Cinda Bertrand; two sisters, Dolly (Bertrand) and Orlan Grahms, and Cindy (Bertrand) and Ron Schneider; one son, Blain Bertrand; two daughters, Stacy (Bertrand) and Monte Shaide, and Gretchen Bertrand and Christi Mitchell; three grandchildren, Brock Shaide, Madisyn Shaide, and Nathan Bertrand;

and numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces. Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Melrae Bertrand, his brother Wayne Bertrand, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Bertrand*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I will always remember him with that huge smile on his face. He was a wonderful man and I know he will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Gail McLinden Moeder - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM



“ *Blain, Stacy, Gretchen and all of Jim's family: My heartfelt sympathy and love as you mourn the passing of your loved one, Jim. He was a dear and much-loved friend and I have many wonderful memories which I will forever carry in my heart. I had hoped to be there but an appt. with an orthopaedic surgeon prohibits that but please know that I will be there in spirit and thinking of all of you! As the angels rejoice and prepare for their celebration and dance for Jim - we weep for our loss. May those tears soon be replaced by joy as we relive the many precious memories which will live forever in our hearts..... May he rest in peace.*

Flo Rodriguez - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

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“ Blain, Stacy, and Gretchen and to all family of Jim: I am sending my most heartfelt sympathy to all of you on your tremendous loss. I so hoped the service would be on Saturday as I truly wanted to attend....an appt. with an orthopaedic surgeon prohibits that but please know, that my thoughts will be with all of you on Friday. Jim was a dear and much-loved friend.....I know the heavens have prepared a celebration and dance for him. As the angels rejoice - we weep for our loss....but I pray the tears will soon be replaced by your many wonderful memories with your beloved Jim. May he rest in peace.

Flo Rodriguez - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

PD

“ My condolences to the family. What a guy! Such a kind and easy going man.

Phyllis Smith Duran - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

JS

“ We are sorry to hear about Jim. I have good memories of our time together at Upland High School. I had hoped to see him this year at our 50-year reunion. I remember his good sense of humor. We send our sympathy to his family,

Jerry & Mary Ann Seale - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. My heart goes out to you all. I have many great memories of Jim, I believe he had a hand in trying to teach me to two step. No fault of his, but nvr did learn. What a beautiful family he was a part of. My thoughts and prayers go to you all.

Becky Bullock (Heble) - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

SR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.*

Sharon and Guy Roggenkamp - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

RF

“ *So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. May you many memories of him be a comfort to each of you.*

Rosa Flipse - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

AL

“ *We will really miss Jim. We had many a good visit with him at McDonald's. What a great guy and an inspiration for all on how to live life to the fullest.*

Albert & Janice Loeffelholz - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

SP

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the Bertrand family. His family were neighbors of ours in Colby, and how I enjoyed the kids in school. Jim you did a great job raising them. Love to Blaine, Stacy, & Gretchen.*

Sharan Pittser - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM