



## James R. Saalfeld

June 14, 1949 - January 7, 2020

James Saalfeld, 70  
Gibbon resident

James Saalfeld, 70, of Gibbon passed away Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at his home. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, January 13, 2020 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Interment will be 2:00 p.m. Monday at Ft. McPherson National Cemetery in Maxwell, NE. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

James Saalfeld was born June 14, 1949 in Tecumseh, NE to Melvin and Anna (Ruter) Saalfeld. He was raised in Sterling, Nebraska and was a graduate of Sterling High School. Jim later attended Peru State College and then Kearney State College. On June 26, 1983, Jim was united in marriage to Monica Zwink. He was a contract grain bin erector for several years before owning and operating Saalfeld Steel Erection. Most recently, Jim worked at Chief Industries as a supervisor.

Jim was a longtime member of the Gibbon American Legion #310. He enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking and chopping wood.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Monica Saalfeld of Gibbon; son, Paul (Trudy) Gormley of Marion, IA; granddaughter, Alexa Gormley of Marion, IA; brother, Melvin (Sharon) Saalfeld of Lincoln; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Rita (Dennis) Haller of Kearney, Steve (Nancy) Zwink of Kearney, Randy (Patricia) Zwink of Lexington; as well as several nieces , nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Jeanne Stevens and Ruth Ann Saalfeld.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort McPherson National Cemetery

12004 State Highway 56A Spur  
Maxwell, NE  
(308) 582-4433

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
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## Funeral Service

JAN 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James R. Saalfeld*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Jim was a good friend from high school, college, and after he returned from the service. We lived together one summer and traveled many roads just to see where they went. I was blessed to know him and will always have fond memories. many blessings.  
Daryl Wusk*

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**Daryl Wusk** - January 17, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ *Shared good times and memories with Jim while attending Kearney State Collage. Your in my thoughts and Prayers.*

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**Steve Beadle** - January 15, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ *Jim was a close friend of mine from high school. Very sorry for the loss, he was always focused on what ever task he set out to do, and straight forward with his thoughts. Did not keep in contact with each other like we should have. But we lead our own life's. Hope we keep fond memories of Jim close to your hearts. David Rengstorf. Sorry for your loss*

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**david rengstorf** - January 12, 2020 at 09:13 AM