



James Ray "Jim" Oberlander

February 26, 1954 - September 15, 2024

A Funeral Service for Jim was held on Friday, September 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Geneva, Nebraska. Pastor Andrew Carter & Pastor Josh Hillmann will preside over the Funeral Service.

Cherie Domeier accompanied the congregation in the singing of "In Christ Alone," "Jesus Still Lead On," "Be Still My Soul," and "Rock Of Ages."

Pallbearers for the service included Ardean Nunnenkamp, Lyle Nunnenkamp, Brett Freese, Jim Baumann, Jerry Otte, and Josh Danell.

A Graveside Service was held in the Grafton Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Service.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church.

James (Jim) Ray Oberlander was born on February 26, 1954 in Lincoln, NE to Ray Oberlander and Faye (Kleinschmidt) Oberlander. He passed away on September 15, 2024 at his home in Grafton, NE.

James grew up on the family farm in Las Animas, CO. He graduated from Las Animas High School in 1972. He attended and graduated from Colorado School of Mines in Golden, CO in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in

petroleum engineering.

James immediately started working for The Superior Oil Company in Conroe, TX, Cortez, CO, and Harbor City, CA from 1976 through 1986. After leaving the oil company, he returned to the farm in Las Animas for one and a half years to help his father before moving to Nebraska to help his uncle with farming operations. He continued farming the acreage that his uncle had farmed until his retirement in 2019.

James is survived by his older brother Gary (Linn Gunsberg), and nephews Stephen, Patrick, and niece Lisa Reynolds and by his younger brother Randy (Karen), and nephews Ryan, Eric, and Shane. He is also survived by numerous cousins and families.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Faye Oberlander and grandparents Sam and Minnie Oberlander and Henry and Greeta Kleinschmidt. He is also preceded in death by 3 aunts and 4 uncles on the Oberlander side of the family and 3 aunts and 3 uncles on the Kleinschmidt side of the family.

James was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Grafton. All memorial gifts can be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church in Grafton, NE.

He and his family were very grateful and appreciative for the care, compassion, and kindness he received from the Tabitha Hospice Care nurses and aides.

All Praise, Honor, and Glory to our Father in heaven; to his Son who died for the forgiveness of all sins who believe in Him; and to the Holy Spirit who keeps faith in our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Grafton Public

1904 Road 7
Grafton, NE 68365

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
434 N 16th Street
Geneva, NE 68361

Graveside Service

SEP 27 (CT)

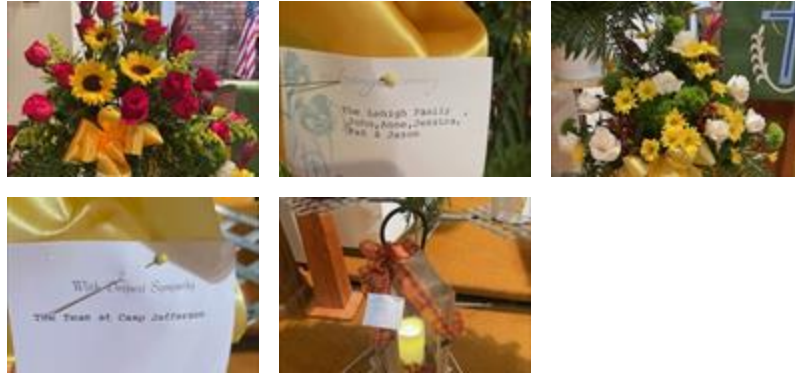
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1904 Road 7
Grafton, NE 68365

Immediately following the Funeral Service

Tribute Wall



“ 15 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - September 27, 2024 at 05:31 PM

RR

“ *Jim is the most genuine, kind, and generous man. He was like a grandpa to my kids; he would buy them Christmas and birthday gifts and always made them feel special. Jim even watched my kids when I needed someone, and often he would chauffeur my children to and from school or on field trips. Jim poured out his heart and energy to help make Grace Lutheran School a success, volunteering his time and money and never wanted any acknowledgement for his deeds. I know some years the teachers really appreciated his presence and help in the classroom. He loved the kids at Grace, and they loved him. Jim always had a way with words to comfort or encourage you. Jim made a huge impact on my children's lives, and they will never forget him, we will always remember his laugh and quick wit. I am so thankful that Mr. O was in our life, what a Blessing he was to us and now we rejoice that he is with Jesus.*

Rochelle (Monroe) Raymond - September 26, 2024 at 12:14 PM

JO

“ I met James at Urology Cancer Center. Very soft spoken but very interesting. Over several years it was common to have a lengthy discussion with James about a lot of different topics. He will be missed.

John Olson - September 24, 2024 at 01:08 PM

PL

“ Pat and Glenda Lehigh purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of James Ray "Jim" Oberlander.



Pat and Glenda Lehigh - September 22, 2024 at 07:35 PM

TN

“ After the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with our loved ones who have passed, this is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us. This is how we feel, those of us from Nebraska EV. Lutheran High School who had the honor to know Jim. Jim helped so many students here at NELHS and for that we are very grateful. His light will shine on with those he helped. May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. From the staff at Nebraska EV. Lutheran High School

The Staff at NELHS - September 19, 2024 at 12:47 PM

LP

“ I had the privilege of meeting Jim thru Liz Baumann. They had such a love for the WELS summer camp!! After Liz had passed I always enjoyed visiting with Jim when he had WELS transactions. He was one special gentleman! Sympathy & prayers to his family.



LaDonna Pendleton - September 18, 2024 at 06:51 PM

BT

“ I got to know Jim in the Treasurer's Office, and I always enjoyed visiting with him. He was a kind and gentle man. 🙏



Barbara Trapp - September 18, 2024 at 09:22 AM

HF

“ Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of James Oberlander



Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer - September 18, 2024 at 08:37 AM

JD

“ We give thanks to God for this wonderful man of God. He reflected Jesus' love for him in countless ways -- his smile, his kindness, his encouragement, and his generosity. "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness" (Jeremiah 31:3)

Jim & Sheree Danell - September 17, 2024 at 08:34 PM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of James Oberlander



Virginia Johnson - September 17, 2024 at 12:42 PM

DJ

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David H Johnson - September 17, 2024 at 12:25 PM

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David H Johnson - September 17, 2024 at 12:18 PM

Ann Sarah Collins

Great memories! We all had an awesome time. Traveling around in a RV in Northern California. I'm so glad I got to meet Jim and enjoy his company. Such a kind, loving soul. Lots of memories! Thanks Jim. Rest in peace my friend.

Ann Sarah Collins - September 17, 2024 at 04:59 PM

DJ

“ 2 files added to the album Jim



David H Johnson - September 17, 2024 at 12:09 PM

DJ

“ Jim has been a great friend for over 50 years since we first met in college. He had a kind heart, always wanting to help others, a hard worker whether in the oilfield early in his career and as a farmer for all of his life. He will be dearly missed. Love you Obe



David Johnson - September 17, 2024 at 11:55 AM