



James G. "Jim" Snodgrass

August 15, 1937 - January 12, 2026

A Memorial Service for Jim was held on Friday, January 23, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva. Kim Dunker presided over the Memorial Service. A private Graveside Committal of Ashes will be held at a later date at Fairmont Public Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Fairmont Volunteer Fire Department.

Jim's Memorial Service was live-streamed to our YouTube page. You can find our page at <http://www.youtube.com/@FarmerSonFuneralHome>

James Grant Snodgrass was born to Russel Robert & Edna Florence (Thomas) Snodgrass on August 15, 1937 in Geneva, Nebraska. He died on January 12, 2026 at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska at the age of 88 years, 4 months, and 28 days.

Jim, as he was known by friends and family, graduated from Fairmont High School in 1955. He began working for Francis Schepers on his combine crew and at Scheper's Grocery Store cutting meat. They combined from Oklahoma to North Dakota. In May of 1959, he asked to take his fiancé with him combining in Oklahoma. Francis told him that if he wanted her to go, they had to be married. On May 24, 1959, Jim married Beatrice Eileen "Bea" White and they headed out with the combine crew to Oklahoma.

When Jim & Bea returned home from the combine adventure, Jim began working at the Fairmont Co-Op where he stayed for 34 years. When Jim retired from the Co-Op, he and Bea worked with Stanley & Jackie Nichols selling products at fairs in California during the winters and mowing for Pioneer Seed Company in the summer. He also took over the mowing job at the Fairmont Cemetery. Jim took great pride and enjoyment in mowing until very late in his life.

Jim & Bea spent 26 seasons as Arizona 'snowbirds'. While in Arizona, Jim had a booth at the Arizona flea market selling jojoba oil and flax. He always dressed in a long sleeved snapped shirt with a pocket, blue jeans, work boots and a hat. His pocket was always

filled with his important items, you never really knew what those items consisted of. This caused the other vendors to dub him “Hobo Jim.” He had many vendor friends that he really enjoyed.

Jim also took great pleasure in going out to the desert with his friend, Jim. They spent many hours exploring and finding treasures. He loved taking the grandkids and great grandkids to the desert when they visited. Jim also enjoyed sitting on his Arizona porch ‘looking at the back of his eyes’ as he would say. He loved sitting around the table on the porch having margaritas with his daughters, telling stories and making memories when they visited.

When Jim was back in Fairmont, he took the grandkids and great grandkids for rides on the mower around his yard, even allowing them to steer sometimes. When his daughter, Jodi, was in high school, she had a very good friend named Julie. Jim had a wood train whistle and when he would see the girls coming home, he would stand behind the door and blow the whistle as they came in the house, scaring the daylight out of them. He enjoyed it immensely! He continued to scare the girls even when they were adults. His eyes would sparkle when he told the story.

Jim would always tell friends and family, ‘don’t get lost,’ when anyone was leaving. His family loved him very much and he will be greatly missed.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Russell & Edna Snodgrass; brother, John “Jack” Snodgrass; and his son, James “Jimmy” Russell Snodgrass.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Beatrice Snodgrass of Fairmont, Nebraska; brother, Jerald “Jerry” Snodgrass and wife, Karen of York, Nebraska; sister-in-law, Delilah Snodgrass of Fairmont, Nebraska; daughters, Julie Dosch and husband, Dean, Jodi Hartman and husband, Brian all of Fairmont, Nebraska; and grandchildren, Amanda Jacobsen and husband, Will of Seward, Nebraska, Ashley Howard and husband, Jeremy of Lincoln, Nebraska, Jacoby Dosch and wife, Casey of Fairmont, Nebraska, Allie Bernasek of Elkhorn, Nebraska, and Sydney Luke and husband Kale of Newtown, North Dakota; 9 great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

“Don’t Get Lost!”

Cemetery Details

Fairmont Public Cemetery

Fairmont, NE

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 23. 2:30 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home

242 N 10th Street

Geneva, NE 68361

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<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ 24 files added to the album *Flower Pictures*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 23 at 01:55 PM

TF

“ *Thermo King Fremont purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James G. "Jim" Snodgrass.*



Thermo King Fremont - January 22 at 07:07 AM

BT

“ *Barbara Trapp lit a candle in memory of James Snodgrass*



Barbara Trapp - January 21 at 09:34 PM



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



January 21 at 11:45 AM

JF

“ Joel Annie Jennifer Blake and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James G. "Jim" Snodgrass.

Joel Annie Jennifer Blake and families - January 21 at 11:45 AM

MB

“ Our deepest condolences to the entire family.

We enjoyed the few times we were able to visit with Jim and Bea when we were in Arizona and sure do miss the Jim telling the story of why he was "banned" from the desert.

Our hearts break for everyone on the loss of such a great man.

Scott and Michelle Brunelle

Michelle Brunelle - January 20 at 06:25 PM



DW

“ Dave and Shari Wolfe purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James G. "Jim" Snodgrass.



Dave and Shari Wolfe - January 20 at 11:19 AM

LH

“ Linda Heinisch lit a candle in memory of James Snodgrass



Linda Heinisch - January 20 at 09:57 AM

JB

“ Jim,

You welcomed me into your home when I was 14 years old and I have had the utmost honor and pride of knowing you and your loving family ever since. There are so many things I will miss about you but the one thing that stands out the most is your calm gentle sweet kindness. I will miss you so!

You taught Jodi the art of the perfect scare that she carried into our college years and forward. So much fun and many hilarious rounds of laughter were shared with the train whistle scares. Train whistles are making me sad right now but only because they remind me the world is not better without you in it - in time I will smile (and laugh) again when I hear one and think of you and the oh so many great laughs we shared.

I will never forget you pushing Jodi out of the way to get to me when I entered the room ---- what an honor. All in good fun of course- again so fun! I know your only goal was to make me feel special and welcomed and you did. You always did.

The sun's shine will not be bright for some time while our hearts are breaking even though we know you are in a better place and with Jimmy. All my love you calm gentle sweet kind ornery funny loving man!

Julie Book - January 17 at 07:59 PM

SH

Jim I have only knew you for a few years and I will miss you very much when we will get together with you Bea and your family. You welcomed Jim and I into your family with love and utmost respect. I loved your loving humor each time we were together. Only one thing I regret is we didn't get to know you and Bea many years ago. My Brian and your Jodi are a Blessing to each of us. You can now look down at us and make sure we don't get lost. With loving memories of you from Jim Tryon and Sherry Hartman.

Sherlyn Hartman - January 21 at 07:41 PM

C1

“ Class of 1986 purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James G. "Jim" Snodgrass.



Class of 1986 - January 17 at 07:03 PM

C1

“ Class of 1986 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James G. "Jim" Snodgrass.

Class of 1986 - January 17 at 07:03 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James G. "Jim" Snodgrass.*



January 17 at 05:08 PM

JH

“ *Jan H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James G. "Jim" Snodgrass.*

Jan H. - January 17 at 05:08 PM

SS

“ *To my Great Aunt Bea and family: I absolutely treasure the many days we got to reconnect and spend time with you and Jim almost two decades ago. Who would have thought flea markets run in the blood of a Snodgrass! You helped me and Jill fulfill our dream of owning and operating our own Flea Market and helped us build it from the ground up in Springfield, NE. All while we were new parents with two little girls. Setting up vendor spaces, moving all the tables and chairs and serving as my dynamic duo family consultants - all of it plus a little babysitting. The timing was not right, because not long after we could no longer afford the energy to continue it, Junkstock in Omaha became a thing. We were just ahead of our time.*

I must share the memory of the prank Jill played on me at one of our shows, giving me a taste of a concession fried food I'd not seen before. You and Jim encouraged me to "just try it", laughing in some way I could not describe. It turned out Jill had me try bull fries for the first time and I've never seen a group of people laugh at my expense for such a sustained amount of time. Jim had an extraordinary laugh I will never forget. "Oh! Did you see the face he made!" Let's just say it was delicious, until I learned what it was.

Thank you Jim for your expertise. Thank you Bea for your advice, and thank you family for sharing Jim with us. What an honest, terrific example of a man with integrity. We will miss him greatly.

Steve, Jill, Claire and Mara Snodgrass

Steve Snodgrass - January 17 at 03:45 PM

TT

“ *The TK and Res Finance team purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James G. "Jim" Snodgrass.*



The TK and Res Finance team - January 15 at 12:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James G. "Jim" Snodgrass.*



January 14 at 04:42 PM