



Jim F. Kotas

May 23, 1925 - January 25, 2018

Jim F. Kotas, the last member of the John F. & Bessie R. (Masek) Kotas family passed away on Monday, January 25, 2018 at the Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska at the age of 92 years, 8 months, and 2 days.

He was born on May 23, 1925 on the family farm north of Milligan. He attended Milligan Public School for 12 years and graduated with the class of 1943.

After graduation, he worked in Omaha at a meat packing plant. He was drafted into the Army on his 21st birthday at Fort Leonard Wood, Kansas. He spent time in Korea before receiving an honorable discharge on May 27, 1947 at Fort Lawton, Washington.

On May 11, 1949, he married Norma Most and to this union 4 sons were born: Dennis, David, Douglas, and Delbert.

On July 1, 1949, he began driving a fuel truck for Joe Vosoba. After Joe's retirement, he became a Standard Oil Agent. In 1958, the company went to Jobbers and it became Kotas Oil Company. He retired after nearly 40 years in the oil business.

After retirement, Jim enjoyed helping area farmers with grain harvest. He was

also active in the community serving as the Chief on the Milligan Fire Department for many years. He also took EMT training in the early 1970's with Merle Buzek and Albert Michl, and they were the original members of the Milligan Rescue Squad serving for many years. He enjoyed serving with the Fire & Rescue and was dedicated to helping people in need. Jim also served on the Milligan School Board, the Fillmore County Hospital Board for 25 years, the Petroleum Marketers Board, and the Milligan Village Board.

In November of 2016, he was honored to receive a Quilt of Valor in recognition of his military service.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Johnny and Donald; sisters Marie and husband Chas Vlasek and Henrietta and husband Marion Arbuck; daughter-in-law Janet Kotas; grandson Jason Kotas; and brother-in-law Arnold Capek.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Norma of Milligan, Nebraska; sons Dennis & Lois Kotas, Douglas & Yvonne Kotas all of Milligan, Nebraska, David Kotas of Faucett, Missouri, and Delbert & Susan Kotas of Juniata, Nebraska; grandchildren T.J. and wife Abby Kotas of Lincoln, Nebraska, Gary Kotas of Humboldt, Nebraska, Katherine Kotas of Portsmouth, Virginia, Brittini Kotas of Milligan, Nebraska, Justin Kotas of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Emilie Kotas of Exeter, Nebraska; great grand daughter Kayla Brhle of Milford, Nebraska; great great granddaughter Brynlee Motley of Milford, Nebraska; sisters-in-law Lucille Capek of Milligan, Nebraska and Velma and John Kirby of Lincoln, Nebraska; cousin Reenlee Kotas of San Diego, California; and step grandchildren, step great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

A Funeral Service for Jim was held on Monday, January 29, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the Milligan Auditorium in Milligan, Nebraska. Pastor Brian Kottas officiated the service. Karen Kohler accompanied Jon Scoville who sang "How

Great Thou Art” and “Just A Closer Walk With Thee. “

Pallbearers for the service included T.J. Kottas, Gary Kotas, Justin Kotas, Wayne Arbuck, Gerald Capek, and Jon Eisenhauer. Interment was held in the Bohemian National Cemetery with Military Rites performed by the Milligan American Legion HSSK Post 240. Farmer & Son Funeral Home conducted the services and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com. Memorials are suggested to the Milligan Rescue Squad or the Milligan American Legion.

Tribute Wall



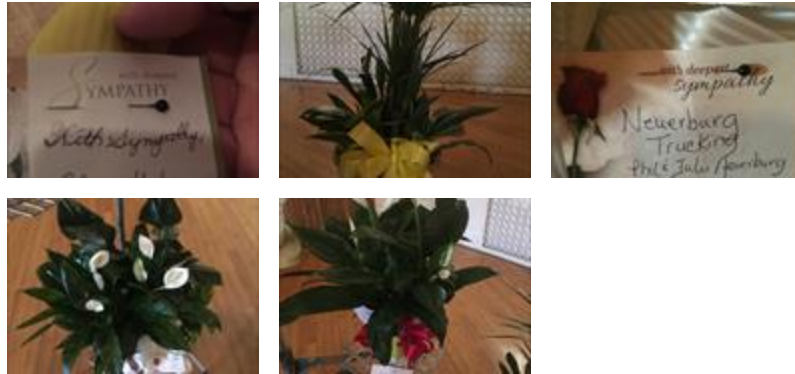
“ *Deepest Sympathy to the family. Praying for comfort and peace during this sad time.* ”



Terry Ann Brandt - January 29, 2018 at 03:03 PM



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Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 29, 2018 at 12:56 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I enjoyed working with Jim when he served on the FCH Board. He always had time to listen and help work through any situations that arose. Jim was also a good friend that we enjoyed visiting with. Our sincere sympathy to Norma and the family at this difficult time. May God's Blessings be with each of you.* ”

Larry and Barbara Eichelberger

Larry Eichelberger - January 27, 2018 at 04:32 PM

LE

“ *Larry Eichelberger lit a candle in memory of Jim F. Kotas*



Larry Eichelberger - January 27, 2018 at 04:27 PM

JU

“ *Janine Uldrich lit a candle in memory of Jim F. Kotas*



Janine Uldrich - January 27, 2018 at 06:13 AM

CN

“ *Candyce Noblin lit a candle in memory of Jim F. Kotas*



Candyce Noblin - January 26, 2018 at 10:00 PM

BM

“ *Thinking of you during this difficult time. Sending prayers your way. Bob and Bev*



beverly mohlman - January 26, 2018 at 07:59 PM

CS

“ So sorry you guys lost a loved one...God Blessings to the Kotas Family.



Carol J. Smith - January 26, 2018 at 06:23 PM

DK

“ Dean Kassik lit a candle in memory of Jim F. Kotas



dean kassik - January 26, 2018 at 04:31 PM

BR

“ Brenda lit a candle in memory of Jim F. Kotas



Brenda - January 26, 2018 at 09:44 AM

CL

“ Carolyn Lineweber lit a candle in memory of Jim F. Kotas



Carolyn Lineweber - January 26, 2018 at 09:05 AM

MR

“ Sorry to hear about Jim! He was a special guy who always took time to visit when our paths crossed..... We will miss him ❤️

Mark & Sarah Reinsch - January 25, 2018 at 03:09 PM

DK

Jim was a very honorable, decent, and kind man. He raised a wonderful family...and that is his beautiful legacy...so sorry for your loss. Dean and Laura

Dean and laura Kassik - January 26, 2018 at 11:31 AM