



James N. Anderson

December 22, 1940 - December 3, 2018

James "Jim" Neale Anderson, 77, of Minden, passed away on Monday December 3, 2018 at his home in Minden. Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday December 10, 2018 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Axtell, NE with the Rev. Marcia Dorn officiating. Burial will follow the service at Bethany Lutheran Church Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at the Craig Funeral Home in Minden. Memorials in Jim's honor are kindly suggested to Bethany Lutheran Church in Axtell, AseraCare Hospice in Kearney or to the family for later designation. Craig Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

James was born on the family farm in Kearney County, NE on December 22, 1940 to Lawrence and Velma (Casper) Anderson. He was baptized at Bethany Lutheran Church and was a lifetime member. He taught Sunday school for many years, served on the church council and was a very active member. He rang the church bell for 58 years. He started school at Axtell for three years and then went to Minden where he continued his education and graduated from Minden High School in 1959. He went to Hastings CCC and also took the Dale Carnegie Course in Grand Island.

He married Barbara Gudgel in 1973 to which a son, Darrel, was born. They separated. He married Mary Jane Reed in 1979. They separated. He married Nellie (Kemplin) Purvis on June 25, 2017.

He worked on the family farm and also worked for several neighbors; he rented farmland and later purchased his own land in Kearney County and Franklin County.

Jim was a Square Dancer and traveled to many square dances throughout Nebraska and many surrounding states. He held offices at the club level, federation level and state level. He enjoyed the many friends he met while dancing.

He is survived by his wife Nellie; siblings, Jeanette (Walter) McIntyre of Claremore, OK, Lois Thurber, Leland (Jerrilyn) Anderson, Charles (Linda) Anderson and Melvin (Becky) Anderson, all of Minden, Rosalie (Bruce) Maske of Lincoln, NE, Arlene (Alfred) Andersen of Colorado and Vaughn (Cathy) Anderson of Minden; stepchildren, Gary (Karlene) Reed of Juniata NE, Russell (Angela) Reed of Nunn, CO, Brenda (Matthew) Tracy of Hickman, NE, Leo (Kim) Purvis of Omaha, NE and Marvin (Patty) Purvis of Belleville, KS; 17 step-

grandchildren, and 15 step-great-grandchildren, one uncle and one aunt, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Darrel Anderson in 1993, and one brother-in-law.

Tributes of memory can be shared with the family at www.craigfunerals.com.

Cemetery

Bethany Lutheran Cemetery

Axtell, NE,

Events

DEC 9 **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM
Craig Funeral Home
336 N. Nebraska Ave, Minden, NE, US

DEC 10 **Service** 10:00AM
Bethany Lutheran Church-Axtell, NE
NE, US

Comments



“ Jim and Nellie have been wonderful square dance friends for many years. The word that describes Jim for us is "Gentleman". He had a way of putting others first it seemed - kind and thoughtful. We had a lot of fun in and around "the square".

Lee and Alyce Sherman - December 11, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ Nellie & family, We are so sorry for your loss. May your memories of Jim help to sustain you in the days ahead. Prayers and love to all...Dennis & Linda Neemeyer

Linda Neemeyer - December 09, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ It was such a blessing - an honor and a privilege to know this extremely caring, thoughtful and Godly man. He was the epitome of kindness, always more concerned about others than himself. I'm sure he has heard "Well done, good and faithful servant". His memory should be an inspiration to all who knew him. My sympathy to dear Nellie, who took such good care of him and loved him to the end, and to all those whom he took in as his family.
Rest in peace, James.

Connie Sears - December 07, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ So sorry for your loss of James. I worked many years with James for Lutheran Brotherhood; he was very caring and thoughtful in his work for God our Father. Sending our prayers and sympathy. ~Joann and Ron Paulsen

JOANN PAULSEN - December 06, 2018 at 11:45 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Heaven gained an angel. Rest in peace, James. Joe, Leisha and Nate Roberts.

Leisha Roberts - December 05, 2018 at 11:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James N. Anderson.



December 05, 2018 at 01:52 PM