



## James Leslie Grieve

November 2, 1934 - May 4, 2012

James Leslie Grieve was born November 2, 1934 in Sioux City, Iowa to Harold and Bertha (Nelson) Grieve. Jim grew up and attended school in Sioux City, and had many fond memories of his time spent there. He often told the story of how when he was about 7 years old, his Mom would give him \$1 and two nickels. One nickel for the street car downtown, \$1 for a sack of hot dogs for the family from the Coney Island Hot Dog Stand, and the other nickel for the street car home.

Jim enlisted in the US Army at the age of 17, and served from March 1952 until his honorable discharge in February 1955. He protected Germany during the Korean War, and was able to recall the good beer and good weinershnitzel he had while stationed in Germany.

Jim married Marion Hagerty on November 28, 1959 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Sioux City, and to this union, six children were born: Patrick, Kelly, Michael, Colleen, Holly, and Tracy. The family made their home in Sioux City, and moved on to Vacaville and Fresno, California, before settling in Omaha in 1978.

Jim had many jobs throughout his life. From Over-the-road truck driver, to realtor with Century 21 Real Estate, to his most recent job that he retired from in 2004, driving the bus for the Red Cross, Jim was a hard worker. His greatest work adventures, though, came from his nearly 20 years of driving for Greyhound Bus. He had many stories about the people he met, and places he was able to visit while driving for Greyhound. He traveled all over the US and

into Canada with tourists, and traveling musicians, and even drove one of the buses in a motorcade for Robert F. Kennedy in the '60s.

In addition to his employment outside the home, Jim worked just as hard at home. Raising his family, the many home improvements, and tending to his backyard pool, Jim was always involved in some sort of project. He was a voracious reader, and had a real desire for knowledge. He could often be found on his computer reading or researching something he thought of or found interesting, or disagreed with. He will be remembered for his signature saying, "you be damn careful", and for his striking resemblance to Jack Nicholson! Even though he never got to meet Jack, Jim loved traveling for a week with director Alexander Payne and the crew for the movie "About Schmidt", while being filmed driving a motor home. Jim had an amazing memory and ability to recall details about events through out his life, which in turn, made him a great storyteller. His recall ability was evident when traveling, because he always seemed to know which way to go, or which road to be on. He was always joking with everyone, and did not like it if someone was upset with him. He loved to go for hot dogs at Cupid's when visiting Colleen's family in California, or Milwaukee Dog when back in Sioux City. Jim's family will remember him as an intelligent, loyal, feisty, passionate, trustworthy man, who was always the steadying force if there was ever any trouble for any one of them. He loved family get-togethers and cherished the time spent with his kids and grandkids, especially Zoey. She was the only one he would share the computer with! He will truly be missed by all.

Jim passed away unexpectedly on May 4, 2012 at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 77 years, 6 months, and 2 days. He is preceded in death by his parents Harold and Bertha, brothers Dale and Jerry, and sisters Delores and Mary Lee. Jim is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marion, children: Patrick and Mary Grieve of Omaha, Kelly Hanson of Omaha, Michael Grieve of Omaha, Colleen and Dale Burow of Simi Valley, California, Holly and Aaron Janssen of Omaha, and Tracy and Mario Crespo of Omaha, 13 grandchildren: Kari and Brandon Weber, Caitlin Grieve, Ryan Hanson,

Haleigh Grieve, Tanner Grieve, Mackenzie Grieve, Brannon Burow, Mikey Grieve, Alex Burow, Sydney Grieve, Hunter Grieve, Patrick Grieve, and Zoey Crespo, brother Harold "Buddy" and Lola Grieve of Sioux City, Iowa, beloved niece Jenette (Jeff) Smith of Sherman Oaks, CA, and numerous nieces, nephews, and other extended family and friends.

James L. "Jim" Grieve, age 77, of Omaha, died 5/4/12. Preceded in death by parents Harold and Bertha (Nelson) Grieve, 2 brothers Dale and Jerry, and 2 sisters Delores and Mary Lee. Survived by wife Marion, children Patrick (Mary) Grieve, Kelly Hanson, Michael Grieve, Colleen (Dale) Burow of Simi Valley, CA, Holly (Aaron) Janssen, Tracy (Mario) Crespo, 13 grandchildren: Kari (Brandon) Weber, Caitie Grieve, Ryan Hanson, Haleigh Grieve, Tanner Grieve, Mackenzie Grieve, Brannon Burow, Mikey Grieve, Alex Burow, Sydney Grieve, Hunter Grieve, Patrick Grieve, and Zoey Crespo, brother Harold "Buddy" (Lola) Grieve of Sioux City, IA, and beloved niece, Jenette (Jeff) Smith of Sherman Oaks, CA.

Funeral Mass 10 AM Thurs (5/10) St. John Vianney Catholic Church with interment at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn, with military honors by Millard AL 374 & VFW 8334. Visitation with the family 4-7 PM Wed. at the church with a Rosary Service at 7 PM. Memorials to the church or the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Leslie Grieve*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Jim was a man with a warm heart that always had a huge smile on his face. This smile will be missed but always remembered. We hope that good memories comfort his family.*

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**Steven, Joni, Chloe & Carlie Burow** - May 07, 2012 at 12:14 PM



“ *To the Grieve Family,*

*I was shocked to hear this sad news, Jim was like a father to me. He was a truly honorable man. I have many fond memories of Jim, one of them being when I was 19 or so I went to get my oil changed in my car and overheard one of the employees saying something very rude about me. When I told Jim later that day he became visably upset and said one of his famous quotes, "I can tell there is no clocks running in that joint!" I laughed so hard and only Jim could come up with a saying like that! My memories of the Grieve family are so fond and they always treated me like one of thier own, even taking me in for a while when I was a teenager. I remember wishing I was born into that wonderful family. God Bless you all and you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Rachelle Timberlake** - May 06, 2012 at 09:07 PM

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“ I never had the privilege to meet you, but your son Mike spoke highly of you. I know you must of done something right because Mike is a very honorable son, who loved you with all his heart, He must of learned to be kind and giving , always waring his heart on his sleeve, All these things must of come from his good up bringing. I know you must of done a lot of good things in the life time you shared with your family, but being a good Dad tops the list , and I can see this in your son Mike, God Bless your family, PTL Joanne Smith

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**Joanne Smith** - May 05, 2012 at 09:19 PM