



James Wilbur Muller

August 3, 1944 - March 5, 2013

James W. Muller (Jim) was born August 3, 1944 in Fremont, Nebraska to Wilbur and Eunice (Moeller) Muller. Jim grew up in Bennington, NE where he attended school and played sports. He pitched and played 1st base on the Bennington Midget Baseball team, of which his Dad "Bill" was the coach. This team won a State Championship, the first championship of this kind for the town of Bennington. He went on to play basketball, football, baseball and ran track in high school from which he graduated in 1962. Jim earned a triple major from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont in Business, Economics, and Education. While in college and throughout his life, Jim was active in a variety of sports. He pitched for the Dodge County League baseball teams through the age of 28. Jim thoroughly enjoyed camaraderie and had a competitive spirit.

Shortly after college Jim was an underwriter at Mutual of Omaha. Then with his first wife, Carol, he built a successful Amway business, becoming Nebraska's first Amway "Diamond" Direct Distributors. Jim later went on to enjoy a career in real estate with Century 21 Realty, Coldwell Banker, followed by many years with Don Peterson & Associates Realty in Fremont. Jim was active with the Fremont Board of Realtors, a devoted member and usher of Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn, NE, and often rang the bell for charities, such as Salvation Army.

Jim enjoyed family fishing trips to Minnesota, traveling, going to movies, playing cards, and a relaxing evening at restaurants with outdoor patios, such as Rick's Boatyard Café.

Golf became his life-long passion, which he thoroughly enjoyed with good friends. A few years ago, he was thrilled to have a hole in one. He had many great matches with Keith, Ed, George and Fred.

He adored his four daughters: Tammy, Teresa, Tanya, and Jordyn, and cherished watching them grow into the beautiful women they are today.

He is remembered for being loyal, caring, honest, spiritual, positive, dedicated, competitive, funny, joyful, and easy-going. Jim lived by the idea that he wanted to meet people with a smile, and leave them smiling when he left.

Jim passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at the Nebraska Medical Center at the age of 68. He is preceded in death by his father Wilbur, and brother-in-law Bill Grant. Jim is survived by his mother Eunice Muller, of Elkhorn, sisters and brothers-in-law: Dianne and Curt Frye of Wayne, NE, Marcia Grant of Elkhorn, and Connie and Ed Rockwell of Yutan, NE, as well as his daughters and sons-in-law: Tammy and Rick Croson of Arlington, NE, Teresa and Eric Sauer of St. Louis, MO, Tanya and Chris Simmons of Omaha, and Jordyn Muller of Elkhorn, and 6 grandchildren: R.E.O., Allyson, Amber, Courtney, Jake, and Lauren.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Wilbur Muller*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *We have known Jim for many years thru business. Always an upbeat and positive person. We know that he made a hugh impact on many individuals and will be greatly missed. Our sympathies to Tammy, Theresa and Tonya; we know that you were very special to your dad!*

Doug & Vickie Kizer - March 08, 2013 at 12:39 PM



“ *All of the family is in my thoughts and prayers. Especially in these first few days when everyone is trying to "get their bearings". Enjoy your family time as you celebrate Jim as part of your life now and always.*

Sandy Roemer - March 08, 2013 at 12:00 PM



“ *I met Jim at Midland. He and I played on a city BB team in the late 60's. We visited many times through the last years and always had a good laugh. My last visit with him was three weeks ago and he was his usual self. I for one will miss him. Don*

Don Dickmeyer - March 07, 2013 at 05:28 PM

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“ *Marcia and family, I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Jim's passing. he was a great guy! He had a wonderful smile, true character and I will remember him fondly as a fun friend. God's Blessings to you all.*

Cindy"Winn" Hinkel - March 07, 2013 at 10:54 AM

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“ *Mrs. Muller and Family, I am so sorry to hear of "Milky's" passing. He was always so polite and happy, always a smile on his face, After 15 years of seeing him at Pro Tem his empty seat will always be filled with fond and happy memories. All my guys are special to me, he was one of the SPECIAL ones. Long live his memories and the courage he had.*

Patty Hyde (O.C.C. PRO TEM) - March 06, 2013 at 01:35 PM