



Jim E Stevens

May 30, 1947 - February 25, 2009

Jim E. Stevens was born in Hastings, Nebraska to Lyle and Jean Stevens on May 30, 1947. He attended Sunday School and was baptized at the Waterloo Church of Christ in 1962. Growing up in Omaha, Jim played a trombone in the 4-H Band; loved riding in go-cart derbies, and was a Cub Scout. He graduated from Benson High School in 1965, and then attended Kearney State College for two years majoring in plastics. On May 3, 1968, he married Linda Kuehn in Blair, Nebraska at the First Christian Church. When their oldest son, Brian, was born, he went everywhere with his dad. Brian is married to Laurie and they have two boys, Tyler 14 and Trevor 11, and they live in Austin, Minnesota. Their youngest son, Tod, was born almost 6 years later. Tod is married to Frances and they have son, John 18, and daughters Jenny 14 and Samantha 7, and they live in Winslow, Nebraska. Both Brian and Tod work for Hormel. In addition to his two boys and five grandchildren, Jim is survived by his wife, Linda; parents Lyle and Jean Stevens of Omaha; and sister Diane Bartos of Redmond, Washington; and three nieces.

Through the years, Jim worked at his dad's Deluxe Body shop, was a mechanic at Caterpillar, made and repaired boats at his company, Omaha Fiberglass, was a Sergeant for the Douglas County Sheriff's Department, was Captain on the River Belle cruise boat, and was a salesman for Yankton Radiator, Peet's Feeds, Kuker Industries; and Priefert Manufacturing. Linda and Jim then traveled the country for the past 9 years as mobile vendors selling western wear at rodeos, horse events, country music festivals and

livestock shows. They have many wonderful mobile vendor friends who have helped tremendously the past two years of Jim's illness.

Jim loved hunting and fishing throughout his life but never seemed to have the time to do enough of it. His favorite things were watching his boys show Shorthorn Cattle, living in the country, watching his grandsons play sports (hockey, football and baseball), scuba diving, tending to his garden, cruising in his Sea Ray on the Missouri River, and watching old westerns and TV shows. He also loved Husker Football and even when he could barely climb the steps this year, he did make one game. For the past 10 years or so, Jim learned to love to cook - Emeril and the Food Network got lots of attention from him. He also loved to smoke those Hormel ribs all day, and he never got to enter a barbecue contest as he had hoped to do. Another thing he enjoyed besides his John Deere tractor and his dog, Gus, was his big red truck and trailer that traveled with him and Linda throughout the USA.

We will always remember Jim in his pressed and starched blue jeans and western shirt, belt buckle, black cowboy hat or ball cap and his cowboy boots. He will also be remembered as a hard worker that could build or fix anything. He was never lazy and instilled his tireless work ethic in his boys.

Jim lost his battle with lung cancer at home on February 25, 2009 at the age of 61. His greatest regret when he was diagnosed with terminal cancer, was not seeing his grandchildren grow up. Although it was difficult for him to always show his emotions, he was so proud of his boys, and he loved his family with all his heart.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jim E Stevens*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Tod and family,
We were so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I remember often the days of being at your mom and dad's place and our times working for SE Smith and Sons Lumber in Blair. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Todd and Joei Harris and Family

Todd and Joei Harris - March 07, 2009 at 12:32 PM



“ *To the family of Jim Stevens: When a loved one dies, it causes so much sorrow especially when one reads about someone with so much zest for life as Jim Stevens. It is my hope as a volunteer to bring to the family a comforting thought. In the Bible book of Job there is a beautiful comparison of a tree that gets cut down yet sprouts again, to a man who gets 'cut down' by death yet will be brought back to life. It says at Job 14:7,14,15: "For there exists hope for even a tree. If it gets cut down, it will even sprout again... If an able-bodied man dies can he live again?... You (God) will call and I myself shall answer you. For the works of your hands you will have a yearning." Yes, the Creator longs to bring back to life those who have died. What a wonderful promise and sure future for those asleep in death. Now, though, we express our deepest sympathy to all the family.*

Jackie - March 03, 2009 at 10:13 AM

JJ

“ *Linda and Family,*

I was saddened to read in the paper of Jim's passing. I'm so sorry. This has been a long, tough battle for all of you and I hope you can take comfort in knowing that Jim is no longer suffering.

My sympathies,

Joyce Johnson

Joyce Johnson - March 02, 2009 at 12:09 PM

DA

“ *We send our deepest sympathy to you and you family, Linda, for your loss. We sort of lost track of you and Jim over the years but remember boating trips with both of you many years ago when our children were little. Jim always made sure they had their life jackets on before we went out on the water. We learned of Jim's passing too late to attend the services but want you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Don and Jan Allwine - March 01, 2009 at 09:13 AM

DC

“ We will miss Jim,he was one of the most hard working and busy individuals we have ever know. His wonderful sense of humor was always welcome. We look forward to the time as stated in John 5:28,and Revelation 21 3& 4.
With warm Love,thoughts and Prayer,
Dave and Mickey Cox

Dave and Mickey Cox - February 28, 2009 at 10:35 AM

DL

“ Lyle I will be thinking about you. I don't think I will be able to make the funeral. Take care of the family like I know you will and my sympathies to everyone Dan Leaver

Dan Leaver - February 27, 2009 at 11:16 AM

BP

“ Dear Linda and Family,

We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We are also sorry we will not be able to attend the services as we are in California at the time.

One of Buddy's fondest memories are the times when he and Jim would work till the last moment, jump in the truck and head for western Nebraska for hunting. I know Jim loved his family very much as we would talk about family, life and when we would retire and the things we would do. So sad he never got to do what he dreamed of. Our talks also led to our Christian beliefs and I know Jim was a believer, that gives us hope that we will see him again. I Thess. 4:16-17

Our deepest sympathy to you all!

P.S. Linda, I'm really sorry Buddy can't make the service tonight, because he could tell a lot of funny stories about their hunting trips.

*Our prayers are with you through this difficult time! Love & hugs,
Buddy & Janet Piercy*

Buddy and Janet Piercy - February 27, 2009 at 10:37 AM

JW

“ *To Jim's Family*

Your son, husband, father, and grandfather was one of my very best friends. Our days at Kuker Industries and after will always remain deep in my heart. Jim was one of the best salesman I have ever know. Even today I believed him when he sold me on the fact that he would beat this cancer. I am still believing but know that God has taken him to rest from his pain. I will always remain grateful to the things Jim introduced me too. Rush Lake Minnesota, Canada Geese near Scottsbluff, Missouri river boating just to name a few. I will always remember him as "One of a Kind" and my very good friend!

Jim Weaver - February 26, 2009 at 02:45 AM

JC

“ *Stevens Family,*

Although I do not specifically remember Mr. Stevens, I am the son of Larry Cameron, co-worker at Kuker, and wished to send my deepest sympathies. As you know we lost Dad in August 2008 and still miss him deeply. I can only tell you that although things seem impossible today, keep the memories you have alive and dwell on the happy times and each passing day will become easier. My Dad loved Kuker and most everyone from there and missed it deeply when they closed the doors. I pray you all the best in these times.

Jeremy Cameron

Jeremy Cameron (son of Larry Cameron) - February 26, 2009 at 02:07 AM