



James "Jim" Kava

March 22, 1953 - April 30, 2017

James P. "Jim" Kava, 64, of Clarks died on Sunday, April 30, 2017 at Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital. Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Clarks, with Father Richard Whiteing officiating. Visitation will be on Thursday, May 4th from 5-7 p.m. with a 7 p.m. rosary service at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Clarks. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery near Clarks immediately following the funeral services at the church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

James Patrick Kava was born on March 22, 1953 in Fullerton, to Lonnie and Irene (Kielian) Kava. He attended District 40 school and Krakow, until the 8th grade. He graduated from Clarks High School in 1971. On September 21, 1974, Jim married Pam Branting at Krakow. Following graduation Jim moved to Colorado and began working for a well driller. He then moved back to Nebraska, where he began farming for Roger Luebbe at Luebbe's Agri Service. In 1987, he started his own trucking company, called JK Trucking. On March 16, 2009 Jim married Shirley Bigelow in Central City. He was still trucking and farming until the time of his death. He is currently the Mayor of Clarks, a position he has held for the following 16 years and a board member for the Village of Clarks for 18 years.

Jim was a member of the St. Peter's Catholic Church in Clarks. He was an avid collector of John Deere toys and Top Fuel Dragsters. He also enjoyed

watching football and drag racing. His pride and joy were his grandchildren. He loved spending time with them.

Those left to cherish his memory are; his wife Shirley of Clarks, his daughter, Mandy (Kava) and John Wood of Gretna; his parents, Lonnie and Irene Kava of Fullerton; step-children, Andrew (Anna) Sronce of Timnath, CO and Joshua Sronce of Omaha; his brothers, Bill (Kim) Kava of Clarks; Kelly Kava and Michelle Mariani of Grand Island; and his three grandchildren, Jayden and Jaxon Wood and Brody Sronce.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; John and Tillie Kava and Joe and Valaria Kielian.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Clarks, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
302 North Esther
Clarks, NE 68628
(308) 536-2574

Rosary

MAY 4. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
Clarks, NE

Tribute Wall

RH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

Rick and Robin Husmann

Robin Husmann - May 04, 2017 at 10:51 PM

SH

“ Scott Hennagir purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James "Jim" Kava.



Scott Hennagir - May 04, 2017 at 11:32 AM

DF

“ Dan and Kathy Bartusiak and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Kava.



Dan and Kathy Bartusiak and family - May 04, 2017 at 05:20 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Kava.



May 03, 2017 at 07:44 PM

SD

“ *Saint Francis Anesthesia Department purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James "Jim" Kava.*



Saint Francis Anesthesia Department - May 03, 2017 at 07:15 PM

MB

“ *MaryAnn, Terry & Nina Bartusiak purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" Kava.*



MaryAnn, Terry & Nina Bartusiak - May 03, 2017 at 02:50 PM

CL

“ *So sorry for your loss. Jim has always been a good friend and I will miss him.*

Chick Little

Chick Little - May 03, 2017 at 02:00 AM

SH

“ *I had the pleasure to work with Jim Kava for 10 years. He was more than a friend he was family to me. Jim I will miss you, and I wanted to say thank you for everything you did for me. Jim was one of the hardest working truck drivers I had the pleasure to work with. I will always remember calling the house and Shirley would say "find something for him to do and get him out of here". Shirley I am so sorry for your family's loss. Your friend, Scott Hennagir*

Scott Hennagir - May 02, 2017 at 11:05 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. I was surprised to hear that Jim passed away. In the early 1970's, there were four of us from Clarks that lived and worked together in Denver. As we parted, I moved to Montana and Jim moved back to Nebraska where he started his own trucking company and also became the mayor of Clarks. Sorry again.
David and Donna Morris.

David Morris - May 02, 2017 at 05:37 PM



“ David, Stephanie, Jerry, and Noah Carlson purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Kava.



David, Stephanie, Jerry, and Noah Carlson - May 02, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ Jim was my dad's best friend so I have a lot of great memories. I'm going to miss harvesting with him. I would take my hat off every time I saw him and say "Hello Mr. Mayor!" Boy did that make him mad but it was fun for me! I'm going to miss you Jim. Deepest sympathy to Shirley and the rest of the Kava family.

David Carlson - May 02, 2017 at 12:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Kava.*



May 02, 2017 at 12:04 PM



“ *Had the experience and joy to work with Kava here at United Suppliers/Greenbelt Transport. What a great man to work with - He will be deeply missed by his family out there in Kearney and here in Iowa. Thinking of you all.*

Lindsey Gustin - May 02, 2017 at 10:15 AM



“ *Sending love to all who were close to Jim. Anyone from Clarks has a piece of my heart. May angels surround Jim as they take him to meet the Father who loves us all.*

Jae Lynn Vyhldal - May 02, 2017 at 09:17 AM



“ *From the Class of 1971 purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James "Jim" Kava.*



From the Class of 1971 - May 01, 2017 at 08:37 PM

BC

“ There are few who were more proud to call Clarks their "home" than was Jim. He will long be remembered as a very dedicated public servant who applied common sense and resourcefulness in projects undertaken during his tenure with the Clarks Village Board of Trustees. Jim began serving as a trustee in November of 1998 and had been elected by the board as their chairperson each year since December 2000. I'm honored to be among those who've worked with and under Jim. Peace and Love to the Kava families.

Barb Church - May 01, 2017 at 08:12 PM