



## James Edward Westman

April 1, 1945 - March 14, 2021

After a long, courageous battle with cancer, James Edward Westman of Central City, NE died peacefully, with his wife by his side, on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at his home at the age of 75. Jim was born April 1, 1945 in Lexington, NE to Jack and Edna Westman.

Jim attended Cozad Schools prior to joining the United States Army October 1962. After ending his military life in Ft. Benning, Georgia he returned to the Cozad area where he worked for Monroe's. Jim met the love of his life, Cheryl Applegarth and from there they began a love story that would span many years. Together they started a family which brought into their lives Melanie, Lisa and John. Their children provided them with many adventures between swim meets, school activities and finally bringing into their lives the addition of 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Providing for his family and taking care of them was very important to Jim. He tirelessly began a career in the petroleum/oil business owning multiple stores. From hauling his own fuel, servicing cars, running full service at the pump to owning his own wrecker service. Jim was a member of the Cozad Volunteer Fire Department which he enjoyed for several years. He loved working with hands which later in life would be a talent that showed in the beautiful yard that they had in Cozad. Many times, you would find him stringing Christmas lights (really lights for all seasons) or watering Cheryl's flowers earning him the title of having that magic touch.

Jim always enjoyed spending time with his family and he loved his grandkids.

Papa was probably his favorite title.

Jim is survived by his wife, Cheryl of Central City; daughters, Melanie (Troy) Yeutter of Elwood and Lisa (Kevin) Franzen of Cozad, and son, John (Lindsay) Westman of Central City, Nebraska; his grandchildren, Doug (Cassidy Roberts) McCain, Kelley (Gabrielle) Clark, Michaela (Kyle) Harshberger, Samantha (Zach) Amick, Drew and Jordyn Franzen, Kiersten Hansen, Adrianna, Erin, Rowan, Crosby and Ariella Westman, and 3 great-grandchildren, Zaylen and Zihler Clark and Sutton Amick. Brother, Bill (Mary Lou) Westman of Hutchison, Kansas. Father-in-Law, Bob Applegarth, Sister-in-Law, Glenda Bera and Brother-in-Law Bill (Doris) Applegarth.

Waiting for Jim at Heaven's gate were his parents Jack and Edna Westman, stepmother, Helen Westman and mother-in-law, Velma Applegarth.

Jim will be so missed by many relatives and friends & past customers.

It is the family's hope that Jim will be remembered for his kindness, generosity and that big smile that he shared with the world.

Memorials are suggested to family for later designation. Online condolences may be shared at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home of Central City, NE. Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ Cheryl  
doug and i were so sorry to hear that you had lost jim. you and your family are blessed with alot of memories. they will help shorten the time of grief. our thoughts are with you.  
doug and julie parker

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**julie parker** - March 19, 2021 at 06:17 PM

JG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family 🙏

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**Jeanie Garner** - March 19, 2021 at 10:12 AM

DF

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss of your loving father and husband.He was some a amazing husband and always brightened cheryl's life through the years.Our prayers go out to your family.

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**Don and Michelle Hyde and family** - March 18, 2021 at 08:39 PM

RC

“ Cheryl and Kids,

*I am truly sorry to hear of Jim's passing, he was honestly one of the best bosses I have ever worked for and will always attribute my work ethic to him and how he taught me to work hard. Your family was always like family to me and I'm sorry I didn't get back to visit with you before his passing. Sending many thoughts and prayers to your family in the coming days, he will be greatly missed.*

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**Robert Cudaback** - March 18, 2021 at 02:36 PM

ME

“ We are so very sorry for your loss!! Sending Love and prayers to Cheryl and family!

Merri Ann and Wayne Elliott - March 18, 2021 at 11:53 AM

MR

“ So sorry for your loss Cheryl and family . Jim was a great guy always working and doing stuff in the year . His memories will live on .



Merry & Tommy Romero - March 17, 2021 at 10:56 PM

MD

“ So sorry Cheryl, he was a great man.  
Prayers to all the family

Mary and Terry Dishman's - March 17, 2021 at 09:41 PM

PD

“ Our thoughts and prayers for Cheryl and family.

Fred and Patty Beachel-Darnall

Patricia Darnall - March 17, 2021 at 08:59 PM

LN

Cheryl and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mike and Lana Nicolén

Lana Nicolén - March 17, 2021 at 10:05 PM

BD

*To the Westman Family, So sorry for your loss!! I have known Jim for 50 years as he & my dad ran around together when I was a little boy!! My Thoughts & Prayers to You all*

**Bobby Devine** - March 18, 2021 at 02:05 AM

SS

*Cheryl and Family .So sorry for your loss.*

**Shirley Schneider** - March 18, 2021 at 11:59 PM

MF

*So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏*

**Marge Finnell** - March 19, 2021 at 07:23 AM