



## Diana K. James

August 30, 1954 - October 15, 2023

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Diana K. James, 69, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, October 19, 2023 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Officiating the service will be Pastor Tim DeFor. Burial will take place at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk. The service will be live streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Website at <https://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com/obituaries/Diana-James-2/#!/PhotosVideos>. Visitation will be held from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, also at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Diana passed away on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Diana was born on August 30, 1954 in Norfolk, Nebraska to Kenneth and Betty Ann (Skiff) Mueller. She attended Washington Elementary in Norfolk, Norfolk Junior High, then graduated from Norfolk Senior High in 1973. Diana married Robert Dale James on June 30, 1973 at First Christian Church in Norfolk. Diana worked at Leona's Café for 22 years then Dudleys for 7 years in 1997. Diana was a member of First Christian Church in Norfolk and the Eagles Club in Norfolk.

Some words to describe Diana...Strong, fearless, leader, defender of the weak, lover of people, lover of animals, caretaker, always wanting to be at peace with others. Survivor, compassionate, understanding other's hardships, encouraging and cheering others on. Diana was the oldest of 8 siblings and

was the leader of the whole Pack. She loved music and dancing with her family and was the queen of wipe out.

Diana loved spending time with her family. As a child she grew up fishing, riding horses, going camping and dancing with her parents and family. After marrying Bob James, she continued to carry on these traditions with her husband and their two beautiful children and grandchildren. She enjoyed playing shuffleboard. She also enjoyed pressing her luck at gambling and was a regular one arm bandit on the slots. Diana took after her mother in the kitchen and was an amazing cook. Recently Diana took on making scented flowers and sharing them with her family and friends. Diana loved her plants and flowers and loved spending time with her husband in the flower garden.

Diana was a beautiful soul, loving others with all her heart. She was often known to stand up for the underdog and would defend others. Diana was a caretaker, taking care of her parents, her children, and her nieces and nephews. She treated her entire family as if they were her own and would give them the shirt off her back if needed. Diana was a fighter and a survivor of a serious car wreck, and several serious cancer treatments and surgeries that limited her from doing some of the things she loved. Even though, through hard times, Diana kept her faith and hope for her future in heaven.

Diana is survived by her spouse Bob James of Norfolk, son Kenney James of Norfolk, Tina James (Jamie Bedel) of Norfolk, 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, siblings Denise (Chris) Clausen of Norfolk, Dawn (David) Schulz of Columbus, Kevin (Julie) Mueller of Norfolk, and Darla (Jim) Uttecht of Concord, North Carolina. Diana was preceded in death by her parents Betty and Kenneth, siblings Keith, Daneen, and Kent. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
[info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com)  
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## Funeral Service

OCT 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Diana K. James*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - October 19, 2023 at 11:23 AM

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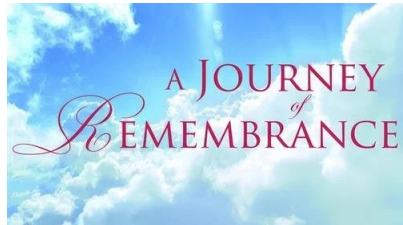
*Thank to the pastor for the beautiful service for Diana. I'll miss my dear friend. I'm sad for her family . May God bless them and give them comfort*

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**Karen Schmode** - October 20, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Diana K. James*

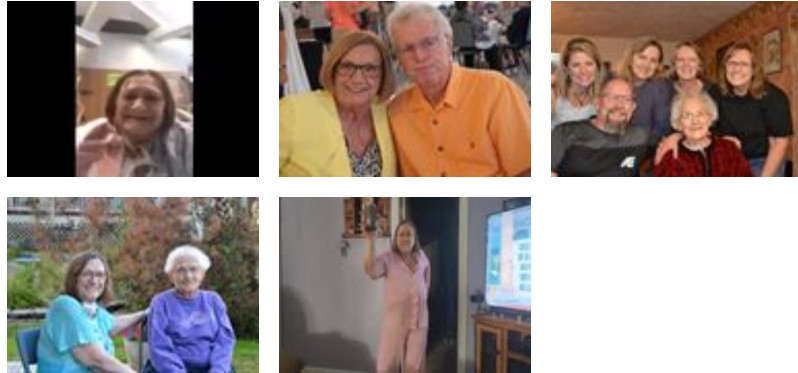


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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - October 18, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ 276 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - October 18, 2023 at 03:40 PM

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“ *I met Diana at Wendt's Lake (my parents owned it). They were always out there having so much fun!!! I was a year behind Robert in BCHS. She was the sweetest person, always with encouragement for everyone! A very strong woman! Heaven is a better place now!*

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**Beverly Rath** - October 18, 2023 at 01:57 PM

BR

“ *Beverly Rath lit a candle in memory of Diana James*



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**Beverly Rath** - October 18, 2023 at 01:47 PM

RB

“ *Diana was one of the sweetest people that ever lived. She was so awesome with her family taken care of her mother. Her father Diana was oldest so she took care of all the little ones behind her. She was very beautiful and very humble. I don't think she realize just how beautiful, she was beauty comes from the inside out, she was beautiful. Beyond compare we were friends for 60 years. We danced together a lot. We try to keep up with all the new dances and we both just loved to dance. We would stay out on the floor for hours dancing. I will miss you so much. I'm glad your pain is gone. I definitely know I'll see you in heaven, God bless all the family. I know this is a hard time for all of you, but she's back home now in heaven.*



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**Roxanne Andersen - Bridges** - October 17, 2023 at 12:34 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Diana K. James.*



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October 17, 2023 at 11:53 AM

DA

“ *My beautiful sister.*

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**Darla** - October 17, 2023 at 01:22 AM

CF

“ Diana was the the strongest woman I ever met and always wore her heart on her sleeve and would do anything for anybody.! I will always remember the shuffle board nights with you down at the eagles club helping you keep score and I will forever remember the Tuesday night shuffle board game during the snow storm when I walked in with just a hoodie an you said honey it's so cold why don't you got a coat that next week you showed up to shuffle board pratice with a purple and black winter coat for me and it was very favorite coat I cried when it ripped and it kept it for years because I could not get myself to throw it away.! Your time down here on earth is done now no more pain no more cancer no more copd go rest high on that mountain and spread your wings high you will forever be missed💔🥹

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**cassie fisher** - October 16, 2023 at 01:57 PM

DA

Thank you for sharing.💜

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**Darla** - October 17, 2023 at 01:24 AM

CB

Diana and I reconnected a few years ago on fb. She was such a blessing to me and so may others. She took care of her parents with love and Grace while having her own health battles. She will truly be missed.

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**Cheryl Bowman** - October 19, 2023 at 09:12 AM

SS

My thoughts and prayers are with Diana's family. I've known Diana since grade school and worked with her at Dudley's. She was so much fun to be around and I will always cherish those memories. Diana is free from pain and suffering now, so fly high with the angels, my friend!!  
Susan Reeves Schilousky

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**Sue Schilousky** - October 19, 2023 at 11:11 PM