



George "James" J. Tollman

February 26, 1954 - April 28, 2026

MADISON - Celebration of Life service for George "James" Tollman, 72, of Madison, will be held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, May 31, 2026, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Madison. Officiating the service will be Pastor Caitlin Bentzinger. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Orchard Hill Cemetery in Orchard. George passed away on Tuesday, April 28, at his residence in Madison. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

George was born February 26, 1954, in Denver, Colorado to George Lewis and Anna Mae (McCoy) Tollman. He started school in Crawford, Nebraska, but due to several family relocations and job changes he went to several different schools. He graduated from Ogallala High School in 1972, Ogallala, Nebraska. After high school George spent a couple of years traveling to various places in the US. He traveled through Nebraska, Wyoming, Texas, Louisiana, Montana and everywhere in between. He did many kinds of jobs, He worked in restaurants, did farm work, ranching, and even a short stint on an off shore drilling rig. He eventually found his way back to the Panhandle of Nebraska where most of his family lived. In the late 70's early 80's he broke horses at Fort Robinson, outside of Crawford.

On June 24, 1995, George married Susan M. Hansen at the First United Methodist Church in Norfolk, Nebraska. He became a father of two children Laura and Michael. George and Susan made a home and raised their children

in Madison, Nebraska where they were both employed at the Tyson Fresh Meats Plant. George worked for Tyson for 25 years then he worked at Dollar General in Madison until he retired.

George enjoyed woodworking, modelling cars, restoring antique bicycles, doing yard work, raising a beautiful garden, attending his church with his family. George was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church for 31 years. George was also member of the Odd Fellow Lodge #46 for 32 years. He served as Grand Master in 2023-2024. He was also a member of Deborah Rebekah Lodge #63 for 30 years in Norfolk, Nebraska.

George is survived by his wife Susan Tollman of Madison, daughter Laura (Bo) Johnson of Clarkson, son, Michael Graae of Uehling, and four grandchildren Matthew Graae, Jairo Alvarado Jr., Vicente Alvarado, and Mercedes Johnson.

George is also survived by Robyn Parker and her sister Tara Jo Biernacki of Crawford. He met them while in a short relationship with their mother and continued to love them and played a fatherly role in their lives into adulthood and their children. Three siblings also survive George, Michael (Kathy) Tollman, Diane (Don) Rosentrater, and Linda Pettipiece. Two brothers-in-law, James (Mary) Hansen, and Charles Hansen. And many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents George and Anna Mae, sister Tamara Riggs, Brothers-in-law Terry Hansen and Larry Pettipiece.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church - Madison
506 South Main Street
Madison, NE 68748
<https://www.madisontrinityumc.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George "James" J. Tollman.*



April 30 at 02:25 PM



“ *Thinking of all of the family during this time. Uncle James was such an ornery but gentle soul. So kind, caring, patient and compassionate. Praise God he's at peace now dancing with the angels.* □

With love, Kascade (Tollman) Burdick

Kascade Burdick - April 30 at 09:29 AM